



NINTH ANNUAL SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REEF CLEANUP



SUMMER 2019 REPORT

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Introduction

In June and July 2019, the Ninth Annual Southeast Florida Reef Cleanup was hosted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Coral Reef Conservation Program (CRCP) and Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative

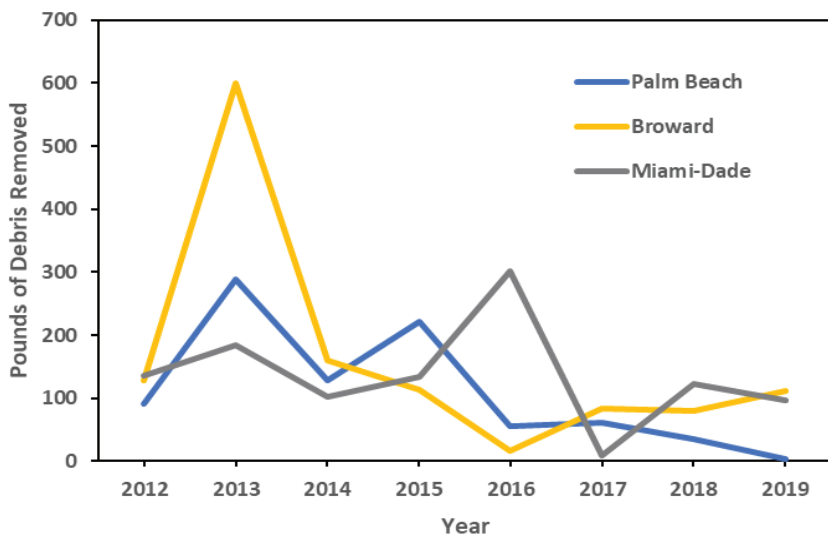


(SEFCRI). Divers and volunteers in partnership with 14 local dive shops and organizations helped remove marine debris from the reefs and shorelines in Miami-Dade, Broward and

Palm Beach counties. In Martin County, CRCP sponsored the Peck's Lake shore-based 12th Annual Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup.

History: Annual Southeast Florida Reef Cleanups

Since 2012, the Annual Southeast Florida Reef Cleanup has removed 3,257 pounds of debris from Florida's Coral Reef (excluding shore-based cleanups). By partnering with local dive shops and involving the community, this initiative helps raise awareness about the causes and consequences of marine debris. For a breakdown of debris by county, see figure below.



2019 CLEANUP HIGHLIGHTS

191 Volunteers

506 Pounds of debris removed

23 Sites visited



Most obscure debris item removed

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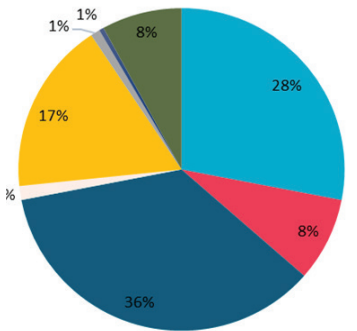
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Overview: Reef and Shore-Based Cleanups

Twenty-one reef and two shore-based sites were visited along Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Martin counties (see map). Divers participating in reef cleanups collectively spent 177 hours underwater to remove an estimated total 213 pieces weighing more than 211 pounds. A breakdown of debris by source and material is shown in the charts below. Volunteers and divers in the shore-based cleanups at Peck's Lake and Phil Foster Park removed 244 pounds and 51 pounds of debris, respectively, from the shore and the water.

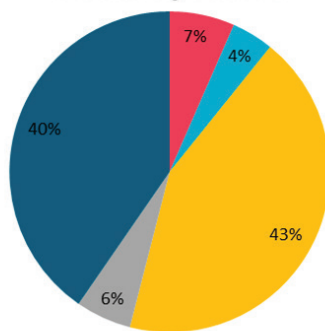


Debris by Material



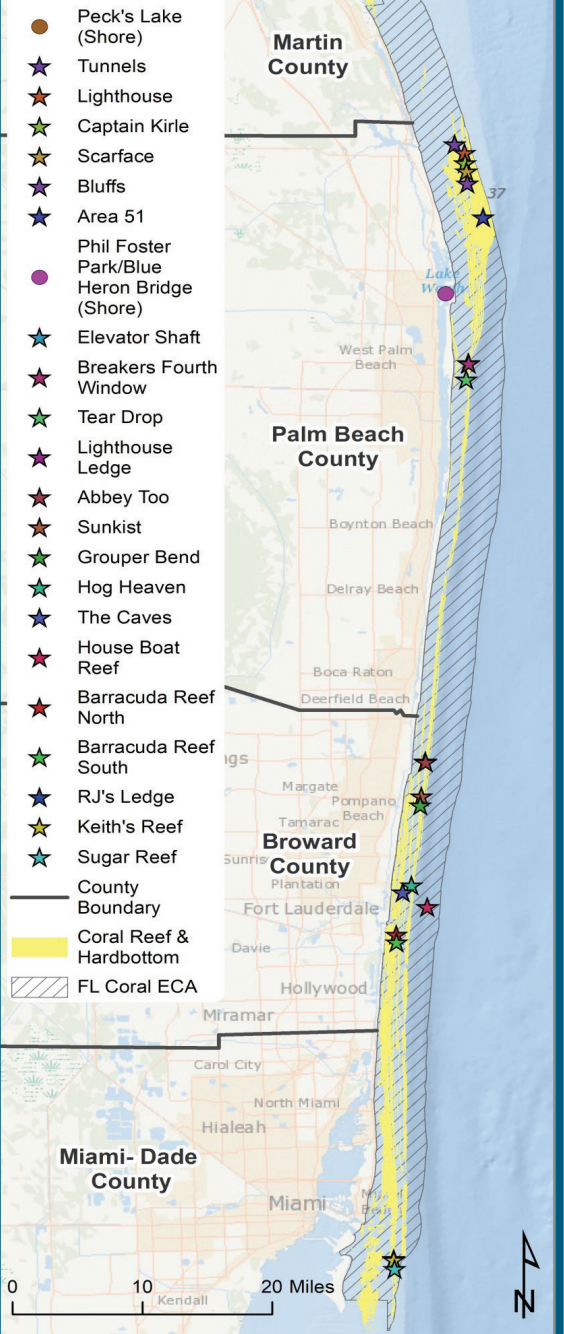
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Debris by Source

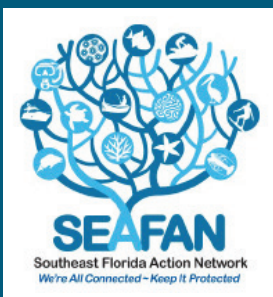


■ Boating ■ Diving ■ Fishing ■ Household ■ Trash

2019 Marine Debris Cleanup Locations



Report Marine Debris to SEAFAN! www.SEAFAN.net



Southeast Florida Action Network (SEAFAN) is a community-based marine incident reporting and response program dedicated to improving the protection and management of Southeast Florida's Coral Reefs. You can help by reporting marine debris and other incidents online at www.SEAFAN.net.