Debris Tracker Data Sheet

Plastic pollution researchers take a scientific approach to litter problems. They want to know

- What plastic litter are we finding in this place?
- · How did it get here?
- · What can we do about it?

Location
Start time
End time
Number of litter trackers in group
Group members



Place one tally mark for each litter item you observe. When finished tracking, put totals for each type in the right column, and then add for a total number of items.

Plastic food wrappers	
Plastic bottles	
Plastic caps or lids	
Plastic bags	
Plastic straws	
Plastic utensils	
Foam or plastic cups	
Personal care items	
Plastic string or tape	
Fishing rope or net pieces	
Hard plastic fragments	
Thin plastic fragments	
Foam fragments	
Cigarettes	

TOTAL

Submit the data via the free Debris Tracker app for Android or iOS. Find more information on **natogeo.org/debristracker** and **debristracker.org**. Thank you for contributing valuable data to scientific research!

Analyze the Data

Which three items were most common in your litter tracking?	Where were these items when you found them? Describe the place(s) or draw a map.	
How do you think these items came to this location?		
What do you notice around this area that relates to the litter you found?		
What are some changes your community could make to help reduce the kinds of litter you've observed?		
What are possible next steps?		