

**SPC/FFA REGIONAL OBSERVER
POLLUTION REPORT**

FORM GEN-6

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OBSERVER NAME	VESSEL NAME	OBSERVER ID NUMBER	PAGE OF
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- fill in one form for each pollution incident -

INCIDENT DETAILS

Ship's DATE and TIME					LATITUDE	N / S	LONGITUDE	E / W	EEZ / HARBOUR
YY	MM	DD	hh	mm	(dd°mm.mmm')		(ddd°mm.mmm')		
WIND DIRECTION		WIND SPEED		SEA CONDITIONS (C, S, M, R)		CURRENT : (knts and direction °)		OBSERVER'S VESSEL ACTIVITY	
NAME OF OFFENDING VESSEL				IRCS	TYPE OF VESSEL		YOUR POSITION FROM OFFENDING VESSEL Compass Bearing Distance (nautical miles)		

WASTE DUMPED OVERBOARD

Material	Describe Type	Describe Quantity
Plastics		
Metals		
Waste oil		
Chemicals		
General garbage		
<i>(within 12 miles of shoreline)</i>		
<i>describe:</i>		

OIL SPILLAGES AND LEAKAGES

Source	Visual Appearance / Colour	Describe Area and Quantity
Vessel Aground / Collision		
Vessel at Anchor / Berth		
Vessel Underway		
Land based source - Describe source		
Other - please specify		

Abandoned or Lost Fishing Gear

Source	Activity	Describe Gear	Estimate Quantity
Lost during fishing			
Abandoned			
Dumped			

Other comments:

Were there any stickers/ posters displayed to remind the vessel about MARPOL Regulations? Y / N

Did you take any photos? Y / N

If yes, please state the number(s) of the photo frames or files.

MARPOL Regualations - state

It is illegal for any vessel to discard any form of plastics into the sea at anytime. It is illegal for any vessel to discard any form of oil into the sea less than 50 nautical miles (nm) from shore. It is illegal for any vessel to dump any form of rubbish into the sea within 12 nautical mile of the shore, unless the vessel has a machine on-board (comminuter) to shred and treat the waste. In this case they can release the treated garbage up to 3 nm from the shore.

POLLUTION REPORT

*Remember - Fill in one form for each pollution incident. There might be more than one per day.
If forms run out, report this on the last form and continue recording pollution infringements in diary.*

Observer Name	Put first name first, and your family name last.
Vessel Name	Record the full name of the vessel. Do not use any abbreviations.
Observer ID Number	Use the number assigned by the observer programme e.g. AA 03-01
Page of	Number all GEN-6 pages in sequence from the start until the end of the trip
Date of Incident (yy / mm /dd)	Date pollution seen in year, month and day. <i>Use ship's time as defined in other observer data collection forms</i>
Time (00.00 hrs)	Report the time using the 24hr clock.
Latitude / Longitude	Record the GPS position of the host vessel when the pollution was first seen.
EEZ / Harbour	Record the EEZ or, for shorebase staff, mark port or Harbour name here.
Wind Direction	The prevailing wind direction. Use degree eg. 90 degrees for an east wind
Wind Speed	Record the prevailing wind speed.
Sea Conditions	C- Calm, S- Slight, M- Moderate, R - Rough.
Current (knts and direction)	If the vessel has a current meter find out what the current strength is. State the host (observer's) vessel activity at the time of the pollution incident.
Observer's vessel activity	Some activities to consider might be: fishing; transshipping; bunkering; transitting; aground.
Name of offending vessel	Make an effort to record the complete and proper name of offending vessel. Be careful not to make any spelling mistakes which may make it difficult to prosecute the vessel if the report goes through legal proceedings.
IRCS	The international callsign is marked in large letters on the side of the boat.
Type of vessel	Consider the full vessel and aircraft codes on the front of Form GEN-1.
Your position from offending vessel.	Use the vessel compass to get direction of the offending vessel from the obs.' vessel. The radar can be used to get an exact distance in nautical miles. Otherwise give your best estimate.
WASTE DUMPED OVERBOARD	
Material	Tick the appropriate data field to show which types of materials were dumped. Only a maximum of two materials if more than one material type dumped over at the same time - e.g.: it dumped plastic and metal at 10:00hrs. If plastic was dumped at 10:00hrs and metal at 16:00hrs - record
Describe type	Give as good a description as possible of the type of dumped material. E.g.: - plastic bags; bait boxes plastic strapping; bait boxes plastic bags;
Describe Quantities	Give a best estimate of the amount dumped. Sometimes this will be easy - e.g., 12 metal oil drums were dumped. At other times the material might be too far away to see the amount. If it is too far away then estimate the amount as well as possible and make note that it is only a rough estimate at distance.
OIL SPILLAGES AND LEAKAGES	
Source	Tick to indicate where the spillage or leak came from
Visual Appearance / Colour	Describe the colour/ thickness/depth of the spill as well as able.
Describe Area and Quantity	Give a best estimate of the size of the spill. The boat could be a size reference - e.g.: it was 4 times bigger than the boat.
Abandoned or Lost Fishing Gear	
Source	There is no tick box. Indicate the source of the abandoned/ lost fishing gear by completing the information for the corresponding row of information. For instance if the source is 'lost during fishing' fill in the activity, describe gear, and estimate quantity on the line to the right of 'lost during fishing'.
Source - Lost during fishing	Use this line if the gear was <u>accidentally</u> lost from the observer's vessel during this trip and the vessel tried to search and recover the gear.
Source - Abandoned	Use this line if the gear was <u>deliberately</u> abandoned from the observer's vessel during the trip, or similarly the vessel made no effort to retrieve the gear.
Source - Dumped	Use this line if the vessel deliberately dumped any fishing gear overboard (either old fishing gear, or some of the gear that was used during the trip).
Activity	Record your vessel's activity when gear was lost, abandoned or dumped. This might be setting, hauling, steaming etc.
Describe Gear	Given information on the gear, especially the type of materials it was made of (e.g. aluminium, nylon rope) and its make up - fishing net 10cm mesh, old monofilament branchline, no hooks
Estimate Quantify	Refer to the total area in square meters. Mention the length, breadth and width

For Country Codes - see the **Code Page** in your Workbook