

**SPC/FFA REGIONAL OBSERVER  
POLLUTION REPORT**

**FORM GEN-6**

REV. 2018

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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<br>(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<br>Compass Bearing      Distance (nautical miles) |                            |               |

**WASTE DUMPED OVERBOARD**

| Material  | Tick each box that applies | Describe Type | Describe Quantity |
|---|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Plastics  | <input type="checkbox"/>   |               |                   |
| Metals  | <input type="checkbox"/>   |               |                   |
| Waste oil   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |               |                   |
| Chemicals   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |               |                   |
| General garbage<br>(within 12 miles of shoreline) | <input type="checkbox"/>   |               |                   |
| describe:   |                            |               |                   |

**OIL SPILLAGES AND LEAKAGES**

| Source                              | Tick each box that applies | Visual Appearance / Colour | Describe Area and Quantity |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Vessel Aground / Collision          | <input type="checkbox"/>   |                            |                            |
| Vessel at Anchor / Berth            | <input type="checkbox"/>   |                            |                            |
| Vessel Underway                     | <input type="checkbox"/>   |                            |                            |
| Land based source - Describe source | <input type="checkbox"/>   |                            |                            |
| Other - please specify              | <input type="checkbox"/>   |                            |                            |

**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.

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**MARPOL Regulations - 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.*

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| <b>Observer Name</b>                        | Put first name first, and your family name last.  |
| <b>Vessel Name</b>                          | Record the full name of the vessel. Do not use any abbreviations.   |
| <b>Observer ID Number</b>                   | Use the number assigned by the observer programme e.g. AA 03-01   |
| <b>Page of</b>                              | Number all GEN-6 pages in sequence from the start until the end of the trip   |
| <b>Date of Incident ( yy / mm /dd)</b>      | Date pollution seen in year, month and day. <i>Use ship's time as defined in other observer data collection forms</i>   |
| <b>Time (00.00 hrs)</b>                     | Report the time using the 24hr clock.   |
| <b>Latitude / Longitude</b>                 | Record the GPS position of the host vessel when the pollution was first seen.   |
| <b>EEZ / Harbour</b>                        | Record the EEZ or, for shorebase staff, mark port or Harbour name here.   |
| <b>Wind Direction</b>                       | The prevailing wind direction. Use degree eg. 90 degrees for an east wind   |
| <b>Wind Speed</b>                           | Record the prevailing wind speed.   |
| <b>Sea Conditions</b>                       | C- Calm, S- Slight, M- Moderate, R - Rough.   |
| <b>Current (knts and direction)</b>         | If the vessel has a current meter find out what the current strength is.  |
| <b>Observer's vessel activity</b>           | State the host (observer's) vessel activity at the time of the pollution incident.  |
|   | Some activities to consider might be:<br>fishing; transshipping; bunkering; transitting; aground.   |
| <b>Name of offending vessel</b>             | 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.   |
| <b>IRCS</b>                                 | The international callsign is marked in large letters on the side of the boat.  |
| <b>Type of vessel</b>                       | Consider the full vessel and aircraft codes on the front of Form GEN-1.   |
| <b>Your position from offending vessel.</b> | 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.   |
| <b>WASTE DUMPED OVERBOARD</b>               |   |
| <b>Material</b>                             | 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 separately.                 |
| <b>Describe type</b>                        | 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; etc.  |
| <b>Describe Quantities</b>                  | 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.      |
| <b>OIL SPILLAGES AND LEAKAGES</b>           |   |
| <b>Source</b>                               | Tick to indicate where the spillage or leak came from   |
| <b>Visual Appearance / Colour</b>           | Describe the colour/ thickness/depth of the spill as well as able.  |
| <b>Describe Area and Quantity</b>           | 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.  |
| <b>Abandoned or Lost Fishing Gear</b>       |   |
| <b>Source</b>                               | 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'. |
| <b>Source - Lost during fishing</b>         | 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.   |
| <b>Source - Abandoned</b>                   | 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.  |
| <b>Source - Dumped</b>                      | 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).  |
| <b>Activity</b>                             | Record your vessel's activity when gear was lost, abandoned or dumped. This might be setting, hauling, steaming etc.  |
| <b>Describe Gear</b>                        | 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  |
| <b>Estimate Quantify</b>                    | Refer to the total area in square meters. Mention the length, breadth and width.  |