

#SeaToSource



Top 10 Ocean Plastics in Australia

To take action on ocean plastics, understanding which items are most commonly found in our waterways is a great place to start.

Through #SeaToSource, teams of Conservation Volunteers Australia staff and volunteers have been conducting litter surveys along 8 major waterways around Australia since September 2020. The items listed below are the top 10 most common plastic items we have found within our focus waterways. Help us to stop these items at the source by repurposing or reinventing these items, or inspiring others to change their usage of these persistent plastics!

1. Unknown hard plastic fragments
2. Unknown soft plastic fragments
3. Cigarette butts
4. Food wrappers and labels
5. Polystyrene
6. Plastic bottle lids and caps
7. Plastic bags
8. Plastic straws
9. Plastic beverage bottles
10. Lollipop sticks and cotton buds