

# Beach clean-ups



## Greenpeace Philippines clean-up, name culprits behind plastic pollution in Manila Bay

“Every time a typhoon or monsoon rains come in, Manila Bay spews trash back inland, reminding us of the gravity of the plastic pollution problem in the Philippines.”

The Manila City Government and Greenpeace and over 1000 volunteers took part in a clean-up and plastic audit of Manila Bay as part of the Break Free from Plastic initiative.

In the press release, Abigail Aguilar, campaigner for Greenpeace Philippines commented that “Companies must reciprocate and step up in this fight. They are the missing piece in this global action against plastic pollution, and they can do better by reducing their production of single-use plastics.”

## National Trust’s Campaign

The charity looks after more than 1000km of coastline.

It’s thanks to the hard working volunteers and ranger teams that help us keep the South West coast looking great, and safe for everyone to enjoy.

People of all ages and abilities can get involved in keeping the coast litter free, what we need are volunteers willing to turn out at their local beach and keep the beach clear. National Trust staff and volunteers do lots of beach cleans, and some visitors help out too. Take part in a beach clean. We regularly run beach clean events, find one near you on our events page.

“There are two pieces of litter for every footstep you take on a beach. The tide of litter on our beaches sadly appears to be on the increase with quantities of litter on UK beaches have more than doubled since 1994. It’s estimated that over 100,000 marine animals die every year from entanglement or ingestion of items discarded on our beaches or at sea.”



**World governments  
should be responsible for  
reducing ocean plastic  
by beach cleaning.**