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## DolphinCare-Africa Costal Clean-Up Report for 2009 Southern Mozambique Prepared by Angie Gullan February 2010

For the last decade the community of Ponta do Ouro, together with tourists and business owners have walked the southern most reaches of Mozambique removing litter and debris that has been washed in from the sea or left on the beach by users.

2009 was no different and saw five dedicated clean-ups being undertaken in the Ponta do Ouro region.

The events were co-ordinated by DCA together with the help of the Maputo Special Reserve (MSR) and drew on volunteers within the community and tourism industry who dedicated their time and vehicles to the events.

### *The main objective of the collective events included*

1. collecting (plastics, ropes, cigarette butts, bottle tops etc...)
2. counting and weighting that what was collected.

Volunteers were divided into working teams that included collectors and a recorder per group and were supplied with rubber gloves, rubbish bags, clipboards, data sheets (Ocean Conservancy) and a pencil. Volunteers were instructed to collect and recored everything 'man made' that was found along the beach.

### *Two target areas were identified*

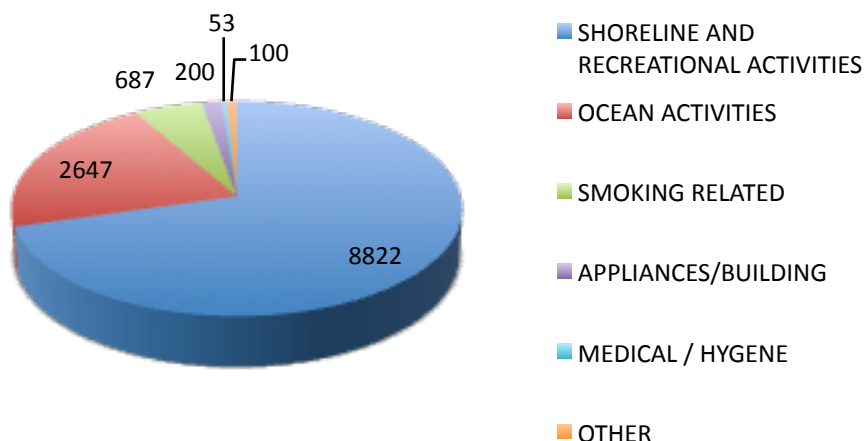
✓ Ponta do Ouro (from just south of Ponta Point to the last houses along the beachfront)  
 Volunteers were transported (if needed) to the drop off areas on each side of the clean-up zones, they were instructed to walk towards Ponta.

✓ Techo Route (Techobanine – Dobela)  
 Volunteers traveled up by vehicle along the beach at low tide with trailers under permission from MSR. Teams were dropped along the beach for collection and later collected once finished.

On completion of the event/s rubbish and bags were taken to the PDO rubbish dump, were they where then counted and weighed. Data sheets were returned to the Dolphin Center in PDO where they were then sorted, counted and stored.

Bags collected: 341  
 Total weight of collections: 1 749kg's  
 Total number of items collected: 12509  
 Total hours spent in collection & 'tallying up' : 17 and ½ hours

The chart and the accompanying text give an indication of the various item collected during the different events. These figures do not include data from the December 2009 fesive season, were food & beverage containers were collected off the main swimming beach in PDO during the month.



### *Shoreline / Recreational*

Bags paper/plastic; balloons; 2lt plastic & glass bottles, cans, caps/ lids, clothing/shoes. crockery/cutlery; food wrappers, pull-tabs, straws, toys.

### *Ocean / Fishing Activities*

Bait containers, house hold cleaners, buoys, fish traps, crates, fishing line/nets, light bulbs, oil, pallets; plastic sheeting, rope, strapping.

### *Smoking*

Cigarette filters, lighters, cigar tips, wrappers.

### *Appliance / Building*

Appliances, batteries, building material, Car/parts, drums, tires.

### *Medical / Hygiene*

Condoms, nappies, syringes

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