

Conservation Working Group Recommendations: Marine Debris

1. Policy Strategies:
 - Work in tandem with communities' efforts to comply with storm drain runoff regulations
 - Collaborate with water quality efforts
 - Work with various discharge permit holders
 - Lead by example, creating and sharing MBNMS best practices
 - Write letters of support for local advocacy efforts, e.g., bag ban letter
 - Meet and discuss the issue with community/government leaders
2. Data Aggregation Strategies:
 - Facilitate data aggregation via a 3 to 5 year pilot program
 - Standardize type of data collected
 - Standardize reporting protocols
 - Decide how data will be used
3. Education and Outreach Strategies
 - Incorporate plastic pollution info into existing education programs
 - Work with business and tourism
 - Include education and outreach criteria in requirements for business certification
 - Create a best practices guide
4. Research and Monitoring Strategies:
 - Suggest research topics to RAP and/or other research entities