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Plastics SA's 25th year of coordinating South Africa's participation

PLASTICS SA's 25th year of coordinating South Africa's participation in the International Coastal Clean-Up Day was once again a huge success. This year's event and the World Clean-Up Day took place on Saturday, 18 September.

John Kieser, sustainability manager at Plastics|SA, reported that more than 15 000 volunteers took part in clean-ups in the coastal areas, as well as at rivers, streams, and inland water sources.

Bottle tops were the most collected macro item in urban and non-urban clean-ups, followed by plastics earbud or lollipop sticks. Although volunteers collected some PPE items such as masks and gloves during their clean-ups, it was encouraging to note that it was not at the same magnitude as being reported in the northern hemisphere. A detailed report of the amount and type of litter that was collected will be released later this year after Plastics SA has compiled and assessed the audit forms.



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