



Ethan Groom.

Working hard to end plastic pollution on beaches

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ANOTHER successful clean-up was conducted by Clean Surf Project (CSP) in light of International Coastal Clean-up Day. The annual event is celebrated worldwide to end plastic pollution. The support from community members, businesses and eThekweni Municipality was simply overwhelming as plenty of people came out in full force to collect plastic waste at Umbogintweni Beach recently.

A total of 414 bags of litter containing a wide range of materials were successfully removed from the beach and river mouth by eco-warriors from all walks of life. CSP's Rompy Wenzel. Various items such as plastic bottles, bags, tubs and bottle tops, nappies, fishing line, earbuds, sucker sticks, broken glass, cigarette butts and so forth were collected. Special thanks to learners, teachers and parents from Amanzimtoti Primary School and Kingwey High School, as well as community members, Stuart Groom and his team from DSV Air and Sea, Move One Million, Pailwater Crew, Social Waste

Management SA, Sapphire Coast Tourism, South, Jace Govender from eThekweni Municipality beach management district five and all cleaning personal present on the day. It was a great pleasure to see old and new faces, especially during challenging times in light of Covid-19 lockdown regulations limiting the number of community clean-ups. We highly appreciate the support from various businesses and companies such as Plastics SA for sponsoring bin bags and gloves, Saasol for providing much-needed sanitisers as well as caps and shirts and

Toyeta Boobaka South Africa (Pty) Ltd for supplying lunch packs. In addition, this year's beach clean-up was to highlight the Million Plus Recyclers Campaign, an initiative driven by Polyco, to encourage South Africans to recycle their plastic packaging. We encourage community members, businesses and organisations to support upcoming CSP movements to remove as much plastic waste from our treasured Sapphire Coastline. As is, a lot of rain has been experienced especially during this week. Without a doubt, this is going to affect beaches,

especially those that are located close to rivers as the majority of waste travels from upstream, rivers, canals and stormwater pipes to the coastline. For more information, call 082 802 3333 or 083 733 6468 or send an email to cleansurfproject@gmail.com.



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