

Report of JEAN Activities for 2012

◆ Projects organized by JEAN ◆

Marine Litter Summit Hozugawa-Kameoka Meeting

In 2012, the 10th annual Marine Litter Summit was held in Kameoka City of Kyoto Prefecture, an inland city that does not have a coast. A model for reducing generation of driftage litter in river basins was conveyed to the nation. Reduction of damage and reduction of amount of ocean litter originating from inland areas was discussed.



Marine Litter Platform JAPAN

Since 2007, JEAN has held the “Marine Litter Platform JAPAN” in which people from across the country connected to the marine litter problem meet together at one place. In July 2012, implementation of a deposit system as a measure against waste was discussed including a lecture by a specialist. Also, case examples of efforts from various regions were introduced. <http://malipjapan.jp/>



◆ Cooperation and participation in academic research ◆

Analyzing of actual situation for transport of chemical pollutants by marine debris and developing of strategic environmental education for risk reduction

Ministry of the Environment–Environment Research & Technology Development Fund Project: Collaborative research with researchers from Ehime University–Coast Environmental Science Research Center, Kyushu University, and National Institute for Land and Infrastructure Management

JEAN held the “Marine Litter Science Cafe” , a study meeting related to the marine litter problem at Ishigaki Island and Naha City in Okinawa Prefecture, Fukuoka City, Fukuushima Island in Nagasaki Prefecture, Sado Island in Niigata Prefecture, Sakata City and Yamagata City in Yamagata Prefecture, and Mutsu City in Aomori Prefecture. The marine litter research project covering a span of six years was completed in 2012.

Visual observation of driftage originating from 2011 Tsunami

Visual observation in cooperation with Kagoshima University Faculty of Fisheries and nationwide fisheries high school training vessels

At present, the large quantity of objects from the March 11, 2011 Tsunami is drifting eastward across the North Pacific Ocean. According to estimates from the Ministry of the Environment, from April 2013, large quantities will wash ashore on the west coast of the North American continent. In the present visual observations, visual data on the driftage is being collected in cooperation with training vessels of fisheries high schools throughout the country. =><http://seafrogs.info/marinelitter/mmd311.html>

Convene Japan-U.S. cooperative investigation and forum regarding Tsunami driftage

This is a cooperative project by NGOs from the U.S. and Japan conducted through the network formed from the ICC until now, in preparation for the full-scale of driftage washing ashore on the west coast of the North American continent. In August 2012, a meeting was held in Oregon state of the U.S. by ICC coordinators from Japan and the U.S. In January 2013, an investigation was conducted on the coast of Hawaii state, and in February, a citizens forum and another coastal investigation were held in Oregon state. In March 2013, briefing sessions on this project were held in Tokyo and Sendai. Through the present project, cooperation deepened between ICC coordinators from the U.S. and Japan and Ocean Conservancy. Furthermore, by developing cooperation with domestic NGOs that are engaged in support activities for the earthquake disaster, new connections were deepened among the relevant parties and the network was expanded.



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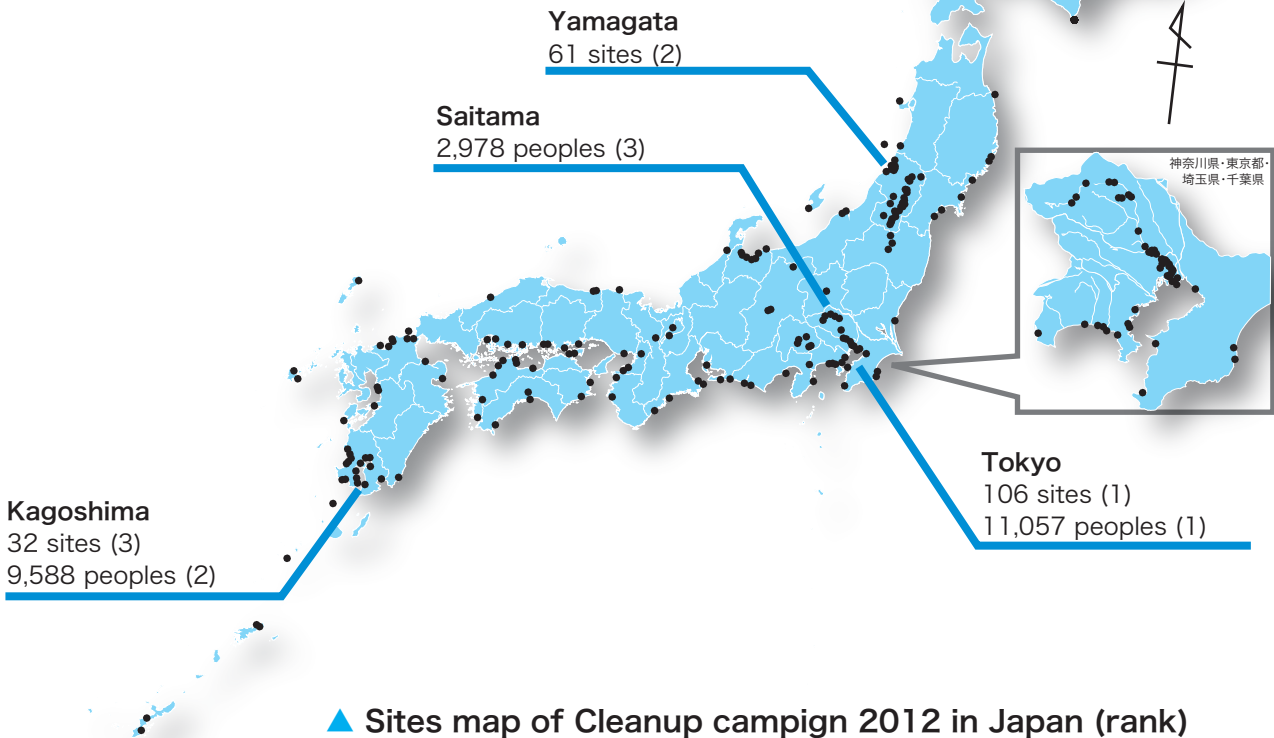


International Coastal Cleanup 2012 in JAPAN



Cleanup Campaign Overall Report

In the 2012 Cleanup Campaign, a total of 26,495 people participated from Hokkaido in the north to Okinawa in the south, and 35 tons of litter was collected from 119 km of coast, riverbank, lakeshore, and underwater. We express our gratitude to all of the participants.



What is the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC)

The problem of marine litter cannot be solved by only picking up litter. No matter how much we collect litter, new litter will be generated repeatedly and will be washed ashore. The International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) (Implemented September to October) is an effort proposed by the Ocean Conservancy (US) in which the content of litter is investigated using the same method throughout the world. It is an activity in which each participant becomes aware of the problems associated with litter while searching for ways to improve the situation. The objective is to have each participant understand that instead of continuing to pick up litter forever, we ourselves must reduce litter or else the marine litter problem will not be solved.