



# NOAA Marine Debris Monitoring and Assessment Project

## Shoreline Site Characterization Form

Complete ONCE per 100-meter site  
Register this site at <https://mdmap.orr.noaa.gov>

**SITE NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Be specific when naming your 100-meter site so it is unlikely to appear elsewhere in the MDMAP database

MM/DD/YYYY

**GROUP/INDIVIDUAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Group/individual leading the survey effort

**SITE LOCATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

City (Village, Island, Borough, or County)

State/Province/Territory

Country

### SITE COORDINATES:

Record in decimal degrees out to six decimal places at all four corners of the 100-meter shoreline site (DDD.DDDDDD)

Back barrier

100 m

Water

**Start** Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

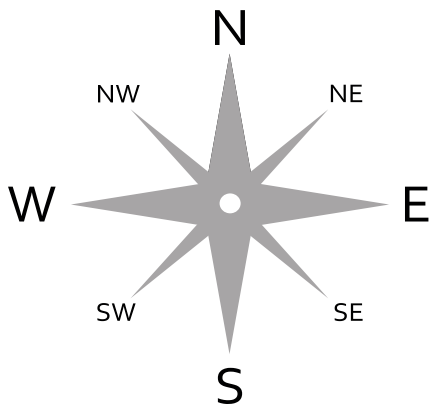
Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

**End** Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

### DIRECTION WHEN FACING WATER:

Circle one direction on the compass below



### SITE PHOTOS:

List timestamp, number, or other information to keep track of photos of the site

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This portion can be completed offsite.

## NEAREST RIVER, STREAM, OR INLET:

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Name of nearest river, stream, or inlet

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Straight line distance from site in kilometers

## SITE REMOTENESS:

(Check one)

- parking within 1 kilometer (0.61 miles) of site access
- parking more than 1 kilometer away
- need a boat or plane to access

## SELECTION CRITERIA:

Why was this location selected to conduct surveys?  
(Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I like this beach                 | <input type="checkbox"/> random                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> convenience/easy access           | <input type="checkbox"/> secluded                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> popular tourist/recreation area   | <input type="checkbox"/> regulatory/legislative consideration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> legacy of monitoring here         | <input type="checkbox"/> no previous monitoring               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> suggested by MDMAP team           | <input type="checkbox"/> to answer a research question        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I consistently see debris here    | <input type="checkbox"/> it is relatively clean               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> near a suspected source of debris | <input type="checkbox"/> other (describe in notes)            |

## NOTES:

Describe site features, including landmarks, coastal circulation patterns, offshore barriers, etc.

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## TIPS FOR SELECTING AND ESTABLISHING A SHORELINE SITE:

