



Fifth International Marine Debris Conference

Waves of Change: Global lessons to inspire local action



A team of Algalita researchers will address a variety of marine debris issues during The Fifth International Marine Debris Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii. The conference takes place March 20-25 and is designed to build new partnerships, further raise public awareness and support, and inspire follow-up actions that will take us closer to a world free of the impacts of marine debris.

20-25 March 2011
Honolulu, HI, USA

During this conference, Algalita will discuss:

- Ship-2-Shore Education Program: Connecting classrooms with plastic marine debris research.
- Neustonic plastic density and abundance in the North Pacific Gyre, 1999-2009.
- Citizen-science monitoring program to quantify microplastic marine debris.
- Materials, methods and protocols for monitoring marine debris worldwide.
- Incidence, mass, and variety of plastics ingested by Laysan and Black-footed Albatrosses recovered as by-catch in the North Pacific Ocean.
- Four easy-to-ship and easy-to-use aluminum neuston trawls designed and fabricated by Algalita Marine Research Foundation for use on different vessels of opportunity.
- Lessons learned from ten North Pacific Subtropical Gyre voyages aboard Oceanographic Research Vessel *Algalita* to detect, quantify, and remove plastic debris and ghost nets.

Please visit www.5imdc.org for participant registration fees and more details about this groundbreaking event!

