Bali's Biggest Clean-Up Report

BALI, Feb 15 2020: 12.500 People attended the 4th Bali’s Biggest Clean-Up

A big day on Bali: locals, tourists, businesses and organisations came together to clean up the island in a single day! For the fourth year in a row ONE ISLAND ONE VOICE rallied and organised the annual Bali’s Biggest Clean Up. This has become an iconic day that many look forward to.

This year’s clean-up is the first since the ban on plastic bags, straws and Styrofoam packaging on the island, so you can imagine how interested we were to see the data we would collect.

Our partners, Making Oceans Plastic Free, helped us again this year to evaluate the collected waste.
In 2015, after our first annual clean-up, we only received 12 surveys (12,000 people); this year, over 50% of the local coordinators completed and sent us the survey, which has allowed us to generate much more accurate results.

The amount of plastic bags decreased from 15% of the waste last year to 9% this year. Read on to see some highlight stories and more numbers!

“12,500 people joined in 115 locations on the island and collected 20 tons of un-organic trash that would have ended up in the ocean, rice fields, and rivers.”

- One Island One Voice

Coordinators are individuals, groups of friends, or businesses that want to take lead in organising a clean-up in their local area. This year, our youngest coordinators were 10 years old!

The biggest clean-up location this year happened in Serangan, just outside of Denpasar hosted by “Serangan Bebas Plastik” with 2830 participants, followed by the “Clean Seminyak” clean-up with 1000 participants organised by Potato Head, W Hotel, Oberoi, The Legian, U Paasha and many more.

Once again, artist Lina Klauss supported the campaign with impressive artwork created from 1200 flip-flops, 240 toothpaste tubes, 330 styrofoam pieces, 400 plastic straws, 37 PET-bottles and 310 plastic spoons and forks!
Thanks to our partner, who for the fourth year in a row has led the evaluation of the waste collected during our annual event, MAKING OCEANS PLASTIC FREE, who focus on breaking plastic habits: the number one reason for the plastic pollution of our oceans.

**AMOUNT OF WASTE COLLECTED:**

20.000kg = 20 tons collected in one day across Bali

**TOP THREE ITEMS:**

1. Plastic food packaging
2. Cigarette butts
3. Plastic bottles and cups

**BREAKDOWN:**

Plastic Food Wrappings: 20% Cigarette Butts: 17%
Plastic Bottles and Cups: 16% Straws: 11%
A BIG THANK YOU to all coordinators, participants and partners who made this day possible! The sponsorship of Aqua has raised a lot of questions, comments, support, critics which we are pleased with everyone having an opinion. We strongly believe that the time for pointing fingers and shaming is over and that we should use the time left for collaborations and impact with all levels whether its government, private sectors, scientists, activists or NGO’s. We need all hands on board. So to all our friends who helped sponsor in one way or another, we could not have done this without your ongoing support; THANK YOU.

“Clean-Ups are just tools of awareness but this event also shows how strong we are when we come together.”

- One Island One Voice