Municipal beach cleaning in Limassol (Cyprus)

Cleaning of a stretch of beach covering 3.2 km takes place year round by the Municipality of Limassol. Between April and October, cleaning takes place two times a week, whereas in the off-peak tourist season (November to March) the beach is cleaned only once a week. The activities that take place involve: emptying the rubbish bins, collecting larger pieces of litter from the beach by hand and collection of smaller pieces of litter (e.g. cigarette butts) by a specialized vehicle.

It is estimated that about 500 tonnes of litter are collected from this Limassol beach every year. Of these, 80% (about 400 tonnes) is from land-based sources (mostly from tourists on the beach) whereas the remaining 20% (about 100 tonnes) comes from the sea. The main types of litter collected are plastics, paper, glass, cigarette butts and vegetables.

Facts

Place / Location	Cyprus
Commencement Date	2006
Duration	Ongoing
Theme	Mitigation
Type of Initiative	Policy/Regulation Implementation
Initiated by	Limassol Municipality
Involved Stakeholders	None – only the Municipality and its workers
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