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Programs

RISE ABOVE PLASTICS

The goal of Surfrider Foundation's Rise Above Plastics (RAP) program is to reduce the impacts of single-use plastics on the marine environment by raising awareness about the dangers of plastic pollution, and advocating for a reduction of single-use plastics and the recycling of all existing plastics. Under RAP, several Chapters worldwide have developed educational programs to raise awareness in the local community regarding the impacts of plastic on our lives and our environment, including its accumulation and detriment to the ocean. www.riseaboveplastics.org

BLUE WATER TASK FORCE

The Blue Water Task Force (BWTF) is the Foundation's longest-running volunteer water-quality monitoring, education and advocacy program utilized by our Chapters and members to alert citizens and officials about local water-quality problems and to work toward solutions. Designed to take advantage of the daily presence of surfers and beachgoers in coastal waters, BWTF is the Surfrider Foundation's most visible and successful program to date.

KNOW YOUR H2O

Know Your H2O is the next evolutionary step in the Surfrider Foundation's quest for clean and healthy coastal water. Rather than simply raising awareness of the problem of marine water quality decline, Know Your H2O focuses on the issues behind use and management of our world's water resources, and how that interaction directly affects our marine resources. www.knowyourh2o.org

OCEAN FRIENDLY GARDENS

The Surfrider Foundation's Ocean Friendly Gardens program is designed to educate the public on how to reduce the impact their yards have on coastal water quality. Based on a simple CPR concept – Conservation, Permeability and Retention – Ocean Friendly Gardens is a way for everyone to design and maintain a garden that conserves water and reduces urban runoff and the pollutants that go with it. www.oceanfriendlygardens.org

STATE OF THE BEACH REPORT

Designed to serve as the "go to guide" for researchers, coastal managers, legislators and activists, the State of the Beach Report evaluates the public availability of state-level coastal information, and compares each state's status on critical beach-health indicators. www.beachapedia.org/State_of_the_Beach

BEACHAPEDIA

Beachapedia is the Surfrider Foundation's new online coastal science reference tool. The community-driven site effectively catalogs coastal science information taken from the Surfrider Foundation activist network and environmental experts. Beachapedia aims to capture relevant and timely information related to the protection of our coastal resources using Wiki technology. With its constant influx of intelligence, Beachapedia serves as a relevant and valuable tool for the general public, members of the media, and decision-making bodies.

RESPECT THE BEACH

The Respect the Beach (RTB) program is a volunteer-driven education program that includes field trips, classroom discussions, handouts, videos and hands-on projects designed to reflect up-to-date scientific information and a holistic approach to understanding coastal and ocean environments. Using a variety of learning formats, students can explore and deepen their understanding of many aspects of coastal environments and take action to protect the world's oceans, waves and beaches.