Assessing Marine Debris Policies with the West Coast Ocean Data Portal

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Abstract (Poster)
Marine debris is a problem that costs West Coast states and communities millions of dollars each year in cleanups and ecosystem impacts. The West Coast Ocean Data Portal (WCODP) features data and tools to help the marine debris community understand debris accumulation, plan cleanups, and assess debris prevention policies. The WCODP does this by connecting state, federal, and NGO metadata and web services with debris cleanup data from the West Coast Marine Debris Database (debris.westcoastoceans.org). The maps below highlight how the WCODP has been used to assess the effectiveness of foam container bans in LA County. You can explore for yourself at Portal.westcoastoceans.org.