

Collection of sediment samples for microplastic characterization

1. Locate the strandline along the beach site;
2. Identify two random sampling points separated at least 10m apart in your beach section;
3. Use the flat metal shovel to collect 500ml of sediment from the top 5cm layer of the beach sand into a clean 600ml glass beaker;
4. Wrap the sediment in aluminium foil, store in an individual sealed plastic bag, and label the sample with ID number, GPS coordinates, beach site and date.