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TNPA joins forces with tenants to keep the Port of Durban clean.

[Durban, 15 September 2023] The Port of Durban has teamed up with its Bayhead Precinct tenants to commemorate International Coastal Clean-Up (ICC) Day themed “*Sea the Change*” to preserve the environment and keep the port clean.

International Coastal Clean-up Day is commemorated on 15 September and is recognized as the world's largest volunteer effort for ocean health, which encourages people to remove waste and debris from the world's beaches and waterways during the September month. It also aims to raise environmental awareness and influence organisations operating in the port precinct to develop smart solutions to marine debris challenges.

“The Port of Durban has participated in the International Coastal Clean-Up initiative for almost a decade now and remains committed to encouraging our employees and stakeholders to rid our coastline of debris and pollution. The South African constitution also empowers us to conduct these operations under section 24(b) which reminds us of our responsibility to prevent pollution and ecological degradation as well as to promote conservation in the port,” said Mpumi Dweba-Kwetana, Port Manager in the Port of Durban.

The 2023 activation was augmented to include a clean-up operation in the Bayhead Precinct and Bayhead Natural Heritage site, which are adjoining landside areas. The day saw over two hundred (200) volunteers, including employees from Dormac Marine and Engineering, playing an active role in the cleanup operation. The partnership with Dormac reinforces the spirit of collaboration to bring about environmental change and minimise the negative impact on the human and marine environment in the port.

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