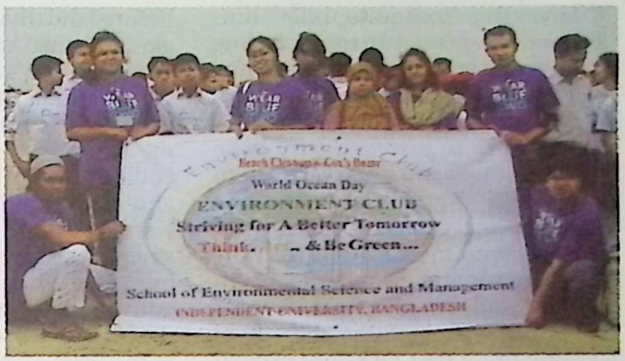
The second portion of the ocean day beach cleanup was to record the data of the different types of wastes on the beach. The recording of waste was necessary to have an idea on amount of the types of wastes. To record the data, the supervisors of the cleanup gathered the total wastes and then characterised them and put them in different bags.

After sorting out the wastes in different bags we found fourteen items. They are – paper bags, plastic bags, caps and lids, clothing and shoes, cups, plate, forks, knives, spoons, food wrappers, containers, strapping bands, straws stirrers, bait container, bleach bottles and cleaner bottles, beverage bottle, beverage can and glass bottle, packaging, plastic sheeting, tarps, rope, cigarette, cigarette filter, cigar tips, tobacco packaging and tobacco wrappers and coconut shells. The data record that we got also helped us to have a comparison to previous beach clean ups. For example, the amount of plastic has reduced very insignificantly but other items like cigarettes and cigarette wrappers have reduced. Though the coconut shell amount has remained the same but the amount of cigarette filter has increased. This recording successfully gave us the comparison to last year and understanding of the fact that the entire beach cleanup round the year by different organisations did not go unnoticed. A number of hazardous types were not found in the beach during clean up like condoms, nylon rope and plastic sticker. These



absences of these products indicate the growing awareness among the visitors of the beach in Cox's Bazaar. There were other partners with us in this effort – Beautiful Bangladesh, Volunteer Aid, UNYSA Bangladesh, SAFE, BYB, BTEF, Earth Club, IBAIS University tourism club.

The beach cleanup programme awarded the school kids and the supervisors with certificates in recognition of their contribution to beach cleanup by the Director of Project Aware Foundation, Jenny Miller Garmendia. The beach cleanup programme had practiced participatory method in a way where the awareness will help in future.

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