





Welcome! sivasothi |Edit| |Logout|

STRAITS TIMES. breaking news

reader

email

print

larger

discuss

smaller

TOP STORIES | SINGAPORE | ASIA | WORLD | MONEY | REVIEW | INSIGHT | SPORTS | ST FORUM | LIFE! | PRINT EDITION

# New cleanup site: Pandan **Mangrove**



Among the peculiar items found at Pandan Mangrove off the West Coast was a muddy toilet cistern. probably washed up by the tides. -- PHOTO COURTESY OF KENNETH PINTO

SITUATED off the West Coast, Pandan Mangrove has become the latest addition to the coastline being cleaned up by International Coastal Cleanup Singapore.

Fresh pickings could be the main reason for the unusually high number of bulky items found on just 350m of shoreline. More than the average number of tyres and building materials were found stuck in the mud.

In all, 3,448 pieces of trash were collected by corporate volunteers from Oil Spill Response and East Asia Response Limited (OSRL/EARL) and Wildlife Reserves Singapore - both new to coastal cleanups - and veterans from the Raffles Museum Toddycats of the National University of Singapore, a non-governmental organisation headed by zoologist N. Sivasothi, who coordinates the annual event.

'We wanted to give them this fresh site, even though they have never done this work before, because they had a great 'can-do' spirit and were serious about wanting to do a good job,' he said.

'We wanted to cover only a small site because we wanted to minimise the damage to the site, said site captain Kelly Ong, 27, a marine

The volunteers found almost 1,300 plastic bags, 820 food wrappers and more than 440 glass bottles

'The most peculiar items found included traffic barrier lights, half of a vacuum cleaner, a rice cooker, a wooden statue of a smiling Buddha, a golf bag and a lot of plastic pipes,' she said.

A human chain was formed to remove 39 tyres, which easily weighed about 740kg.

Ms Ong hopes this will reduce the places where rainwater can collect, as these can serve as breeding grounds for mosquitos.

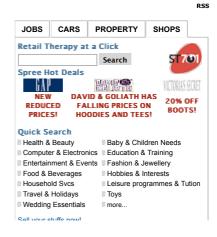
Mr Wilson Tan, 28, who headed the OSRL/EARL team, said he had been searching for a way to help his company reduce its carbon footprint.

'I went online to check if anyone was cleaning the beaches because the footprint is worse if trash is left in the open. It affects the mangroves and the marine life,' he said.

SHOBANA KESAVA

## other singapore stories

Japanese company Spurs workers on How scheme benefits firms Singapore to host Asia's ad Oscars Secondary school postings by SMS GCE N-level results out on Thursday Bright wishes for 2000 Law Society delays membership fee hike Full-day bus lanes in City Hall area soon Casefile S'pore docs help Russian to walk again PM congratulates China on progress British CEO shares tips on worksite safety Bending over backwards for charity Drug smugglers using S'pore as transit point Jamuna back in hospital, unable to eat Kangaroo shirt man starts jail term Multiple offender gets 18 months S'pore coastline getting dirtier New cleanup site: Pandan Mangrove The disabled help turn trash into Xmas tree What's Online Most Read, Most Commented and More



1 of 2 12/16/08 7:34 AM



### Ads by Google

### St Regis Singapore

At the most prestigious address. Room with private butler from \$420. www.stregisasia.com

### Yes I am Singaporean

Show your national colours at MySG. Join our online S'pore community! www.mysingapore.sg

Royal Caribbean Singapore Explore Your Favorite Destinations & Enjoy Our Award Winning Amenities

www.royalcaribbean-asia.com

Girls and women from Thailand searching for love www.ThaiKisses.com

#### THE SMU MBA

Singapore's 1-year accelerated MBA Designed to produce Asia's leaders www.smu.edu.sg/MBA



























Take Our Poll Site Map FAQ About Us Advertise Weather Email Us SPH RSS News Alert STI Widgets Newslink NewsPost ANN

Best viewed at 1152x864 resolution with IE 6.0 or FireFox 2.0 and above Copyright © 2008 Singapore Press Holdings Ltd. Co. Regn No. 198402868E | Privacy Statement | Terms & Conditions

2 of 2 12/16/08 7:34 AM