



On Floats

One of the marine debris items found on the beaches and foreshores of the east coast of Atauro are fishing net floats as shown below.



These floats are of Chinese manufacture, but the fishing boat origin is unknown. But most likely they are also Chinese. All of these floats have Chinese script writing molded on them. Set out below is a translation of one example of these floats.



This says Zhejiang, which is a coastal province of China, as shown in Map 1

Map 1



The following script says “Water pressure depth of 125 metres”



The following script is the manufacturing company details, in this case it is from a company in Linhai City in Zhejiang Province.



The details regarding Linhai city is shown below in Map 2.

Map 2



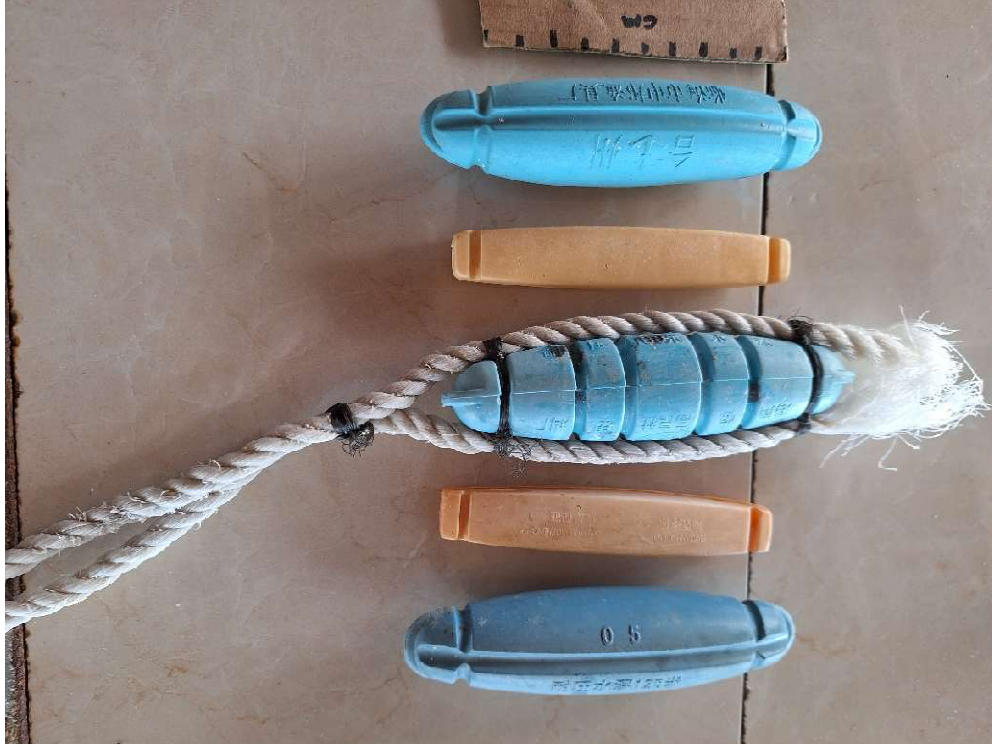
This is just one example, in the samples shown in the first photograph there were at least 4 different sets of Chinese script molded on them. For example in the floats shown below have the script 'Taizhou' instead of 'Zhejiang'



These floats are a common marine debris item in many parts of Asia. The link below is a news item from Taiwan and shows some interesting ideas to highlight the problem.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=LDHOWpaK620>

Below is a collection of three different versions of net floats collected at Beloi.



And below shows how the floats are fixed to the net floatline.



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