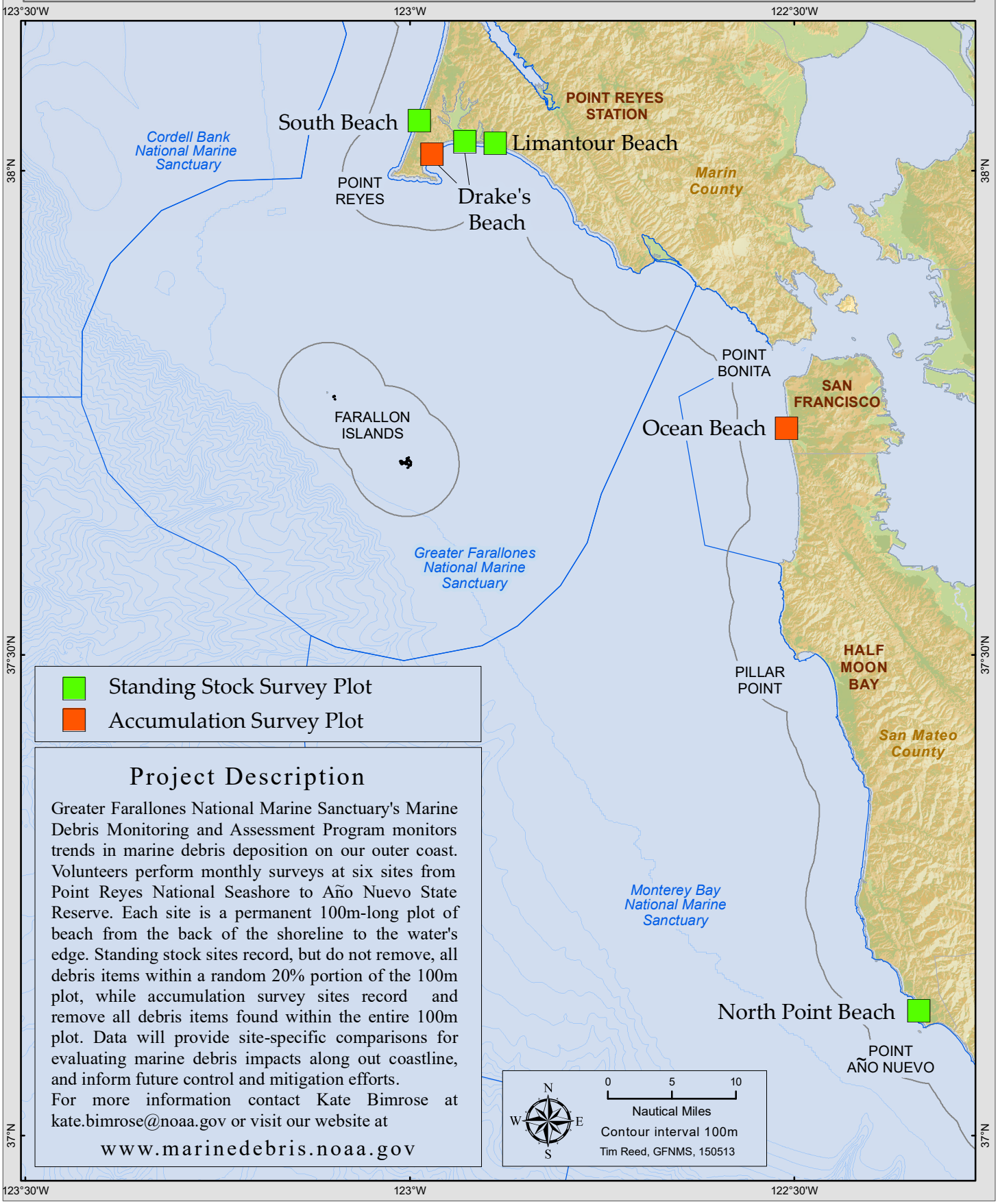
MARINE DEBRIS MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT PROJECT

SURVEY PLOT LOCATIONS



Project Description

Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary's Marine Debris Monitoring and Assessment Program monitors trends in marine debris deposition on our outer coast. Volunteers perform monthly surveys at six sites from Point Reyes National Seashore to Año Nuevo State Reserve. Each site is a permanent 100m-long plot of beach from the back of the shoreline to the water's edge. Standing stock sites record, but do not remove, all debris items within a random 20% portion of the 100m plot, while accumulation survey sites record and remove all debris items found within the entire 100m plot. Data will provide site-specific comparisons for evaluating marine debris impacts along out coastline, and inform future control and mitigation efforts.

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