**Supplementary Material S2:** UNEP-IOC categories of marine litter that were followed by the present study at the East Mingulay MPA (Cheshire and Adler, 2009).

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| **General Class** | **Reference** **Litter Code** | **LITTER TYPE and examples** |
| CONTAINERS | RL01RL02RL03 | Bottle caps, lids, & pull tabsBottles < 2 LBottles, drums & buckets > 2 L |
| FISHING & BOATING | RL04RL05RL06RL07RL08 | BuoysFishing NetFishing Related (sinkers, lures, hooks, traps, pots & baskets/trays)Monofilament lineRope |
| FOOD & BEVERAGE | RL09RL10RL11RL12 | Cups, food trays, fast food wrappers & cardboard drink containersDrink cansDrink package ringsIce-cream sticks, chip forks, chopsticks, toothpicks, matches & fireworks |
| PACKAGING | RL13RL14RL15RL16RL17 | Foam (insulation & packaging)Paper & cardboardPlastic bags (opaque & clear)Plastic sheet of plastic tarpaulinStrapping |
| SANITARY | RL18 | Nappies, tampon applicators, cotton buds, condoms, etc. |
| SMOKING | RL19RL20 | Cigarette buttsCigarette lighters |
| OTHER | RL21RL22RL23RL24RL25RL26RL27RL28RL29 | Fluorescent light tubesLight GlobesOther (specify)Processed timberRags, clothing, shoes, hats & towelsTablewareToysTires & Inner-tubesWire, wire mesh & barbed wire |