

Tubeworm Casings (from the Cellophane Worm)



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Spiochaetopterus costarum

Don't worry - what you are finding is not plastic and no need to have a SOLVE event. What is "littering" the beach/tidepools are the casings of the Cellophane Worm. This species produces a secretion that becomes their protective outer "shell". They live in the sand just below the low tide line - heavy surf will dislodge the animals and wash the tubes to the surface.