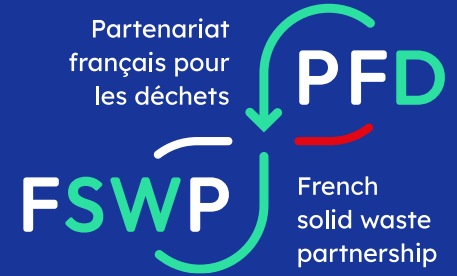


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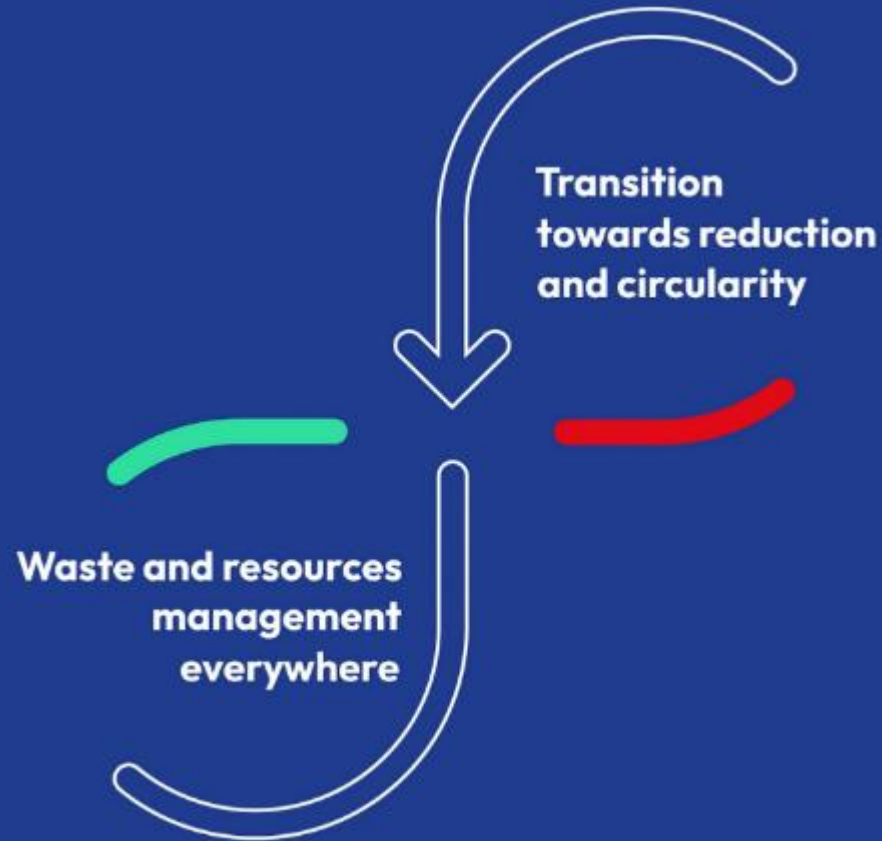
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Coordinate and amplify

The voice of french waste stakeholders on the international stage

OUR VISION



MULTI-STAKEHOLDERS





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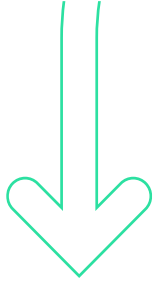
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Les fouilleurs



Végétalisation des casiers stabilisés



Maison de l'environnement



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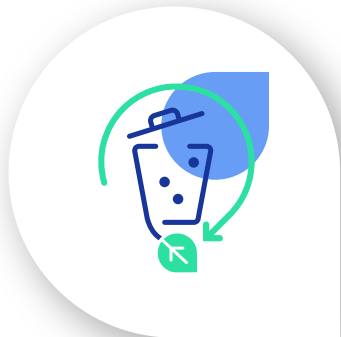


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Affichage des
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WASTE &
POLLUTION

LANDFILL CLOSURE

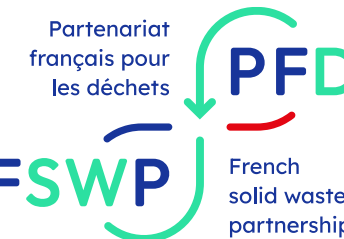


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Landfill Closure & Rehabilitation

Seizing the opportunity for decarbonation, depollution and regeneration



90 hectares of landfill in Abidjan suburbs closed after 53 years of operation

- Remodeling the landfill surface and slopes;
- Development of a watertight covering;
- Collection of water, leachate, and biogas;
- Treatment of leachate;
- Energy recovery from the biogas.

BENEFIT:

- Air quality improvement
- 6 hectares of green spaces with sport and education infrastructures
- 80 000 m³ of treated leachate/year
- 2 MW produced energy (electrical and thermal)

CO-BENEFIT:

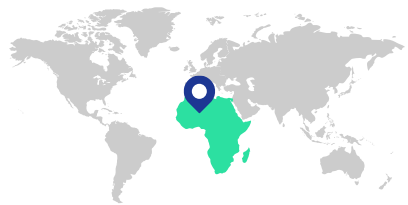
- Avoided GHG emissions:
 - 76 000 tons/year CO₂eq
- Soil and lagoon protection
- Reduced odors nuisance
- Improved neighborhood's quality of life
- Appropriation of the area around the site by the local population
- Biodiversity protection
- Tourism development

➔ Biogaz de décharge: quand la pollution devient solution



WASTE FOR ALL
SDG

HOLISTIC WASTE
MANAGEMENT



TOGO - Lomé



Improving household waste management

Towards a sustainable urban transition in Lomé

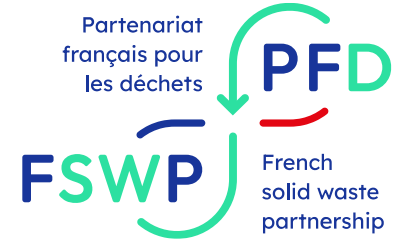
Holistic domestic waste management system in the Grand Lomé: 1.8M people, 300 kt/y of solid waste.

An ongoing multi-tranch project since 2006:



- Improvement of the holistic solid waste management system and capacity building support
- Implementation of engineered landfills with long term biogas and leachate management
- Strengthening recovery & recycling initiatives
- Improvement of the sector financial resources
- Gradual increase of performance requirements

➔ [FOCUS | La gestion des déchets solides | AFD - Agence Française de Développement \(p. 62\)](#)



BENEFIT:

> Reduced GHG emissions through improved collection and landfill operation conditions.

CO-BENEFIT:

- > Improved hygiene.
- > Reduced pollution and drainage blockages causing chronic flooding.
- > Capacity building.

International Solid Waste Association

ISWA is the world's leading network promoting professional and sustainable waste- and resource management.

ISWA represents all aspects and stakeholders within the waste management sector: the public, the private and the academic.

With more than 1,300 Members in 109 countries, ISWA has a unique global network.



To Promote and
Develop Sustainable
and Professional Waste
Management Worldwide
and the transition to a
Circular Economy

- Our mission

Waste Isn't Just Waste; It Fuels the Triple Crisis

Climate Change

- Waste transport, processing, and disposal release greenhouse gases and pollutants that worsen global warming

Biodiversity Loss

- Improper waste disposal contaminates ecosystems, causing irreversible harm to wildlife and disrupting the food chain.

Pollution

- Mismanaged waste contributes to between 400,000 and 1 million deaths annually due to diseases.



Three Futures, One Choice!



Waste Management as usual

- Waste rises with economic growth and weak infrastructure
- Dumping and open burning continue due to underinvestment



Waste Under Control

- Waste stabilizes by 2030 through moderate reforms
- Better collection and recycling; uncontrolled disposal ends by 2050

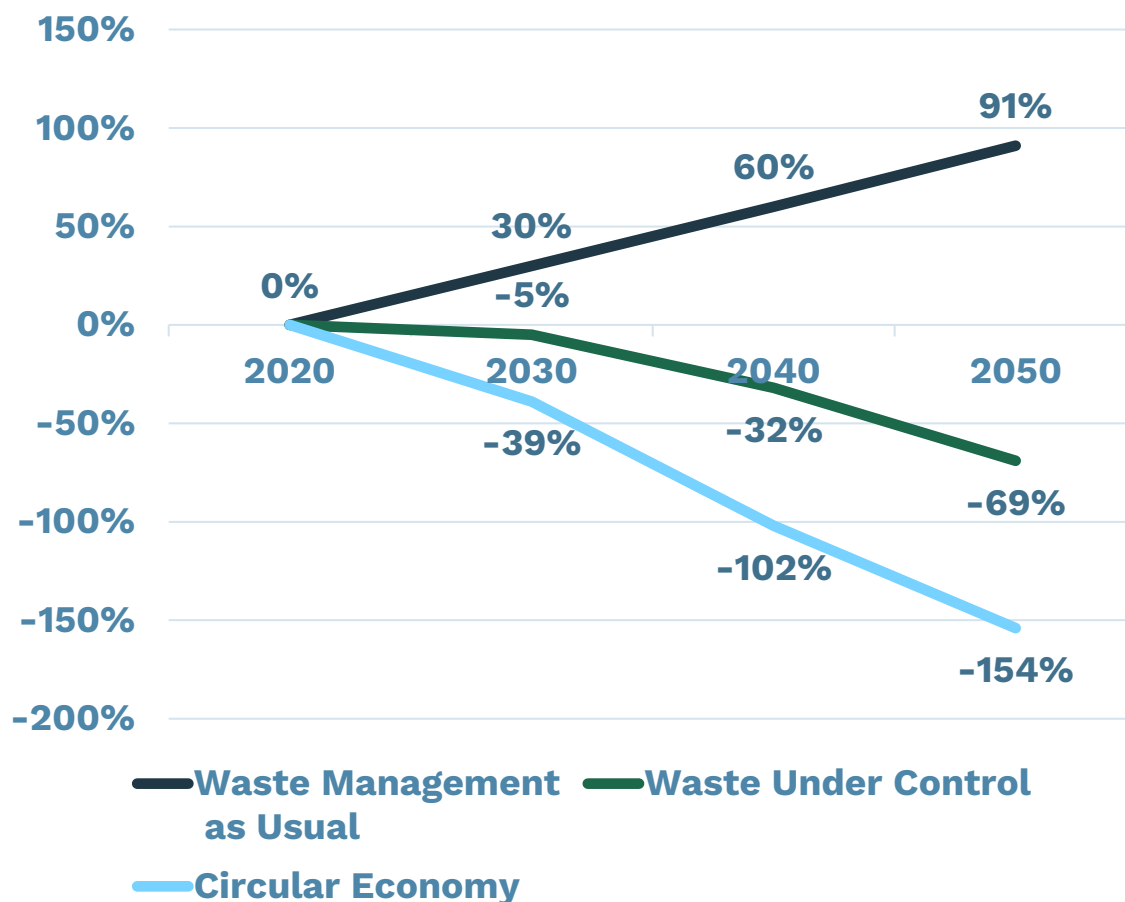


Circular Economy

- Waste is reduced & decoupled from economic growth
- 100% collection, 60% recycling & zero uncontrolled disposal by 2050

Linear Economy = Linear Pollution

Estimated negative impact on GHG emissions from waste relative to 2020



2020 Baseline

- Full net cost: US\$361.0 billion

2050 Waste Management As Usual

- Full net cost: US\$640.3 billion

2050 Waste Under Control

- Full net cost: US\$270.2 billion

2050 Circle Economy

- Full net gain: US\$108.1 billion



The future costs less, if we act now!

- The externalities of poorly managed waste are borne by society at large.
- The cost of inaction is much higher than the funds required to address the current waste crisis.
- Transitioning to a circular economy is by far the most affordable solution for the future.



From Wasteful Systems to Circularity: How?



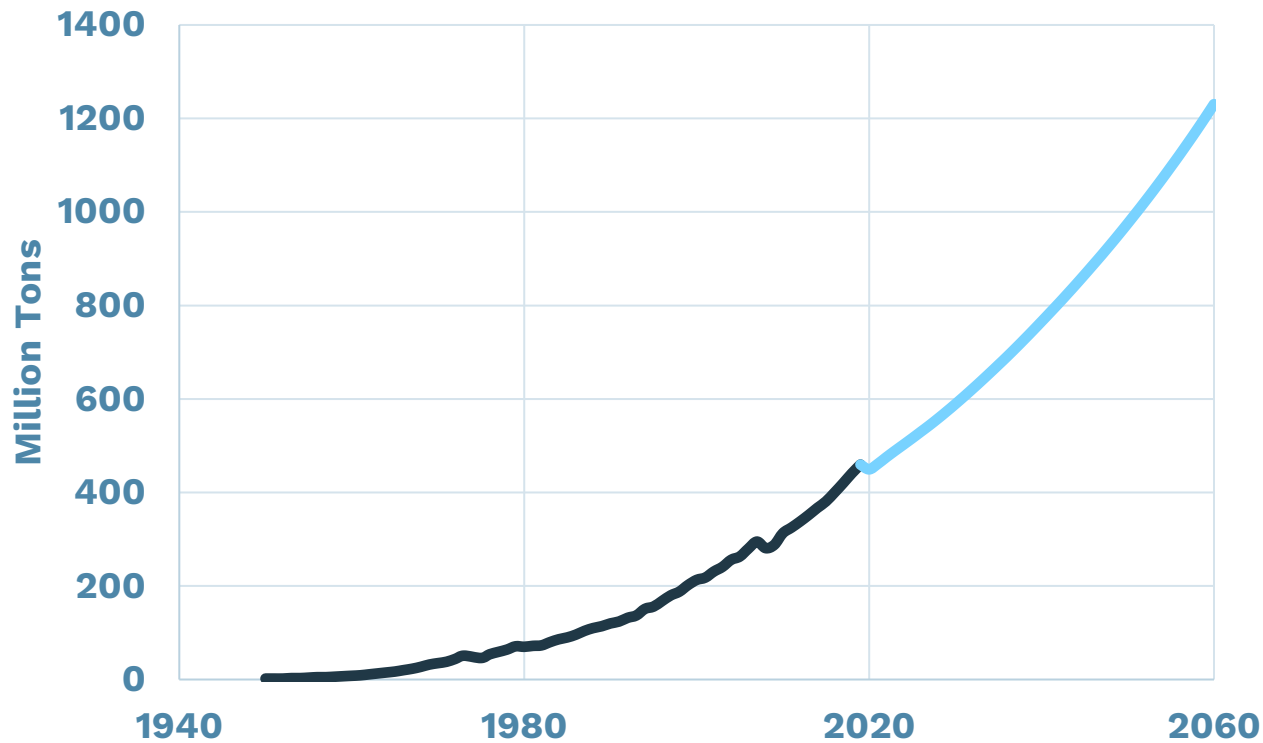
***Circularity offers a toolbox,
not a template.***

***Build circular economies that
fit local realities.***

***Redesign upstream to recover
value downstream.***

Turning Theory into Impact: Start with Plastics

Global plastic production with projections



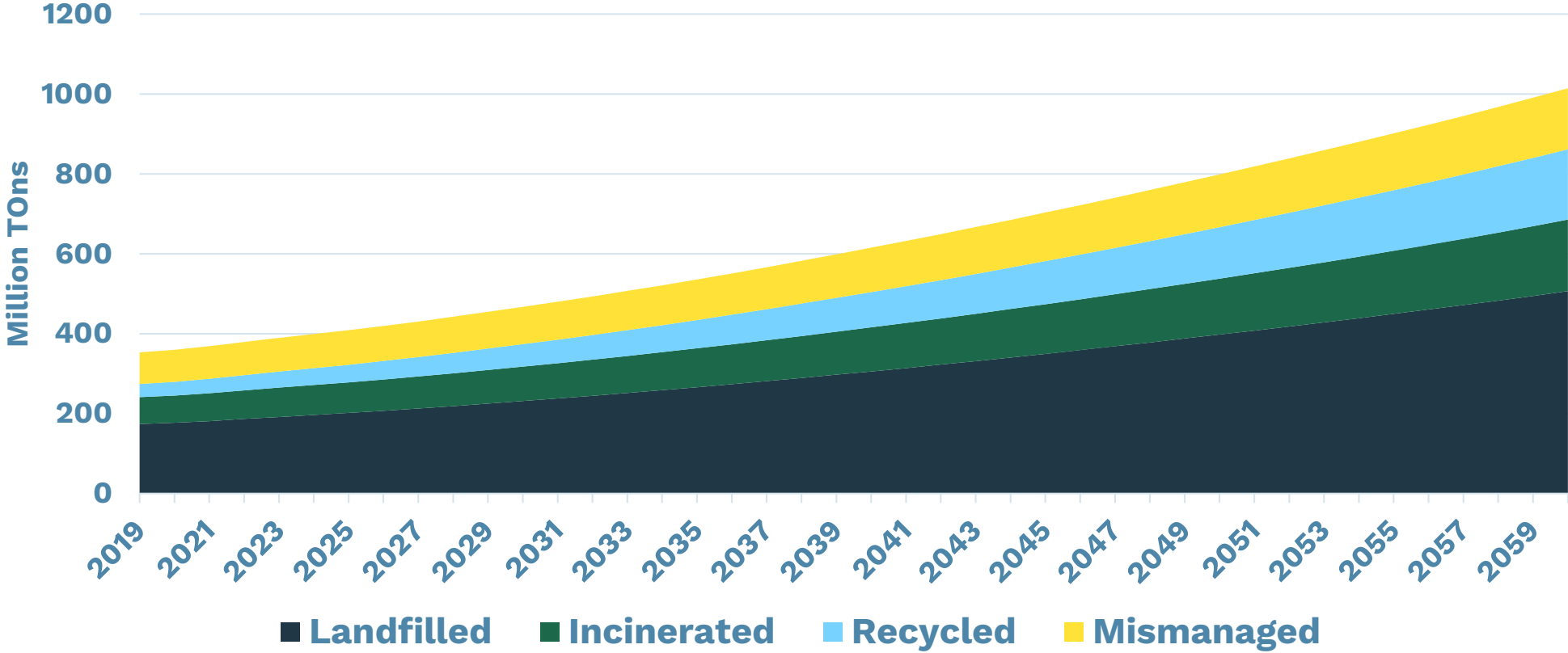
1/3 of all plastic is used for packaging with the shortest useful lifetime.

22% of plastic waste is mismanaged; nearly 50% ends up in disposal sites.

6% of plastics are circular and expected to reach just 12% by 2060.



More Recycling, More Waste: Ambition Must Rise



The Clock is Ticking on Plastic Pollution!

- 87% of plastic leakage into nature is microplastic, mostly from mismanaged waste.
- Once fragmented into microplastics, removal becomes nearly impossible.
- Plastic build-up in aquatic environments is projected to triple by 2060.

Managing macroplastic leakage through effective waste management systems is our best chance to prevent a permanent microplastic legacy.

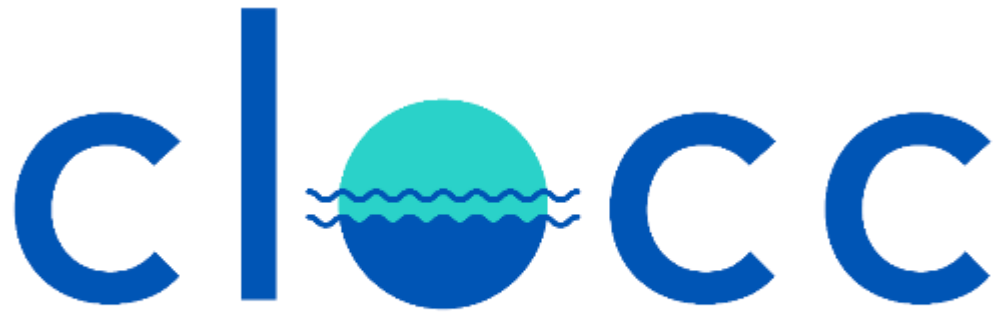
Once plastic breaks down, there is no turning back.



CLOCC shows circularity starts at community level!

- Community-designed waste systems based on Integrated Solid Waste Management.
- Stakeholders, users and local institutions, decide and choose based on their needs and preferences.
- Improving waste systems in Indonesia and India

CLOCC is scalable, adaptable and ready to expand!



Clean Oceans through Clean Communities



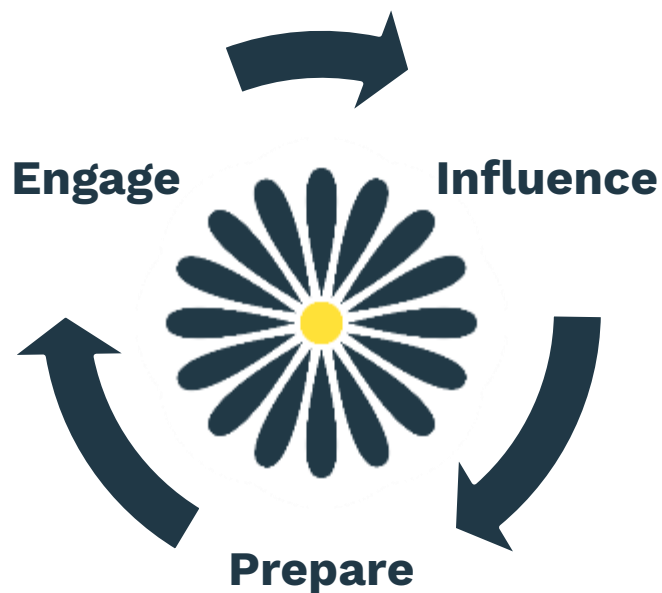
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ISWA Plastic Treaty Task Force: From Policy to Practice

- Coordinating ISWA's engagement in treaty negotiations
- Sharing policy insights and fostering stakeholder dialogue
- Supporting implementation through awareness, learning, and communication



Plastic Treaty Task Force



5 Key Messages and 5 Areas of Recommendations

ISWA stresses that a comprehensive approach must be taken to end plastic pollution, considering the entire life cycle of plastic!

Reduce plastic waste

**Ensure collection of all waste,
especially plastics**

**Upgrade illegal and open dumpsites &
ban open burning of waste**

**Increase the role and accountability
of extended producer responsibility
schemes**

**Provide waste management solutions
applicable to socio-economic &
cultural conditions**



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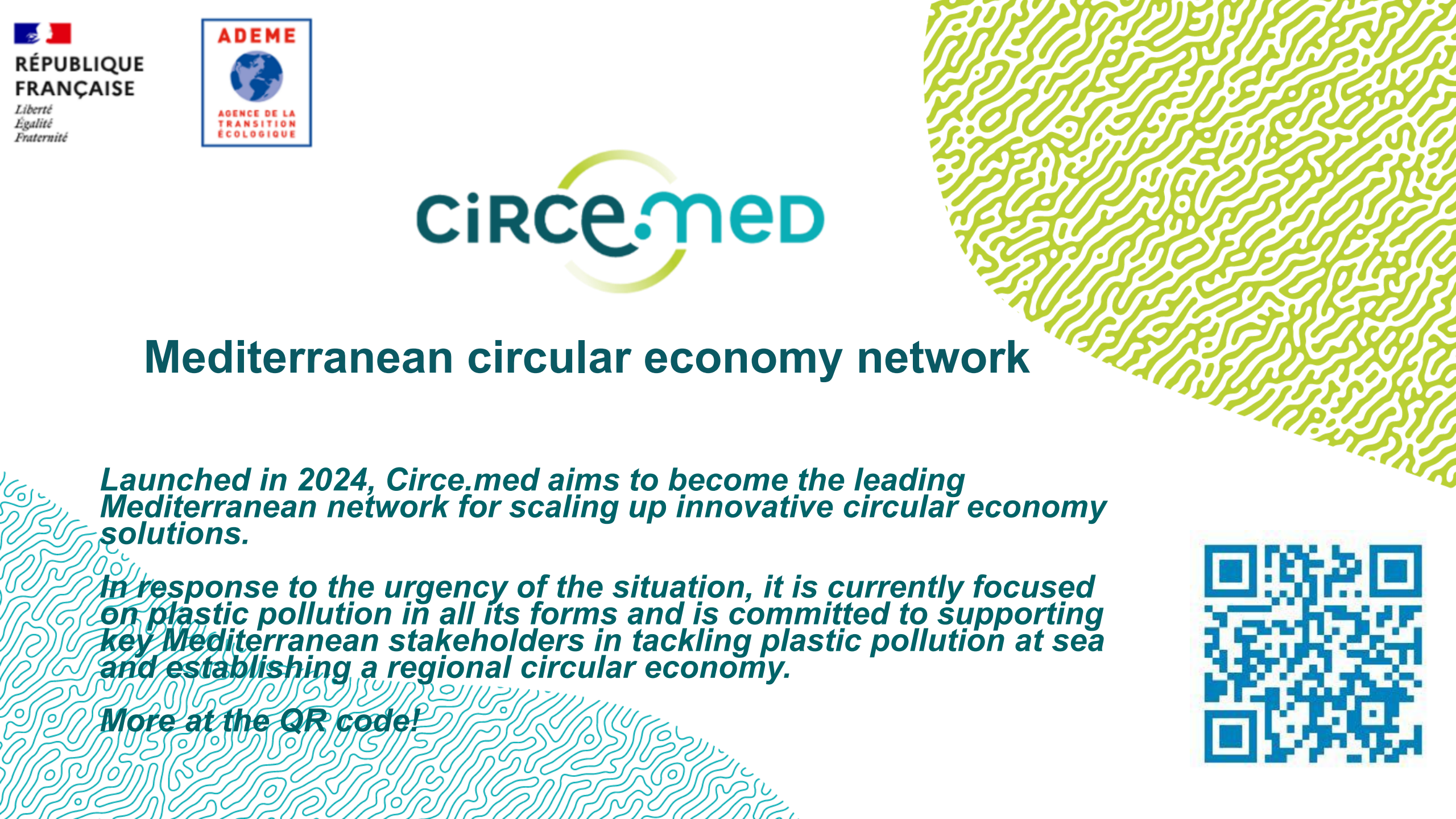
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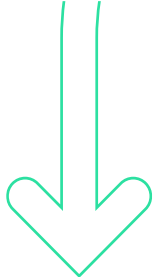
Mediterranean circular economy network

Launched in 2024, Circe.med aims to become the leading Mediterranean network for scaling up innovative circular economy solutions.

In response to the urgency of the situation, it is currently focused on plastic pollution in all its forms and is committed to supporting key Mediterranean stakeholders in tackling plastic pollution at sea and establishing a regional circular economy.

More at the QR code!





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HANDBOOK :

**“TRANSFER OF WASTE AND
PLASTICS IN AQUATIC
ENVIRONMENTS”**

Dr. Eric Tardieu, Secretary General
International Network of Basin Organizations



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“Aquatic ecosystems are under threat from increasing pollution by waste, it is imperative to better understand the phenomenon in order to mitigate its impact”



J. Reynaud, has written this presentation
Training and Studies Manager / Waste and
Circular Economy, OiEau

S. Comte,
Head of Information and Knowledge
Department, OiEau



Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) at Basin Scale: A Key Solution for Managing Solid Waste & Plastic Pollution

Solid waste (and especially plastic) pollution affects all environmental compartments: soil, air, and water are interconnected receptors of waste.

River basins play a central role in plastic transport: rivers are vectors, moving plastic from land to seas, especially during rainfall, floods.

Plastics accumulate along the water cycle:

- Washed off during heavy rain
- Deposited on riverbanks in flood/dry seasons
- Trapped in sediments or carried out to sea

Basin-scale management allows for targeted action:

- Identifying pollution hotspots
- Coordinating upstream–downstream solutions
- Engaging local stakeholders for territorial responses

IWRM provides a framework to integrate land use, waste management, and water governance to intercept solid waste before it reaches aquatic systems.

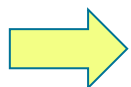


OBJECTIVES, TARGET AND SCOPE OF THE MANUAL



Guidance manual for basin managers and decision makers

- ✓ **Part 1** : How waste enters aquatic environment and is transported and how to characterise them.
- ✓ **Part 2** : plastics from their generation to their journey in the environment, with a deep dive on the impact of plastics of different size on biodiversity and health
- ✓ **Part 3** : How to prevent waste from entering the environment follows the «avoid then manage» principle. This section highlights the success factors and challenges of local waste management services and the importance of coordination across scales and sectors.



This handbook is a **call to action**, an invitation **to work together** for a future where aquatic environments are preserved and thrive for all.

CASE STUDIES

Lots of case studies to illustrate the different parts



1-Mapping macro-waste on a stretch of the Shkumbin river, Albania
Surfrider



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P1 : TRANSMISSION SOURCES AND VECTORS



Waste in waterways comes from

- ✓ rubbish abandoned on the banks or thrown directly into the waterway
- ✓ uncontrolled dumps close to waterways
- ✓ former waste dumps eroded by waterways or from rubbish bin overflows
- ✓ sloped terrain or roads
- ✓ often carried by the wind, either to the ground or directly to waterways
- ✓ urban drainage systems, which collect rainwater
- ✓ accumulation on urban surfaces before being transported by the wind or human activities

The transfer depends on :

- ✓ hydrological factors (such as water height, current speed and discharge)
- ✓ geomorphological factors (such as the shape of banks and vegetation, which can act as traps for macrowaste)
- ✓ physical factors (such as the type of waste and its shape)

Aggravation :

Extreme one-off events play a role in the diffusion of waste in aquatic environments.

P1 : EXAMPLES OF COLLECTION TECHNICS



○ Eco-barriers or booms (passive)



The interception barrier in Guatemala – Ocean Cleanup© NGO website

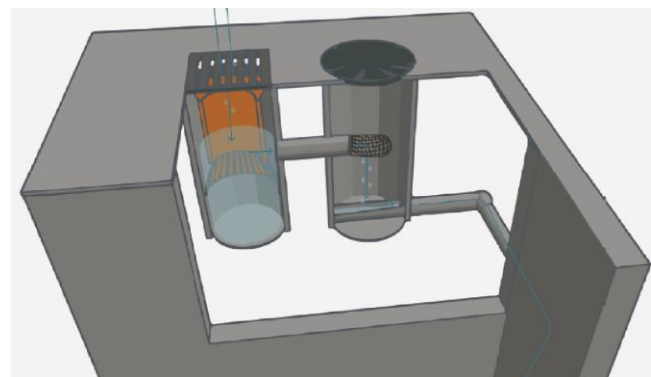
○ Retention nets (passive)



Retention nets in place in Brest Métropole in waterways, rainwater outlets and downspouts (Photos OiEau)

- The “River whale» waste collector or robot collector (passive/active)
- Harvesters or bank bins (active/passive)
- **Screening and filtration systems (passive)**
- Cleaning up waterways (active)

○ Float traps (siphonic walls) (passive)



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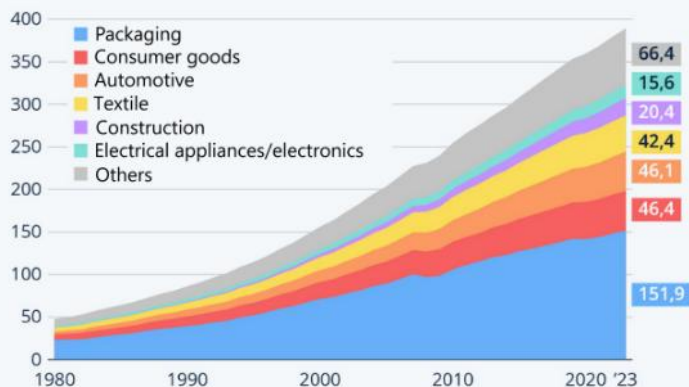


P2 : A SPECIFIC WASTE : PLASTIC



The world is overflowing with plastic waste

Global production of plastic waste by area of use, in millions of metric tonnes.



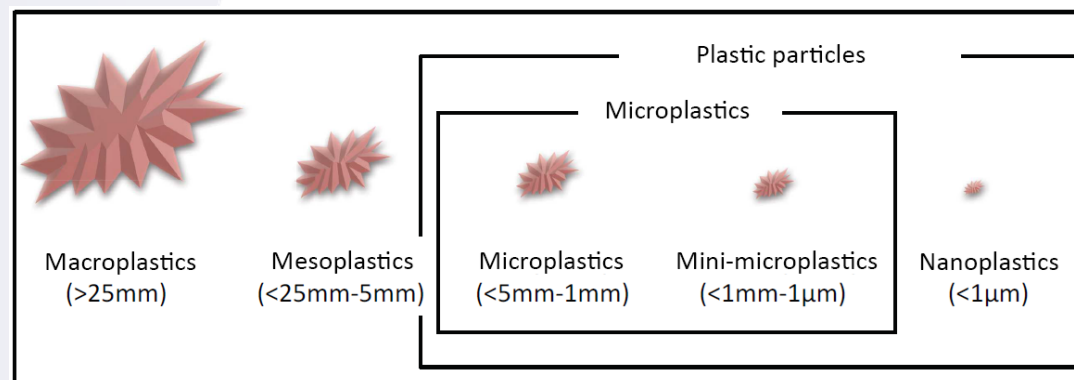
Projections from 2020 to 2023
Source: OCDE



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Projection of global plastic waste production from 2020 to 2023, OECD

- ✓ a polymer (a resin) which provides the structure
 - ✓ fillers, which modify the reinforcement, density and cost,
 - ✓ plasticisers such as phthalates, which modify the flexibility or rigidity of the product
 - ✓ other additives, which modify the colour, introduce flame retardants, anti oxidants, UV absorbers, biocides, etc
- ⇒ More than 13,000 molecules are thought to be involved



Once in the environmental compartment, plastic degrades :

- ✓ Fragmentation by mechanical action,
- ✓ Fragmentation by the action of water,
- ✓ Photodegradation due to the action of UV rays, which break down the polymer's molecular chains
- ✓ Degradation by micro-organisms

Case studies

6 - Reducing micro-plastics in the Delaware River estuary



P2 : IMPACTS OF MACRO WASTE ON AQUATIC ENVIRONNEMENTS



Risk of physical damage,
choking or death
Ingestion
Physical contact
Adverse health effects



Biological impacts



Death
Physical damage
Loss of biodiversity
Modification of the species assemblage
Creation of a microbial habitat
Invasive species



Economic impacts

Reduced productivity
Reduced confidence in products
Waste management
Fishing bans
Reduction in tourism

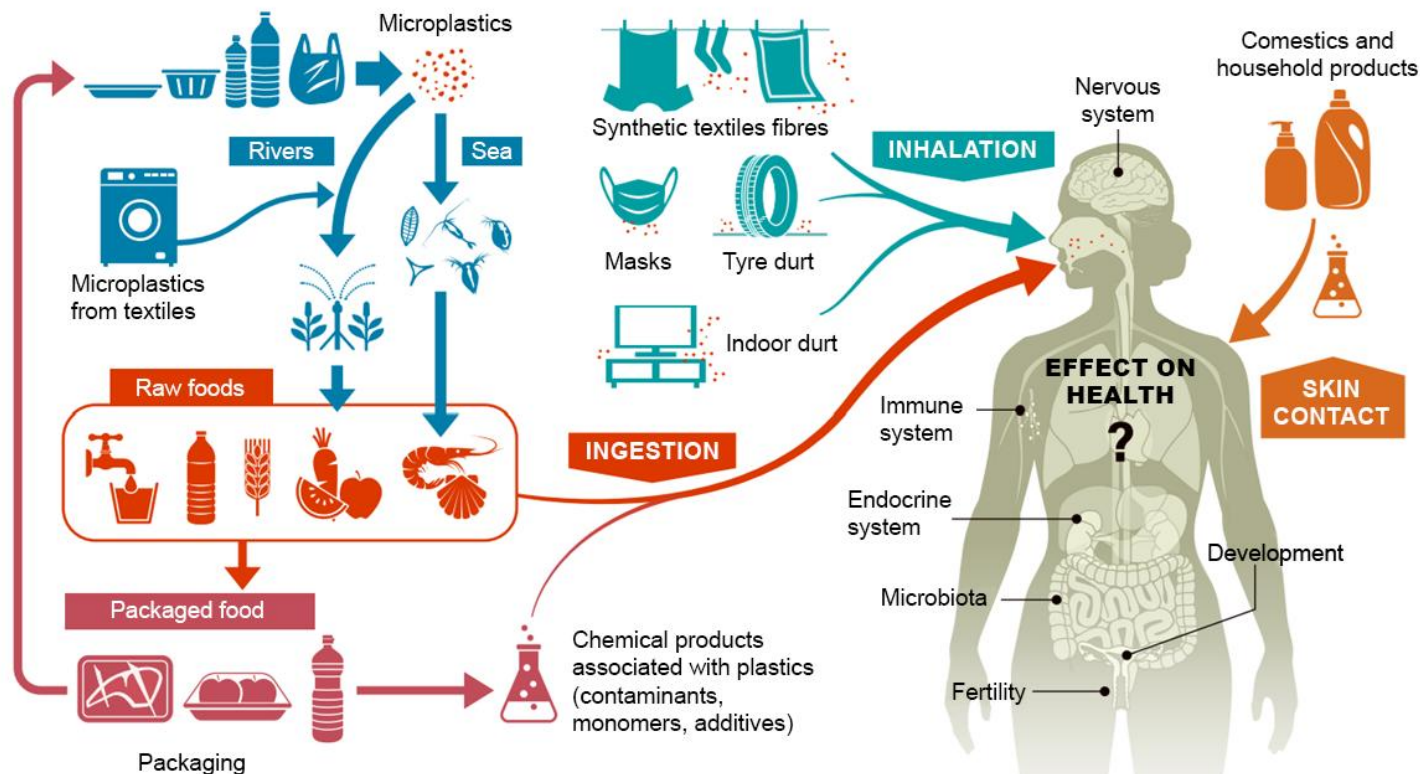


Impacts sociétaux

Decline in human well-being
Reduction in recreational activities
Loss of heritage



Risks and direct impacts of waste on aquatic environments



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Focus plastics : Humans come into contact with micro-plastics and chemical molecules in a number of ways



P3 : TO PREVENT WASTE BEING TRANSFERRED TO WATERWAYS



- ✓ **Reduce waste at source** by examining practices to minimise waste from human activities
 - Banning certain plastic products
 - Preventive practices: individual, collective, industrial
- ✓ **Avoid storing waste** in places **where it can be transferred and leaked** into aquatic environments
 - Reducing leaks
 - Combating illegal dumping and abandoned waste
- ✓ **Organise the collection and treatment of waste** so that it is eliminated from the natural environment
 - managing and treating waste, taking into account the level maturity of the waste management system
 - respect the international regulations which propose a framework for waste management
 - reduce the pollution of the natural environment by plastics and other harmful substances
 - set up long-term financing systems



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P3 : TO PREVENT WASTE BEING TRANSFERRED TO WATERWAYS



✓ Work with international donor support for public policies

- support investment in specific waste management infrastructure
- help local stakeholders implement the sustainable planning and governance structure

Support mechanisms include four pillars, which rely on a local political will and vision :

- A regulatory framework
- A territorial network of infrastructure and organisations that allows waste to be collected and managed locally as much as possible
- Adequate funding mechanisms that allow the implementation of prevention, collection and treatment
- Adequate means for local authorities in charge of waste, with the necessary leeway to experiment with local solutions

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P3 : TO PREVENT WASTE BEING TRANSFERRED TO WATERWAYS



✓ Raise public awareness on all three action levers

- Raise awareness of the problem of waste and its impact on aquatic environments and human life
- Encourage people to change their practices to reduce waste as much as possible and to dispose of it properly, including segregating at source when infrastructures are in place
- Proposing solutions that make life easier for residents

✓ Levels of territorial commitment to be coordinated

- Changes in individual practices to reduce plastic consumption and the use of alternative solutions
- Combined action on a territorial scale.
- National or international regulations which can be applied on a large scale.

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CONCLUSION



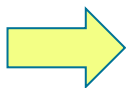
Most of the macro-waste found in the water system is macro-plastic. Plastic are persistent in the environment, it transforms into micro- and nano-plastic, and have specific impacts on environment and on humans

To get involved in the fight against macro-waste, it is important to :

- ✓ identify the sources and transfer routes of waste along the land-river-sea continuum
- ✓ to quantify and characterise the flows
- ✓ to have a good understanding of public waste management policies (international, national and local)

What can be done to prevent waste being transferred to waterways?

- ✓ reducing waste at source by challenging practices to minimise its production.
- ✓ setting up waste management systems for all waste that exists and will continue to exist in the medium-term



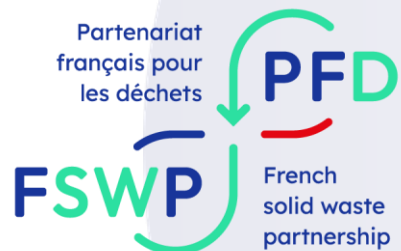
Political will is the key to addressing these challenges
Cooperation projects can be designed



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It has been the opportunity to reach out to decision makers on the importance of taking action to reduce and manage waste to prevent it from entering the environment.



Observatory and Actions Taken on Riverine Plastic Pollution in the Lower Mekong River Basin

Busadee Santipitaks
Chief Executive Officer, MRC Secretariat



THE STATUS AND
TRENDS OF RIVERINE
**PLASTIC
POLLUTION**
IN THE
LOWER MEKONG RIVER BASIN

Introduction

- Mekong contributes between **17.4 tonnes/day and 101 tonnes/day** of plastic debris to the ocean, which is the **10th largest amount** contributed by rivers globally (Schmidt, 2017)
- **CounterMEASURE II Project of UNEP** surveys on plastic waste pollution status in the **Lower Mekong Basin** for:
 - riverine macroplastics
 - riverine microplastics
 - plastic leakage hotspots
 - plastic accumulation hotspots
- With support from Japan Government, **Mekong River Commission (MRC)** has conducted the **studies on frameworks** and capacity of each Member Country (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, and Vietnam), **with assessment of the status**.
- The status and trends of **plastic pollution in rivers** across the Lower Mekong Basin **were assessed** to support **better decision-making** for its **effective management**
 - Considering nature of plastic pollution, institutional frameworks and **capacities of each Member Country** to address it.
 - With explanation of the situation, followed by **challenges that require regional cooperation** to overcome.

Example of plastic debris distribution in the Mekong River

Types of material of Macroplastics

Types of material of Microplastics

Pieces/m²/h :
The amount of plastic debris that are collected per unit area of net per hour of collection using net

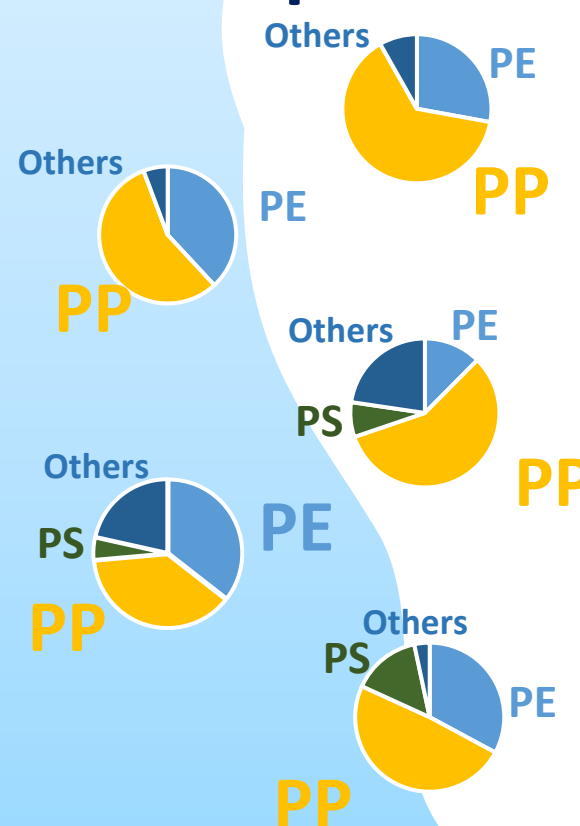
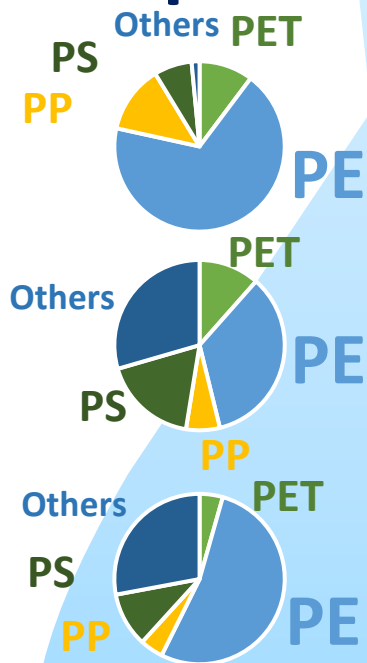
Upstream
Vientiane (Lao PDR)
0.249 Pieces/m²/h
(Mesh size : 1–3 cm)

Phosai (Thailand)
0.042 Pieces/m²/h
(Mesh size : 1 cm)

Khong Chiam (Thailand)
0.039 Pieces/m²/h
(Mesh size : 1 cm)

Can Tho (Viet Nam)
0.322 Pieces/m²/h
(Mesh size : 0.7 cm)

Downstream



Upstream
Chiang Rai (Thailand)
1.22 Pieces/m³

Vientiane (Lao PDR)
2.10 Pieces/m³

Ubon Ratchatani (Thailand)
2.25 Pieces/m³

Phnom Penh (Cambodia)
14.3 Pieces/m³

Can Tho (Viet Nam)
23.7 Pieces/m³

Downstream

Quick Comparison on Amount of plastic debris

Can Tho (Viet Nam)
2.16 ton / day
Calculated by estimated river width and depth

The Whole Mekong River
17.4 – 101 ton / day
(Schmidt et al. 2017)

Waste accumulation at 8 piers in Cambodia
8 kg / day

Note:
Some of the units shown are modified for comparison.

Example of plastic debris distribution in the Mekong River

Types of products of Macroplastics



Types of products in Artificial Barriers



Plastic Wastes at Artificial barriers
Amount of waste at Illegal Dumping Sites

Lao PDR

265 Pieces
7 Locations
In Vientiane Capital

810 m³
24 Locations

Cambodia

37,470 Pieces
18 Locations
In Phnom Penh

5,978 m³
221 Locations

Thailand

183 Pieces
5 Locations
In Ubon Ratchatani

730,336 m³
70 Locations

Viet Nam

123 Pieces
2 Locations
In Can Tho

35 m³
8 Locations

Situations of monitoring are yet to improve, still goals are concrete

Lack of specific policy framework for riverine debris regarding management, nor monitoring

- **Responsibility of riverine debris often gets ambiguous**
- Needs to explicitly states the work and responsibility

Only limited capacity of riverine plastic debris monitoring available

- **Collaborations** within governmental bodies, academia and institutions **are necessary**.

No regular monitoring activities by Governmental Bodies in LMB

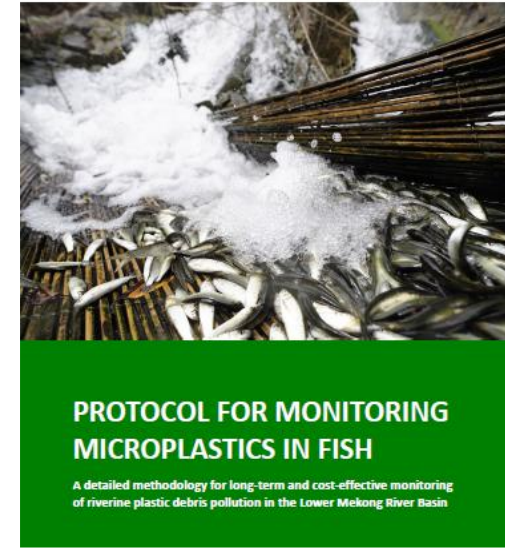
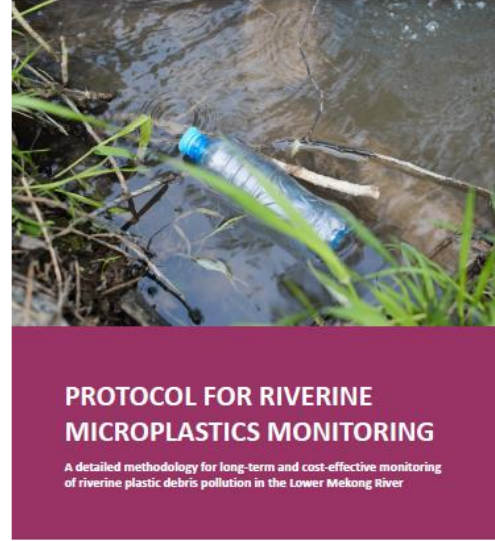
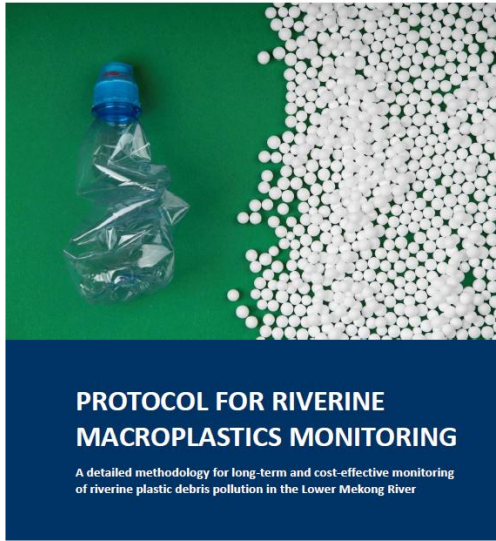
- **Introduction of regular monitoring activities in LMB** based on CounterMEASURE and activities outside LMB.
- Establishment of **harmonized data collection standards** essential for more precise analysis.

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Actions Taken since then



- **2022 - 2023:** Development of **detailed methodology** for the **long-term and cost-effective monitoring** in Lower Mekong Basin with technical collaboration and financial support from Japan Fund.
- **2023:** Following rigorous process of pilots and consultations, **3 protocols** were issued and **agreed by Member Countries**.



- MRC Secretariat continued:
 - **strengthen capacity of MRC Member Countries**, with the technical cooperation of GIZ
 - **Procurement and set up** the field and laboratory **equipment and analysis**
 - **National and regional** hands-on field and laboratory **trainings**.
- The protocols are being implemented as part of the Trial
 - **Long-running routine** under **Water Quality Monitoring Network (WQMN) in 2025**
 - Aim to **full integration** into the **Core River Monitoring Network (CRMN) in 2027**

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Challenges & Opportunities

Challenges

- **River plastic monitoring depends** not only on **skilled human resources** but also on **long-term funding** from Member Countries
- Projects on plastic pollution are **still a relatively new** in the Lower Mekong Basin (LMB). **More data, knowledge, and regular updates on current practices** and findings **are needed**
- With the serious challenges in the Mekong river and public expectations on the MRC, **strong support from all partners is essential** for the collaboration on these issues.

Opportunities

- Many **opportunities for collaboration among governments, academia, and citizens**, as they share concerns and a strong willingness to tackle the issue.
 - So far, MRCS has partnered with UNEP, City Alliance, INBO, GIZ, and recently engaged with The Ocean Cleanup.
- Plastic pollution creates **opportunities for collaboration across sectors** - especially in water, food, and health security. It also supports the integration of policies and practices at all levels, from global to local, and highlights the **importance of connecting land, rivers, deltas, and oceans**.



Please visit [mrcmekong.org](https://www.mrcmekong.org) for further information or download the publications directly as follow:

- Status and Trend of Riverine Plastic Pollution in the LMB

<https://www.mrcmekong.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/PlasticReport2022.pdf>

- Protocol for Riverine Macroplastic Monitoring

<https://www.mrcmekong.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/P-RMM.pdf>

- Protocol for Riverine Microplastic Monitoring

<https://www.mrcmekong.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Protocols-for-Riverine-Macroplastic-Monitoring.pdf>

- Protocol for Microplastic in Fish Monitoring

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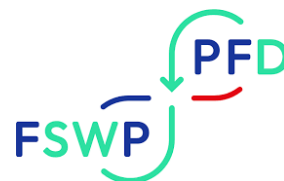
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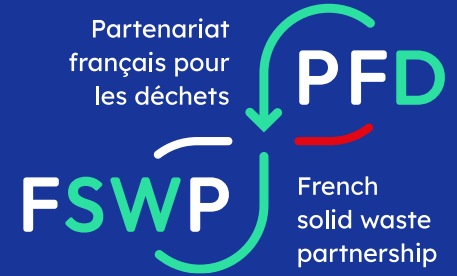
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