### NUFYP C15 TEAM PROJECT PRESENTATION

# Plastics

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# What are the current effects of plastics during disposal on the environment and what can we do to change this?

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### MAIN POINTS RELATED TO THE TOPIC

The urgency of the problem: Benefits and Drawbacks Pros and cons of different methods of disposal Effect on environment Possible solutions

# OUTLINE

# URGENCY



### WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT?



### **IRREPLACEABLE TOOL**

most common and popular tool because of its features



automotive, agricultural, health, construction/building, packaging, and textiles

### Benefits

### FLEXIBILITY TO USE

### variety of sizes and shapes

### **USE IN DAILY LIFE**

to store food, water, and household tools

### TOXIC TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO HUMANITY



### 50% OF PLASTIC HAS BEEN PRODUCED IN THE PAST 15 YEARS

# 2 MM TO 381 MM

**INCREASE IN PLASTIC PRODUCTION FROM 1950 AND** 2015, WHICH PREDICTED TO DOUBLE BY 2050





# Methods of disposal





### PROS AND CONS

# There are three methods of disposal.







# 3 different methods



Figure 2. Discarding. Source: (Interesting Engineering, 2018)

### DISCARDING

Most common Too much place Affects the environment Economically unprofitable



Figure 3. Incineration. Source: (IPEN, 2019)

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### INCINERATION

Release of toxic substances Released heat can be used



Figure 4. Recycling. Source: (Advanced Waste Solutions, 2019)

### RECYCLING

Most beneficial Reusing Non-incineration method should be used



### GREENHOUSE EFFECT

**EFFECT ON** SURROUNDING AREAS

EFFECT ON PLANTS

### Effect on environment



### **EFFECT ON** ANIMALS



# POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

**REDUCING PLASTIC CONSUMPTION IN** DAILY LIFE

- Keeping out of unnecessary packaging
- Eco-fiendly alternatives

carbon's proportion

use

### **USING BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERS**

• Ability to decompose

Renewable biogenic carbon contained

• C-14 product signature as a indicator of biogenic

Should be economically obtainable and suitable in



<sup>14</sup>C signature forms the basis to identify and quantify bio-based content-ASTM D6366

FIGURE 5. CARBON-14 SIGNATURE OF BIO- AND PETROCHEMICAL POLYMERS. SOURCE: (SONG ET AL., 2009)

>106 years

fossil feedstocks-petroleum, natural gas and coal



# Conclusion

- Disposable tableware, bags, packaging, bottles, and various containers are in daily usage today.
- All of them harm the environment.
- Recycling, incineration, and discarding are different types of disposal.
- Only 5% is recycled.
- Reduce production and use of plastic is the best solution •
- Popularization of other alternatives  $\bullet$
- Preventing environmental disaster  $\bullet$







# **Q&A SECTION**

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