

Lessons learnt from 25 years of working with the Stockholm Convention and Plastics

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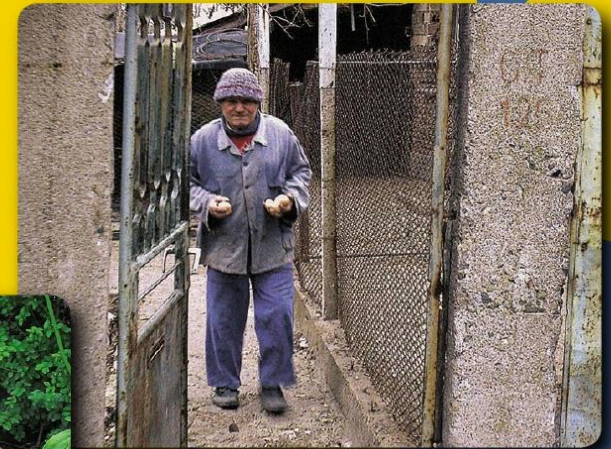


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Plastics are transporting
toxic chemicals into the
food chain

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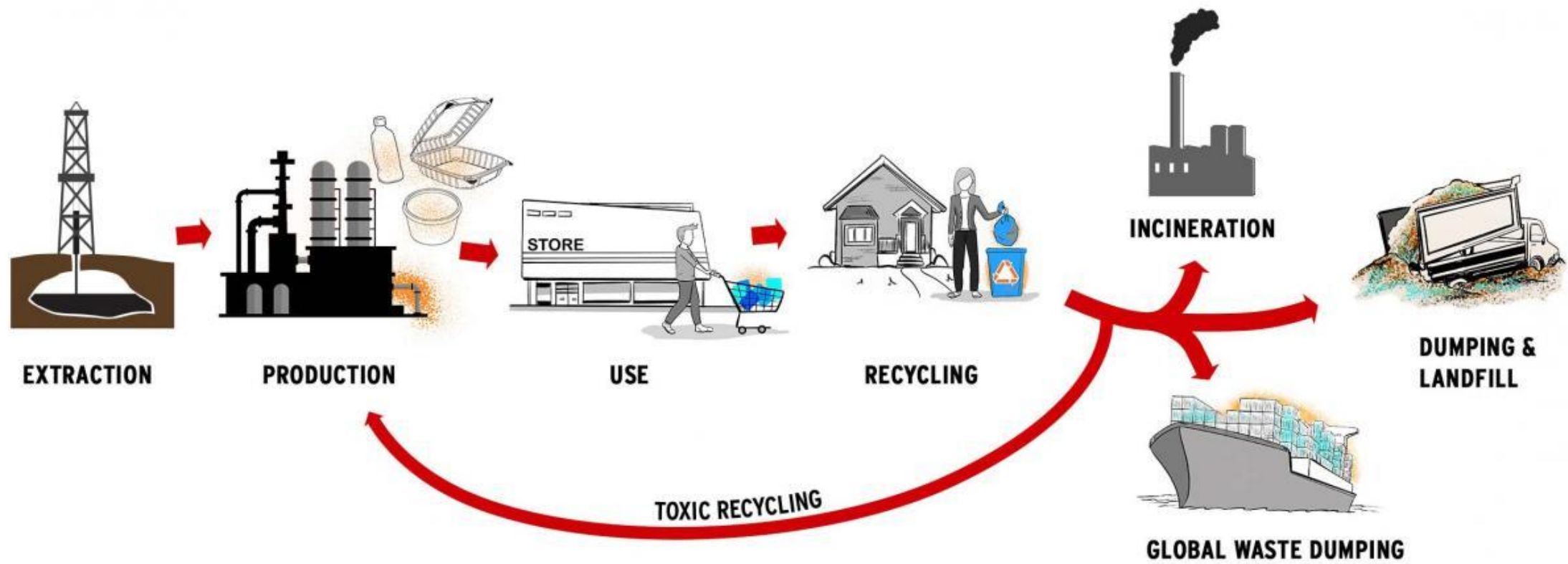
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Plastic pellets from all
sampled locations
contained PCBs and
UV-328



PLASTIC PELLETS FOUND ON BEACHES ALL OVER THE WORLD CONTAIN TOXIC CHEMICALS

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The background of the image is a light gray surface with vertical lines, overlaid with a semi-transparent image of numerous small, multi-colored plastic pellets (microplastics) scattered across the frame. The pellets are in various colors including white, yellow, orange, brown, and dark gray, and are of different shapes, mostly spherical but some irregular.

Plastics are transporting toxic chemicals globally –
even before the plastics becomes plastic
products.



A CALL TO ACTION: FREE CHILDREN FROM BPA'S TOXIC LEGACY

BPA IN PLASTIC PRODUCTS FROM BANGLADESH, BHUTAN, CHINA, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, RUSSIA, SRI LANKA & TANZANIA THAT ARE IN CONTACT WITH FOOD OR WITH CHILDREN'S MOUTHS

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78% of all samples contained Bisphenol A (BPA)

14/23 products labelled BPA-Free contained BPA

Bisphenol A leaching from polycarbonate baby bottles into baby food causes potential health issues

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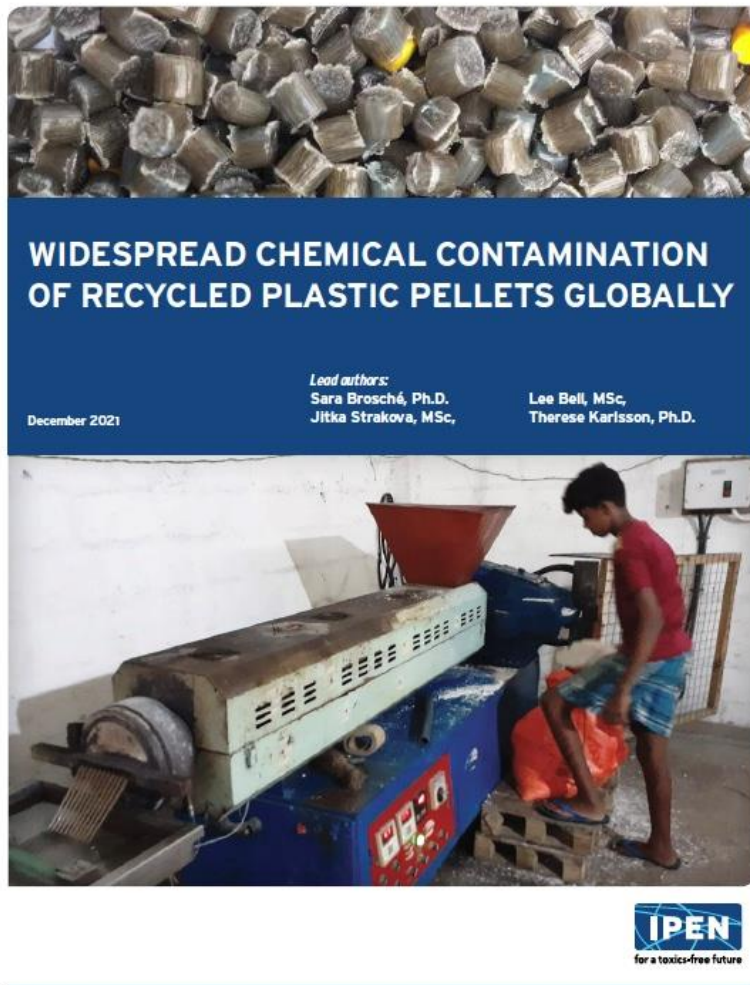
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Plastics are transporting
toxic chemicals into our
homes and our bodies
with very limited controls
and no transparency






Of 24 samples: 22 had Brominated flame retardants
22 had BPA, 24 had benzotriazole
UV stabilizers (17 had UV-328)



All analyzed toys contained Brominated flame retardants.
72/73 contained DecaBDE



When plastics that contain toxic chemicals are recycled they are transporting those chemicals into new products

Original Article | [Published: 20 July 2021](#)

Worker health risk of heavy metals in pellets of recycled plastic: a skin exposure model

[Guozhong Huang](#), [Jiaying Xie](#) , [Tao Li](#) & [Peipei Zhang](#)

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“found clear exposure-risk associations between heavy metals (lead, cadmium, chromium, arsenic) and worker health. Particularly, we found workers exposed to As and Cr were more likely to incur cancer.”

Plastics are transporting toxic chemicals into the environment, into our food and into us.

**Chemicals used in plastics
without hazard data found
in regulatory databases
analysed**

6000, 46%

**Chemicals of potential
concern used in plastics
unregulated globally**

3076, 24%

**Montreal
Protocol**

10

**Minamata
Convention**

18

**Chemicals used in
plastics regulated
globally**

128, 1%

**Stockholm
Convention**

100

**Chemicals of low concern
used in plastics based on
available hazard data**

3800, 29%



Chemicals currently under evaluation

	Used in plastics	Regrettable substitute for previous listings
Methoxychlor		Replaced DDT
UV-328	x	
Dechlorane Plus	x	Replaced DecaBDE
Medium chained chlorinated paraffins	x	Replaced short chained chlorinated paraffins
Chlorpyrifos	(x)	
Long-chained PFCAs	x	



1st May: Got listed with no exemptions!

Examples of chemical groups that could be prioritized

- Chlorinated paraffins
- PFAS
- Bisphenols
- Brominated flame retardants
- Dioxins
- Phthalates
- Benzotriazole UV-stabilizers
- And more...

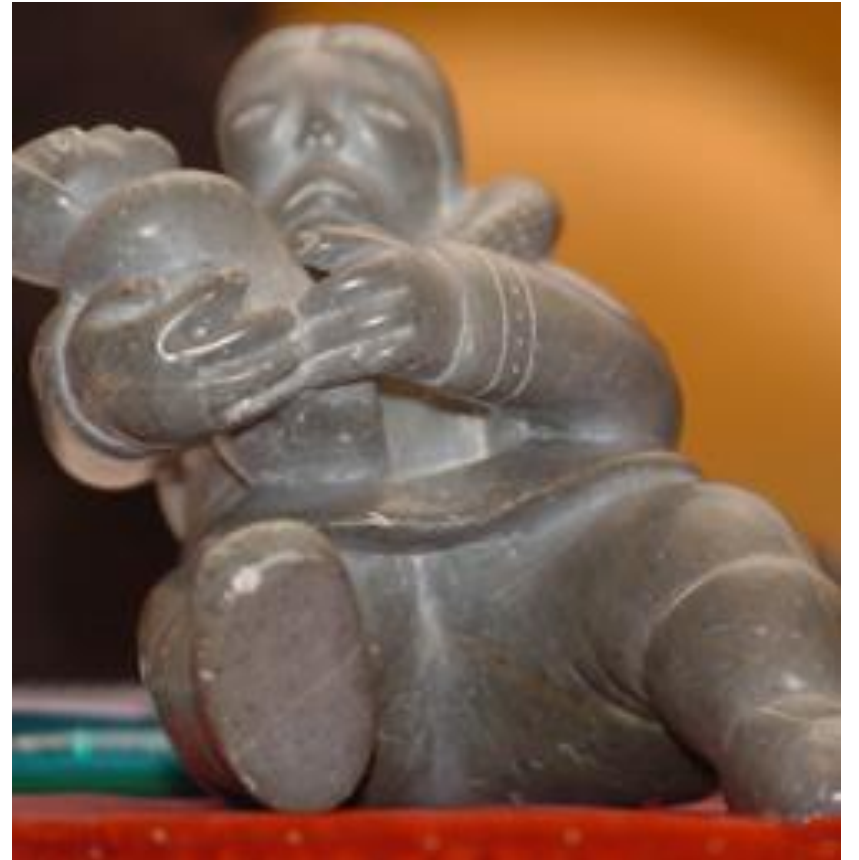
Key Elements of the Stockholm Convention

- Global, legally binding mechanism to eliminate the world's most dangerous chemicals
- Focus is on elimination rather than managing risk
- Provisions for addition of new chemicals beyond initial list of twelve
- Identification and inventory of contaminated sites for clean up
- Effectiveness evaluation
- Based on the precautionary principle



The Language of the Stockholm Convention

- “Aware of the health concerns...in particular impacts upon women and children and, through them, upon future generations.”
- “Conscious of the need for global action...”
- “Acknowledging that precaution underlies the concerns of all the Parties and is embedded within this Convention...” protect human health and the environment...”
- “Determined to
- “Acknowledging that the Arctic ecosystems and Indigenous communities are particularly at risk...”





The protection of human health and the environment should be reflected **throughout** the control measures of the Plastics Treaty