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BASEL / ROTTERDAM / STOCKHOLM
CONVENTIONS

Plastic pollution reduction and management: The role of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions



Pollution is one of the key drivers of climate change and biodiversity loss.

BASEL CONVENTION

ON THE CONTROL OF TRANSBOUNDARY MOVEMENTS
OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AND THEIR DISPOSAL

PROTOCOL ON LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION
FOR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM TRANSBOUNDARY
MOVEMENTS OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AND THEIR DISPOSAL

TEXTS AND ANNEXES

REVISED IN 2019

**Adopted in 1989
191 Parties**

ROTTERDAM CONVENTION

ON THE PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT PROCEDURE
FOR CERTAIN HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS
AND PESTICIDES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE

TEXT AND ANNEXES

REVISED IN 2019

**Adopted in 1998
165 Parties**

STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS (POPS)

TEXT AND ANNEXES

REVISED IN 2019

**Adopted in 2001
186 Parties**

The Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Address some of the most significant chemicals and waste pollution that has been identified over the last several decades and as such their implementation contributes towards addressing pollution, climate change as well as the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.

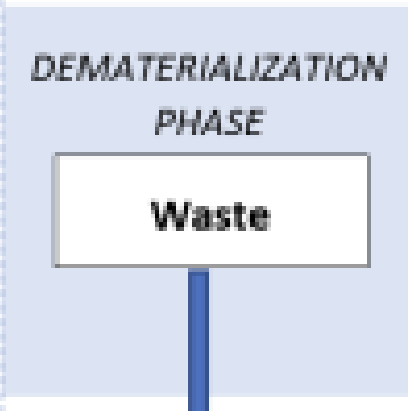
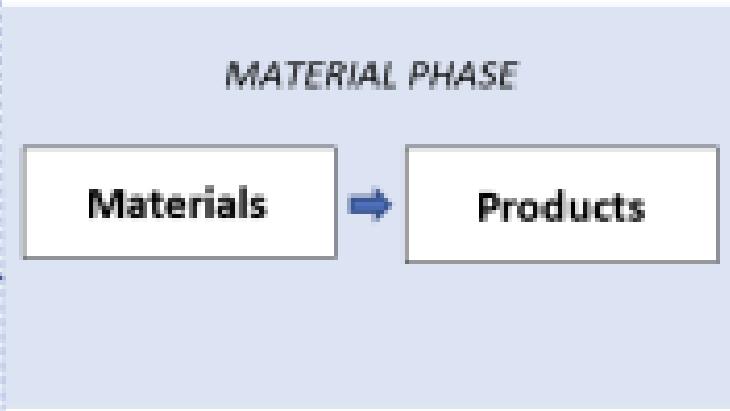
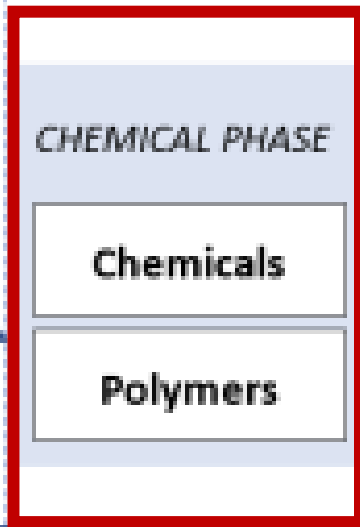
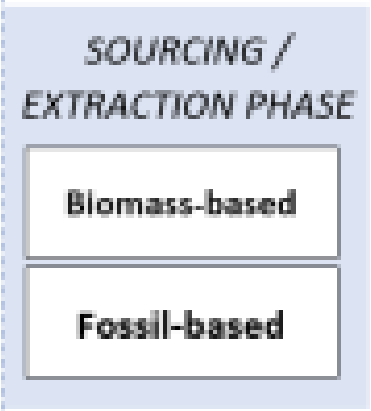
SCOPE:

Substances & polymers of concern

Problematic plastics

Microplastics

LIFE CYCLE PHASES:



13 Persistent Organic Pollutants – listed in the Stockholm Convention
16 hazardous chemicals – listed in the Rotterdam Convention

Stockholm Convention

on Persistent Organic Pollutants (2001)

Elimination – Annex A

Restriction – Annex B

Reduction/Elimination – Annex C

Identification and management of
obsolete stocks and contaminated sites



Rotterdam Convention

on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure
for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and
Pesticides in International Trade (1998)

Information
Exchange

Prior Informed
Consent (PIC)



Basel Convention

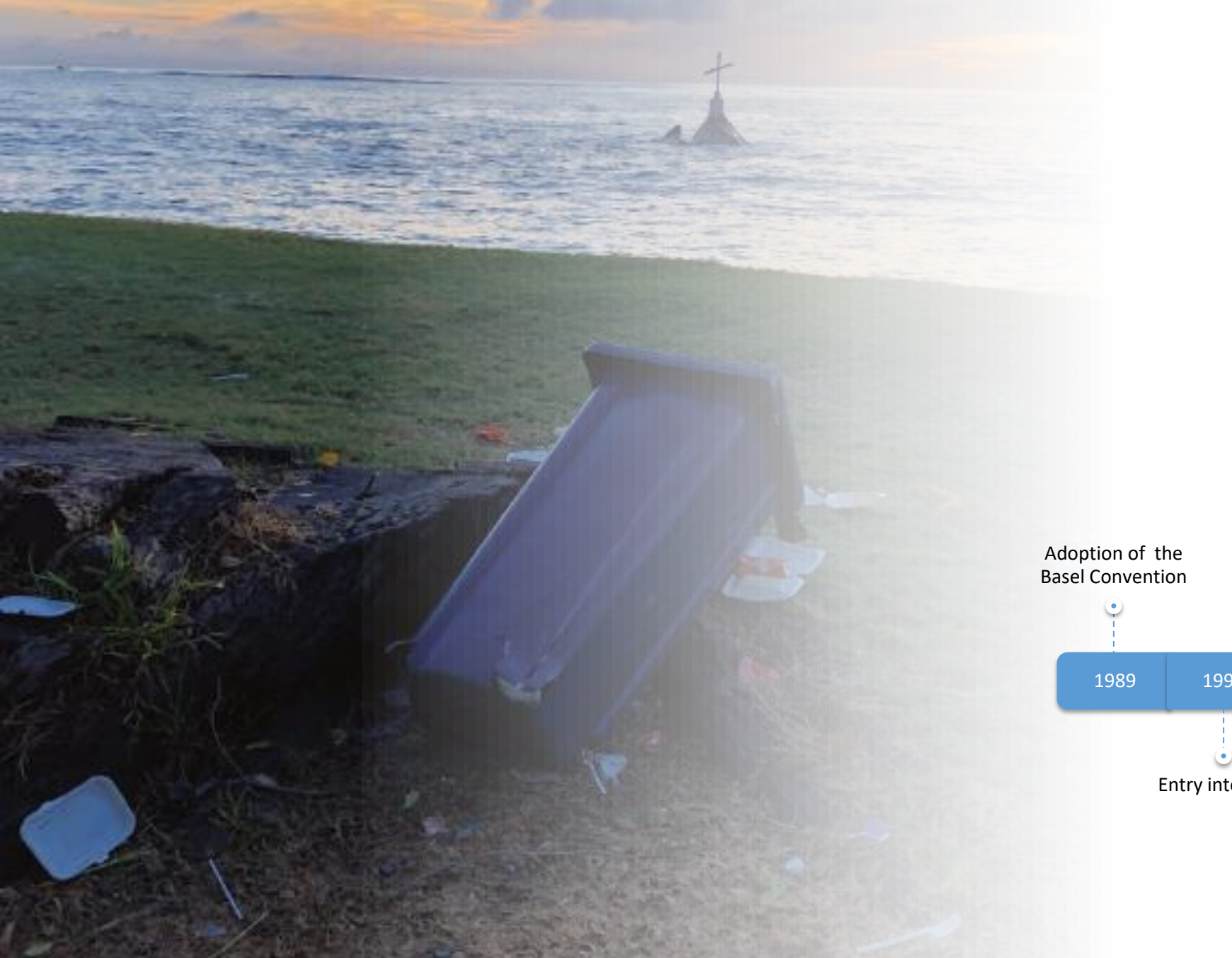
on the Control of Transboundary
Movements of Wastes and their
Disposal (1989)

Prevention and
Minimization

Environmentally Sound
Management

Controlled Transboundary
Movements





Plastics waste under the Basel Convention

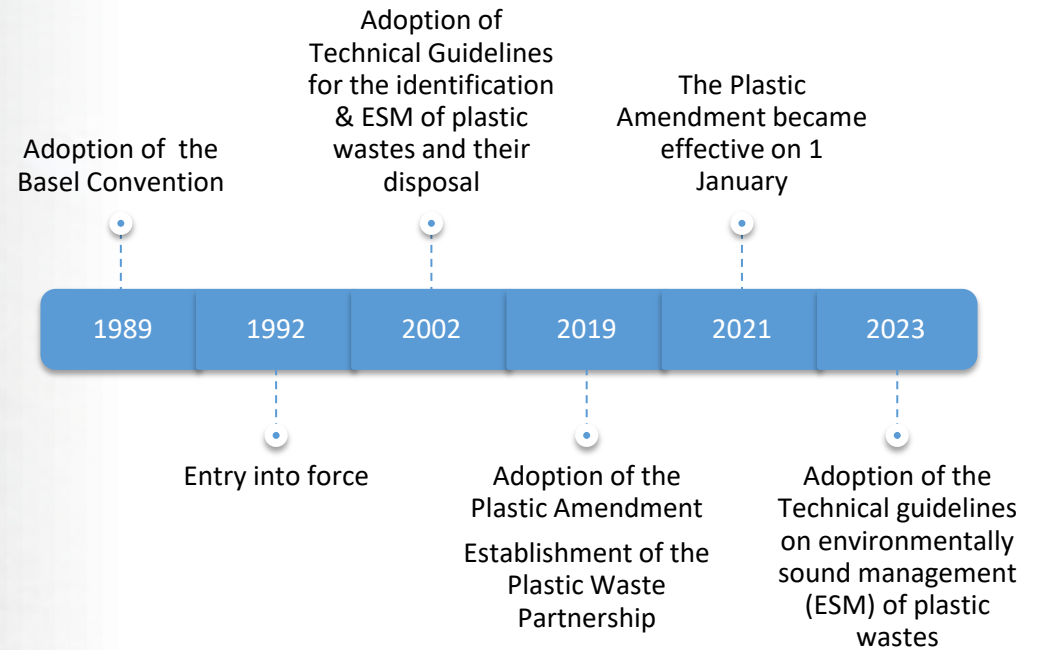


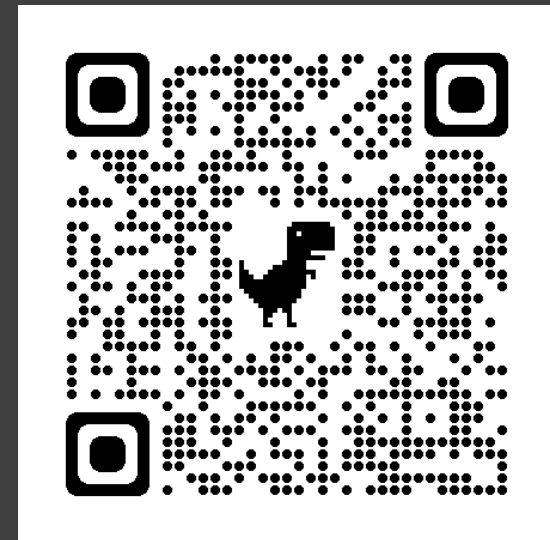
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