



# The case for a new global agreement on plastic pollution

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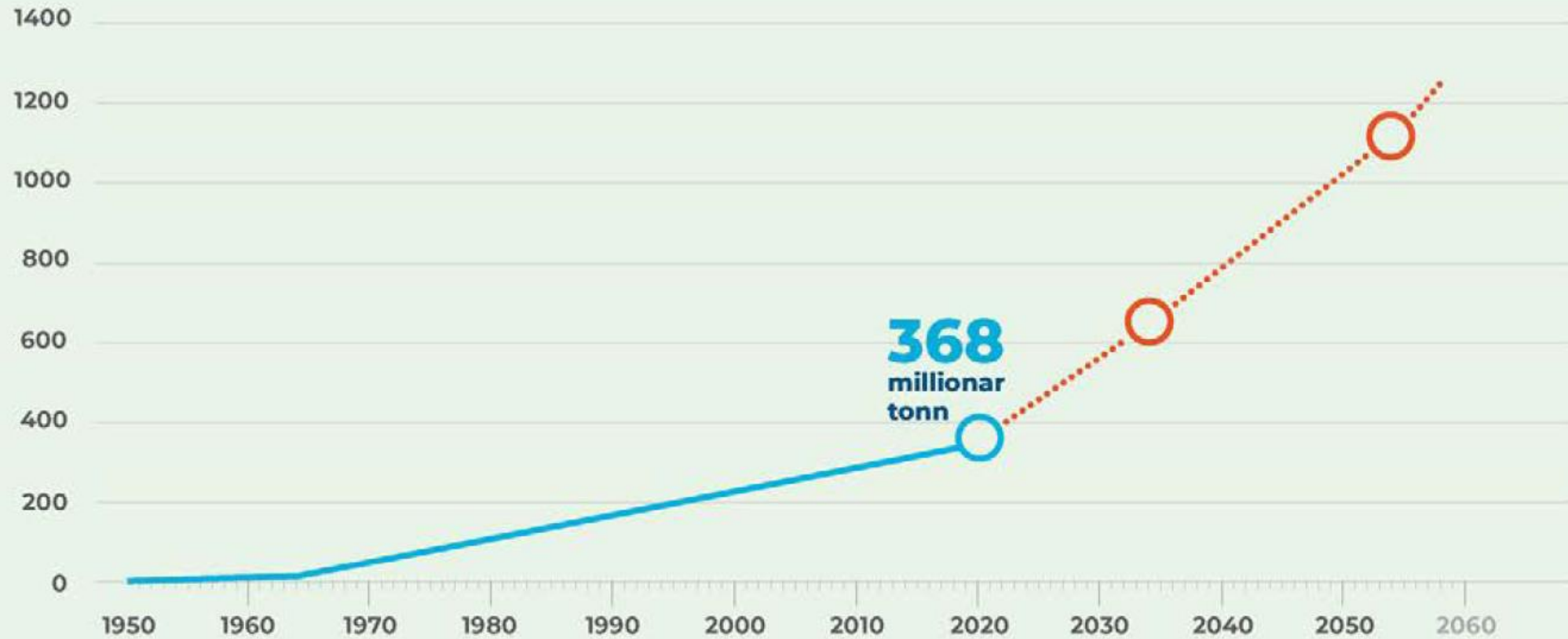
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# **A GLOBAL AGREEMENT TO PREVENT PLASTIC POLLUTION**

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## Forventa vekst i global plastproduksjon



*R. Geyer, J.R. Jambeck, and K.L. Law (2017): "Production, Use, and Fate of All Plastics Ever Made," Science Advances 3, no. 7; World Economic Forum (2016) The New Plastics Economy—Rethinking the Future of Plastics (Ellen MacArthur Foundation, McKinsey & Company); Plastics Europe (2020): Plastics - The facts. Tilpassa av KLD og Konsis.*

Forventa vekst i mengda plastavfall globalt

**2016**  
**220 millionar**  
**tonn**

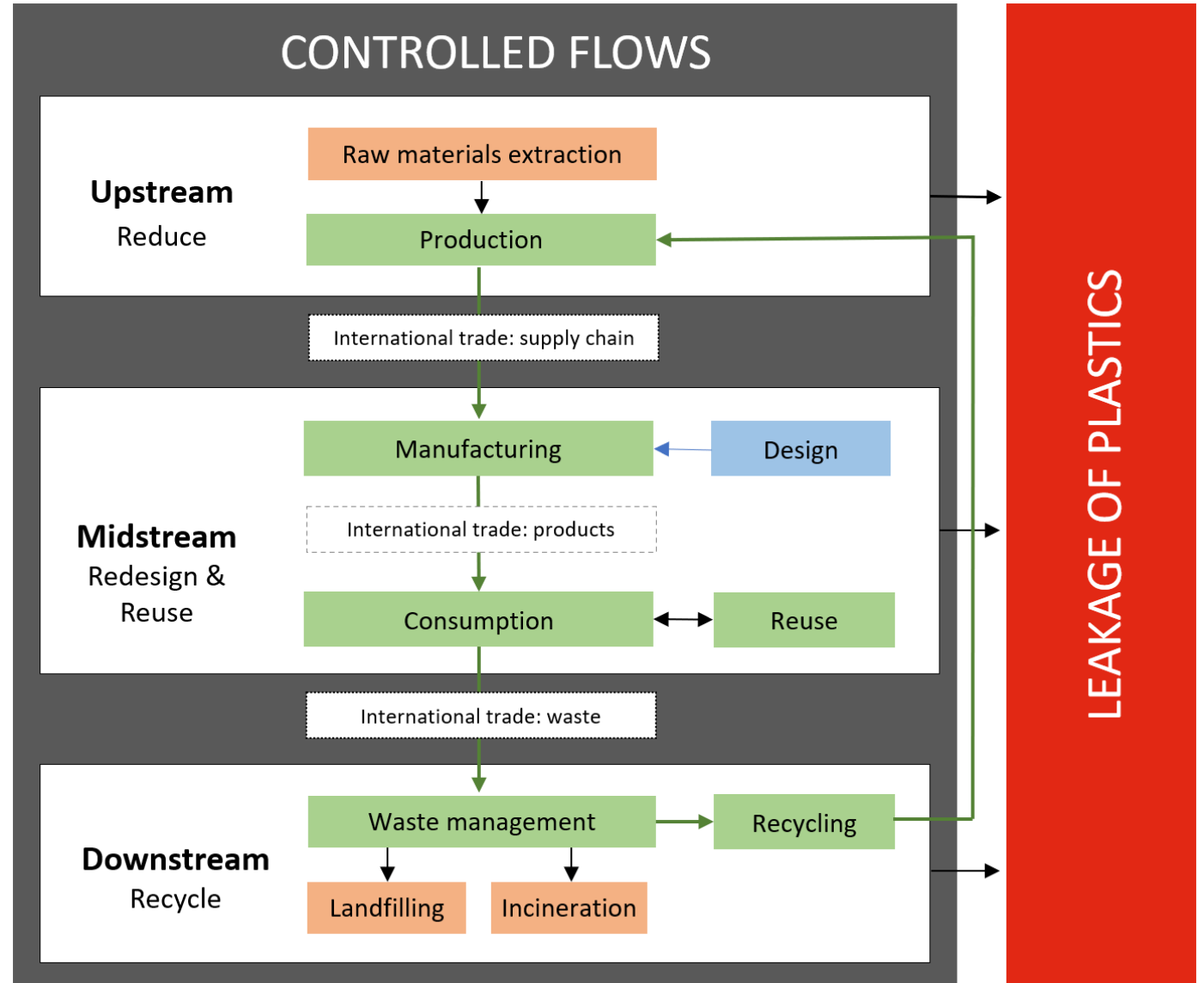


**2040**  
**430 millionar**  
**tonn**



*Pew Charitable Trusts & SystemIQ (2020): Breaking the plastic wave - A comprehensive assessment of pathways toward stopping ocean plastic pollution. Tilpassa av KLD og Konsis.*

Measures  
throughout  
the LIFE  
CYCLE

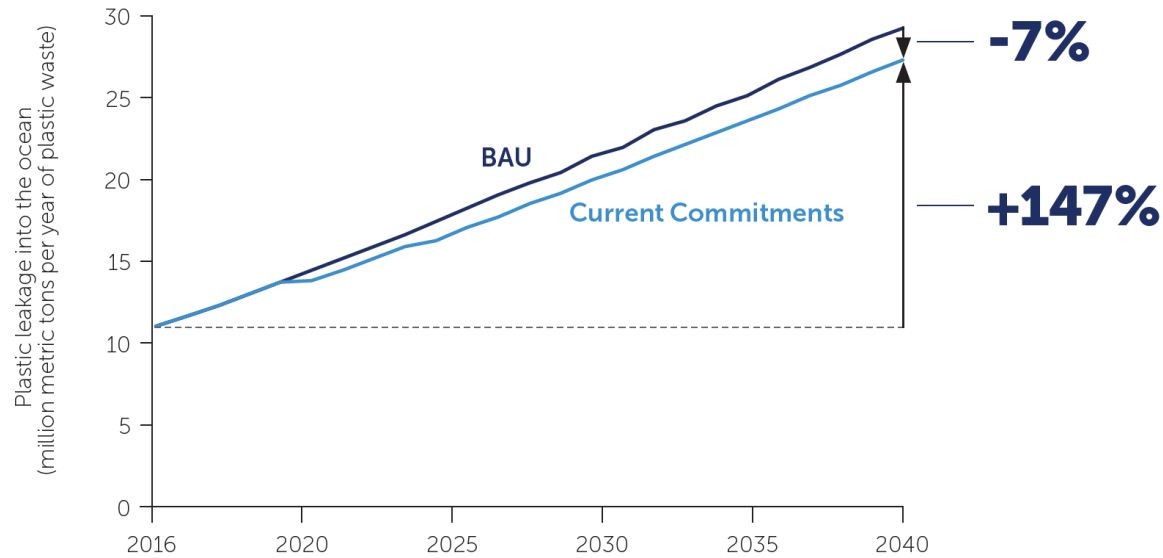


Do EXISTING agreements address the LIFE CYCLE?

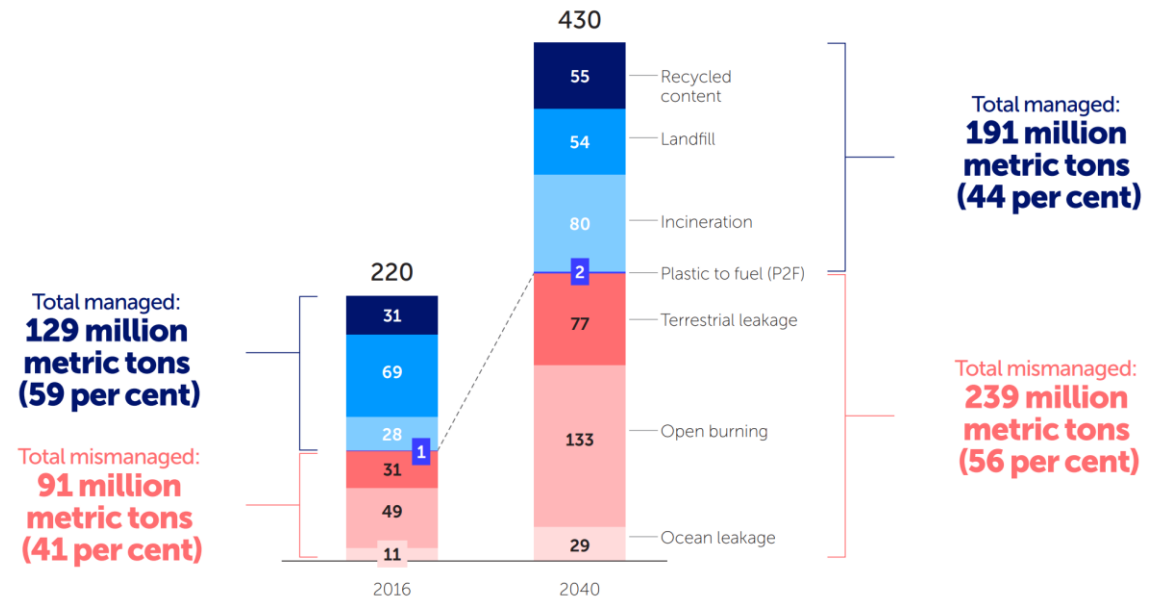
	Upstream	Midstream	Downstream
Sea-based sources			MARPOL (Annex V) London Convention
Land-based sources			Basel Convention
Microplastics			
Chemical additives	Stockholm Convention		
Trade			Basel Convention

# Current efforts INSUFFICIENT

- From "Breaking the plastic wave" – 2020 Pew



Million metric tons of plastic waste (macroplastic and microplastic)



# Possible STRATEGIC GOALS for a global plastic agreement to prevent plastic pollution



ELIMINATION OF PROBLEMATIC AND AVOIDABLE  
PLASTIC PRODUCTS



SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF  
ESSENTIAL PLASTIC PRODUCTS



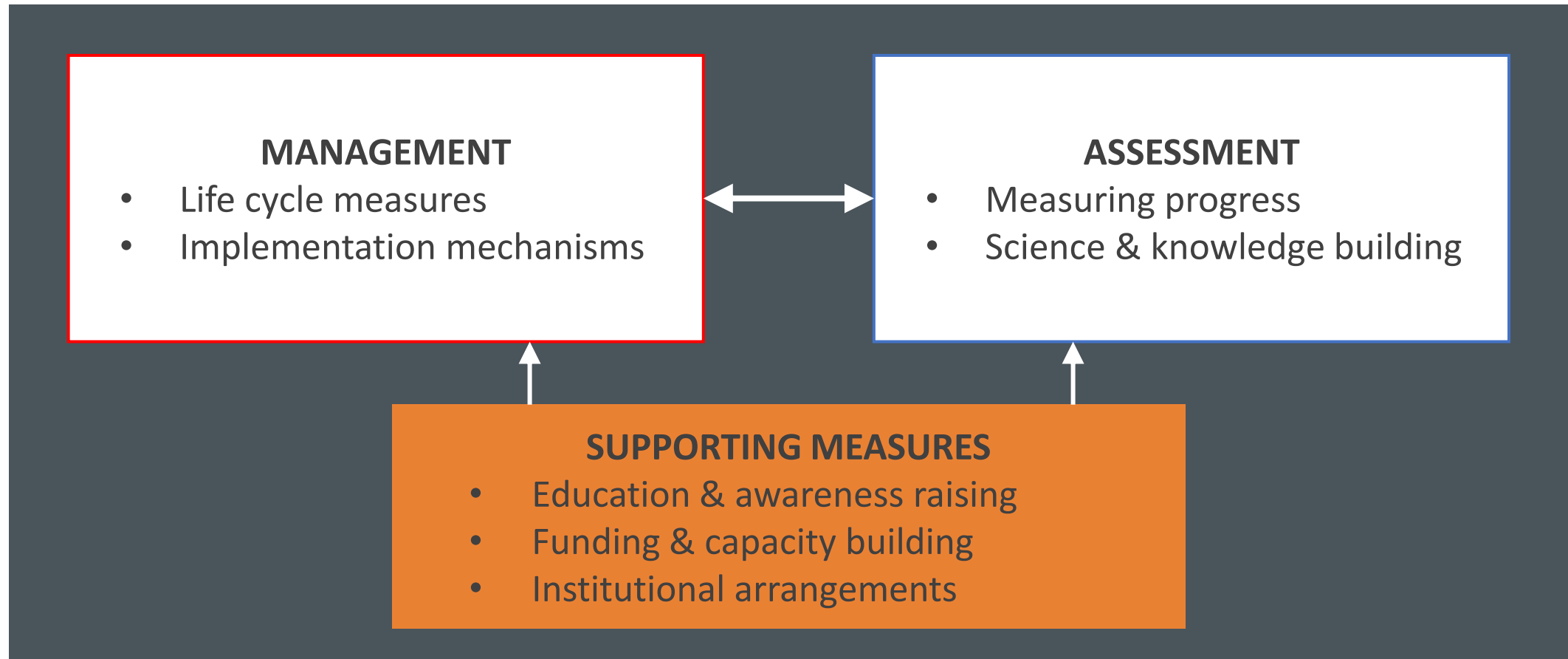
SUSTAINABLE WASTE  
MANAGEMENT



CHEMICAL HAZARD  
REDUCTION



# Possible ELEMENTS in a global plastic agreement



# Possible BENEFITS of a global plastic agreement

## SOCIETY

- Sustainable environment for current and future generations
- Preservation of ecosystem services

## GOVERNMENTS

- Tools to regulate domestic markets
- Tools to ensure transparency across the value chain of products and materials
- Tools to develop partnerships with industry

## For developing countries

- Assistance for development of National Action Plans
- Assistance for development of regulatory and market-based instruments.
- Reduces the financial and physical burden of waste management

# Possible BENEFITS of a global plastic agreement

## INDUSTRY

- Guidance on sustainability objectives and criteria
- Confidence in a fair and transparent competitive opportunity
- Potential cost savings based on performance outcomes

## CIVIL SOCIETY

- Reduced risk from chemical hazard
- Reduced risk from mismanaged waste-related disease
- Increased opportunity for sustainable income generation