

A close-up photograph of a pair of weathered, brown hands cupping a small, vibrant green seedling with four leaves. The seedling is growing out of a mound of dark, rich soil. The background is a blurred, dark surface of soil, creating a sense of depth and focus on the hands and the plant. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the freshness of the leaves.

**THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE  
PACKAGING  
A HOLISTIC APPROACH**

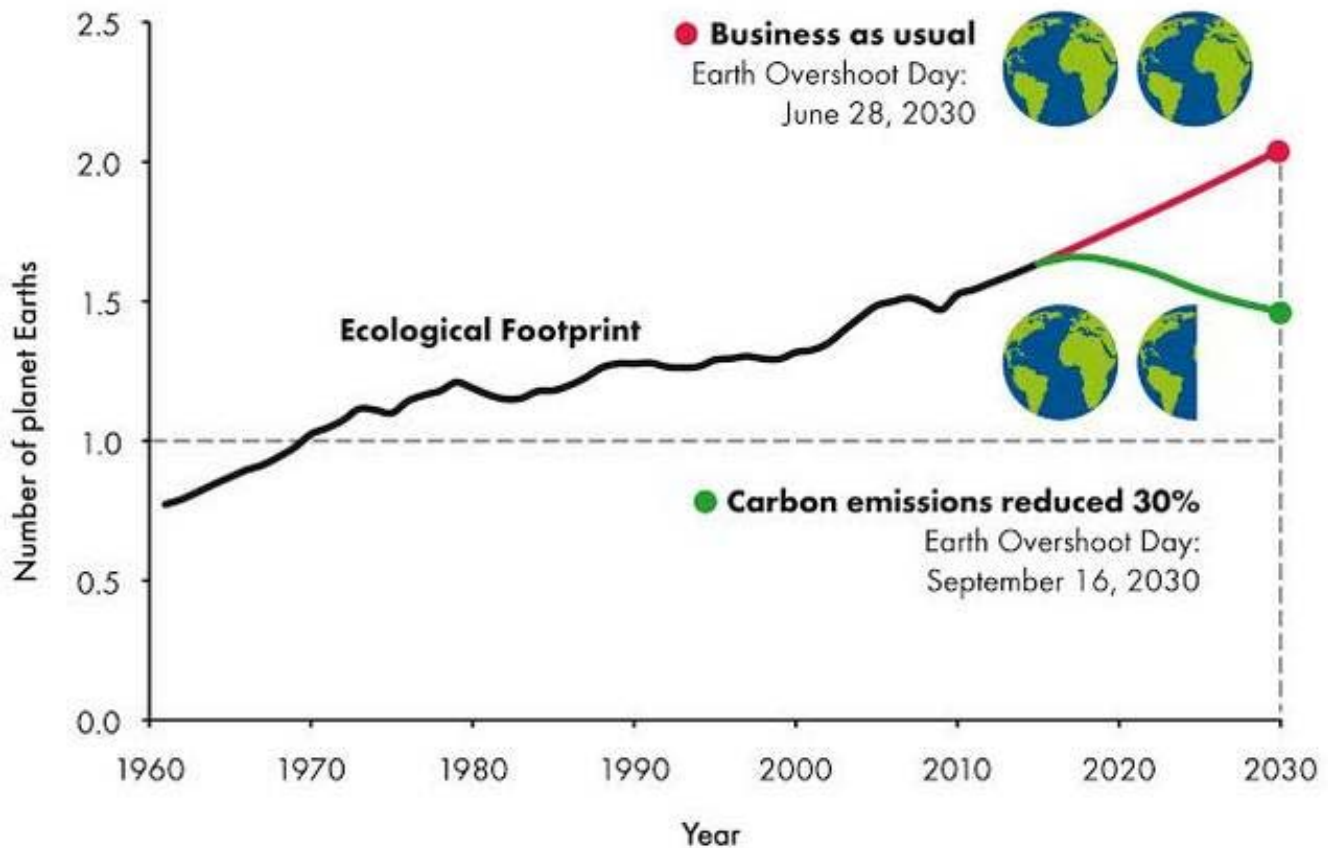
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## **Demand for renewable ecological resources**

## How many Earths does it take to support humanity?





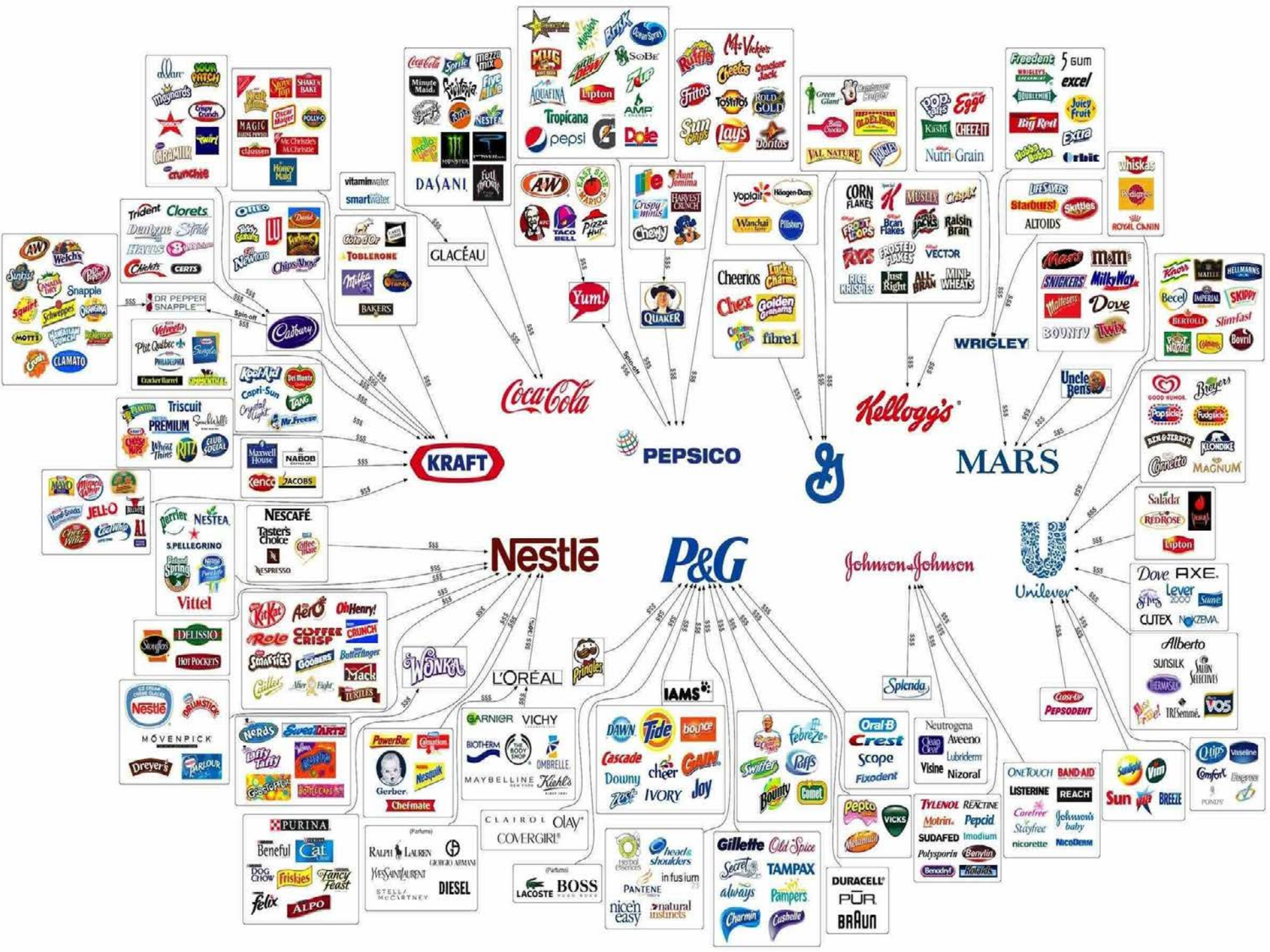
Why sustainability matters and trends



Quantifying sustainability



Opportunities and challenges in sustainable packaging



# PepsiCo Packaging

- ~2¼ Billion liters of beverage and ~4 Billion kilograms of food per year
- ~5 Million tons of packaging materials annually
  - PET
  - Aluminum and Steel
  - Glass
  - Corrugated Board and Paperboard
  - Flexible Packaging
  - Other



# TRENDS/DRIVERS



Government/Regulatory (EPR fees)

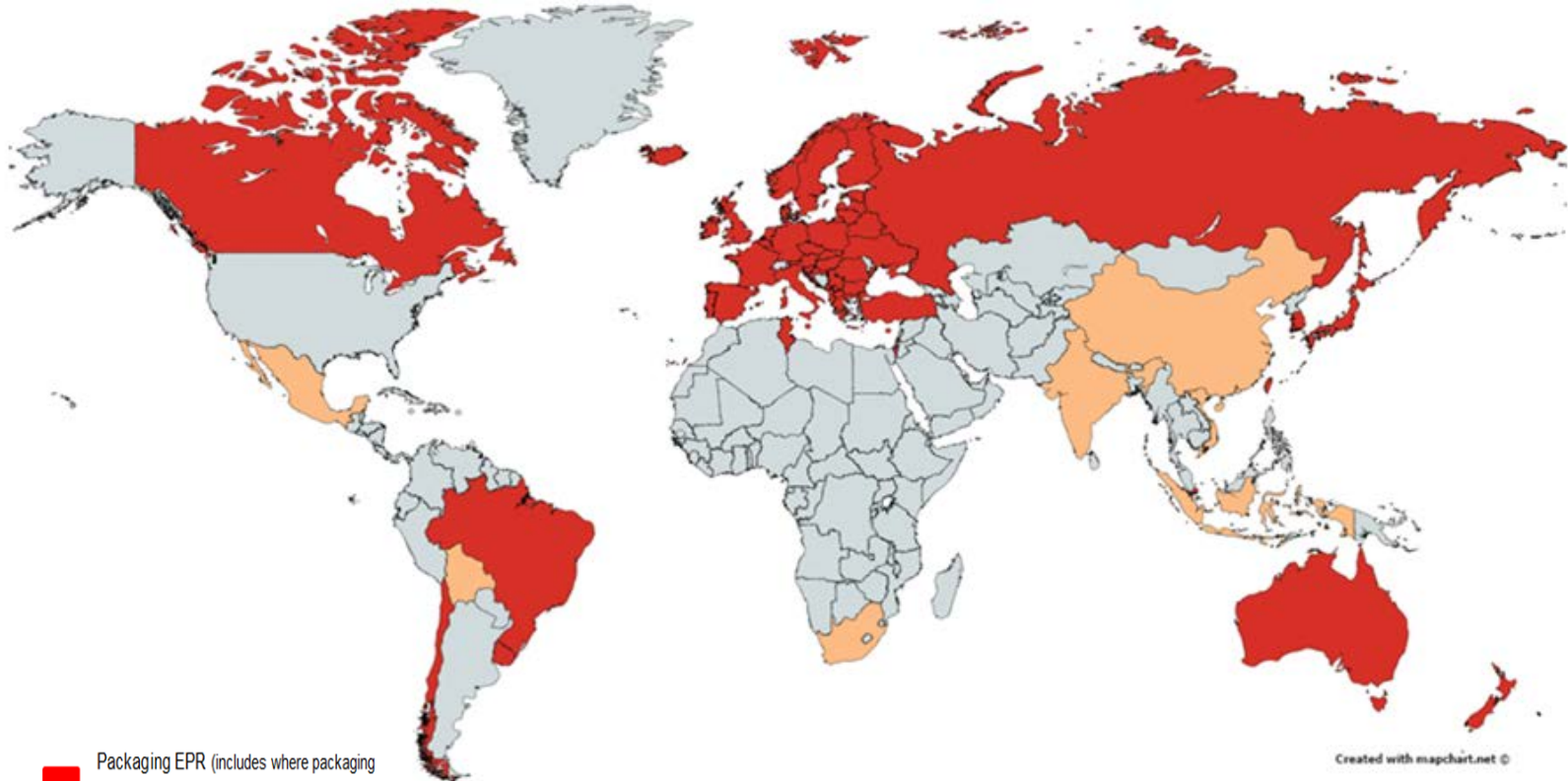
NGO pressures




Consumer preferences

Corporate commitments



# PACKAGING FEES/TAXES



-  Packaging EPR (includes where packaging EPR is provided for in national laws, voluntary EPR programs, and EPR in part of the country)
-  Packaging EPR under Development
-  No Packaging EPR

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# CORPORATE COMMITMENTS



**IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

By 2020 we will help more than a billion people take action to improve their health and well-being.



**REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

By 2020 our goal is to halve the environmental footprint of the making and use of our products as we grow our business.\*



**ENHANCING LIVELIHOODS**

By 2020 we will enhance the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of people as we grow our business.



**1 HEALTH & HYGIENE**

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**2 IMPROVING NUTRITION**

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**3 GREENHOUSE GASES**

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**4 WATER**

>>

**5 WASTE**

>>

**6 SUSTAINABLE SOURCING**

>>

**7 BETTER LIVELIHOODS**

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**PRODUCTS**

**PLANET**

**PEOPLE**





**PEPSICO**



**20% GHG  
REDUCTION**

**100% PKG  
RECYCLABLE/RECOVERABLE  
PARTNER TO INCREASE  
RECYCLING**



# DEFINING SUSTAINABILITY



**Economy**



**Environment**



**Employees &  
People**



**PRODUCTS**

**PLANET**

**PEOPLE**





**“GREENWASHING” HAS CAUSED MISTRUST**

# Sustainable Packaging: Working Definition



<http://www.sustainablepackaging.org/>

- *Is beneficial, safe & healthy for individuals and communities throughout its life cycle*
- *Meets market criteria for both performance and cost*
- *Is sourced, manufactured, transported, and recycled using renewable energy*
- *Optimizes the use of renewable or recycled source materials*
- *Is manufactured using clean production technologies and best practices*
- *Is made from materials healthy throughout the life cycle*
- *Is physically designed to optimize materials and energy*
- *Is effectively recovered and utilized in biological and/or industrial closed loop cycles*

# Attempts to "Quantify" Sustainable Packaging

## Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

- Accepted technique to assess environmental impacts associated with all stages of a product's life from cradle to grave
- International standards *e.g.*, ISO 14040, ISO 14044 and PAS 2050





# Relevant impact categories

GHG Emissions (Carbon Footprint) [kg CO<sub>2</sub>e]



Total Energy Consumption [MJ]



Solid Waste [kg]



Water Consumption [m<sup>3</sup>]

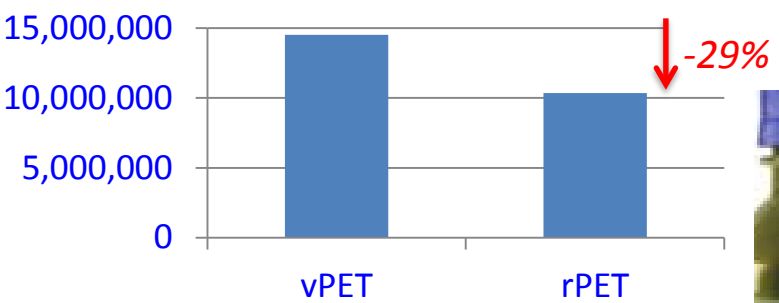


- Results dependent on system boundaries:
  - Cradle-to-Material (or Gate)
  - Cradle-to-Grave

# Life Cycle Results: Naked Juice reNEWabottle Bottle (100% rPET)

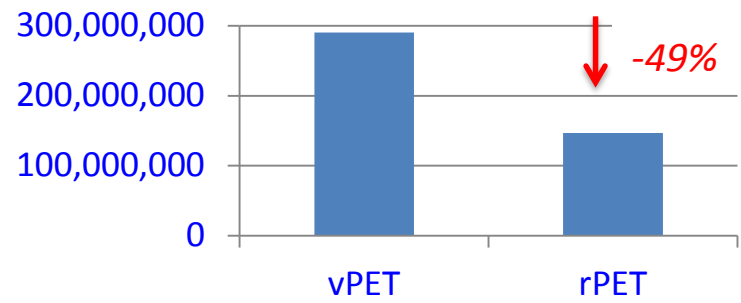
15.2 oz. 24 g bottle, 2010 sales (cut-off method)

**Greenhouse Gas Emission**  
[kg CO<sub>2</sub>e]



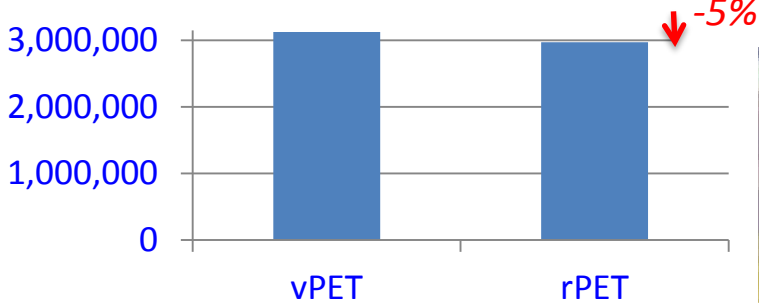
• 680 passenger cars off road

**Total Energy Demand**  
[MJ]



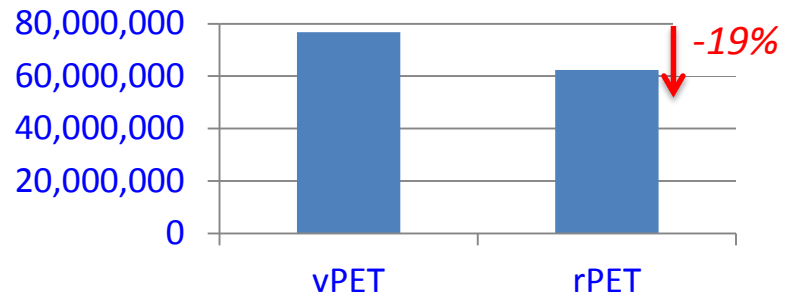
• 0.9 million gallons of gasoline saved  
• 630 homes energy use

**Solid Waste**  
[kg]



• 200 tons municipal solid waste per capita averted

**Water Consumption**  
[liters]



• 150 gal indoor water use per capita avoided



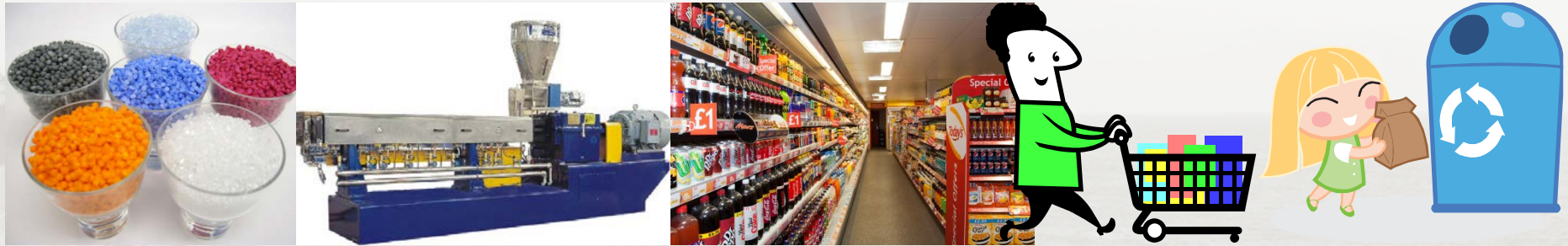
# Future opportunities



**Global sustainable packaging market - \$ 244 Billion by 2018**

**Smithers Pira Report**

# Packaging Value Chain (*simplified*)



**Materials**

**Converters**

**Brand  
Owners /  
Retailers**

**Consumers**

**End of Life**

**Sustainability opportunities at each step of value chain**

# Bioplastics from non-food (cellulosic) biomass sources

- Non-biodegradable (PET, PE, PEF) or biodegradable (PLA)
- Agricultural residues (corn stover, bagasse, oat hulls)
- Focus on multi-product manufacturing (biorefinery)



# Molded fiber packaging

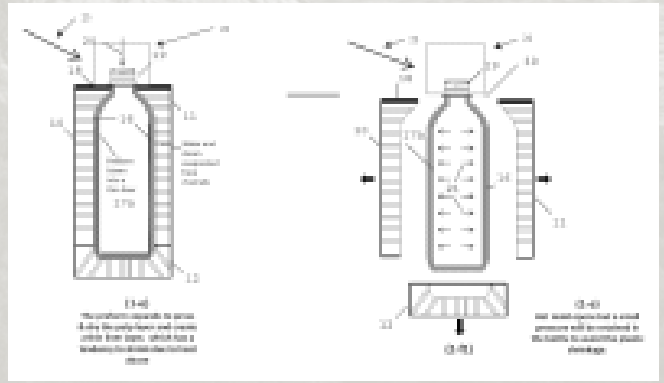
- Plastic pouch in molded pulp clamshell (Ecologic, GreenBottle)



- Molded pulp protective packaging



- Fiber based bottle under development (Carlsberg/ecoXpac, PepsiCo)



# Non-traditional fiber packaging

- Bamboo fiber
- Wheat fiber
- Bagasse
- Mushroom





# Nanocellulose



- CNF and CNC
- Barrier coating, strength enhancement
- Semi-commercial



# Environmentally friendly barrier coatings

- Mineral filled coatings



- Bio-based/edible barrier coatings



# Conclusions

- **Sustainability and sustainable packaging is a critical component of corporate strategy**
- **Objective and science-based approaches necessary to measure sustainability performance**
- **Sustainable packaging presents several opportunities in value chain**
  - Price / Performance ratio is difficult to compromise!
  - No panoptic solutions exist!
  - Opportunities beyond just “bio-based” packaging





**One planet earth is sufficient if we do it right**



**Thank you!**



A scenic view of the ocean with a forested coastline in the foreground. The word "Appendix" is overlaid in blue text. The background shows a vast expanse of water meeting a hazy sky at the horizon. In the lower foreground, there is a dense forest of green trees. On the left side, a vertical strip shows a rocky cliff with a single, iconic tree growing from a stone wall, overlooking the sea.

# Appendix

**OUTLINE OF A CIRCULAR ECONOMY**

**PRINCIPLE**

**1**

Preserve and enhance natural capital by controlling finite stocks and balancing renewable resource flows  
 ReSOLVE levers: regenerate, virtualise, exchange



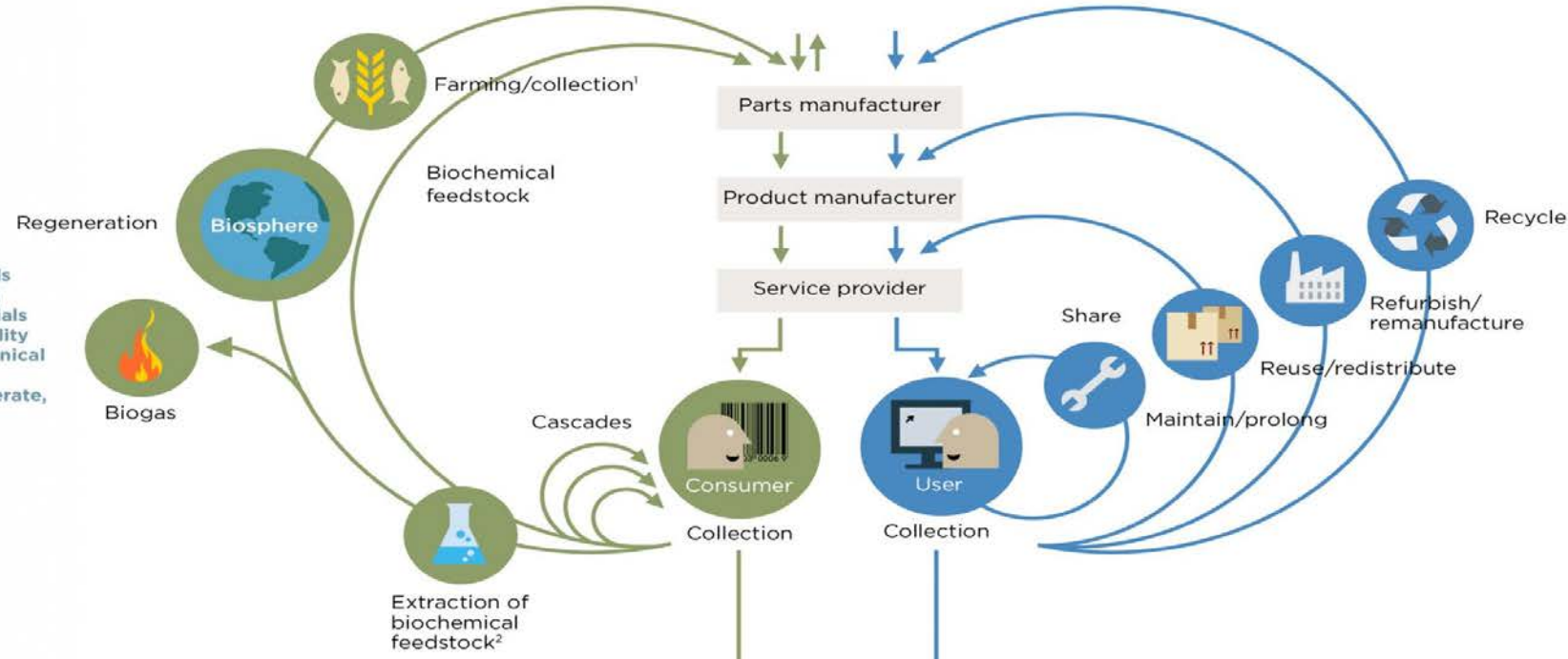
Renewables flow management

Stock management

**PRINCIPLE**

**2**

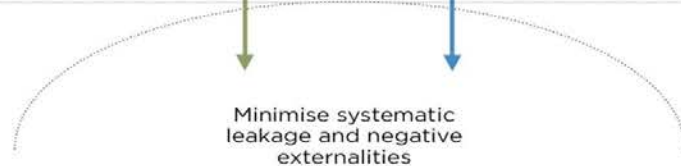
Optimise resource yields by circulating products, components and materials in use at the highest utility at all times in both technical and biological cycles  
 ReSOLVE levers: regenerate, share, optimise, loop



**PRINCIPLE**

**3**

Foster system effectiveness by revealing and designing out negative externalities  
 All ReSOLVE levers



1. Hunting and fishing  
 2. Can take both post-harvest and post-consumer waste as an input  
 Source: Ellen MacArthur Foundation, SUN, and McKinsey Center for Business and Environment; Drawing from Braungart & McDonough, Cradle to Cradle (C2C).

# Circular Economy

