

Solar-based polymers' possible applications in

SULAPAC® MATERIAL INNOVATION THAT LEAVES NO MICROPLASTICS BEHIND



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MICROPLASTICS

“On average people could be ingesting approximately 5 grams of microplastic weekly”



The analysis No Plastic in Nature: Assessing Plastic Ingestion from Nature to People prepared by Dalberg, based on a study commissioned by WWF and carried out by University of Newcastle, Australia, suggests people are consuming about 2000 tiny pieces of plastic every week. https://www.panda.org/wwf_news/press_releases/2348337/Revealed-plastic-ingestion-by-people-could-be-equating-to-a-credit-card-a-week

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PREMIUM



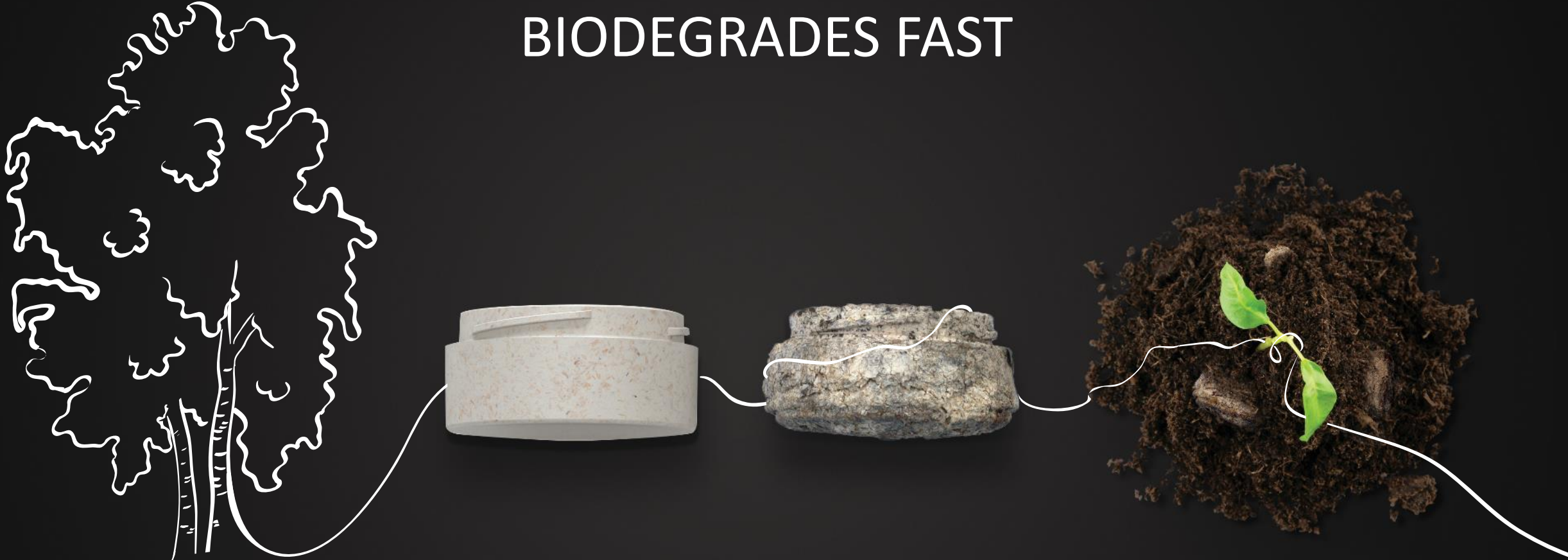
A collection of various everyday objects made from cork and concrete, arranged on a dark background. The objects include a comb, a toothbrush, two pens, a knife, a phone case, a tray, a cup, a lid, a coaster, a container, and a box. The materials are used in different ways, such as cork for the handle of the comb and toothbrush, and concrete for the body of the cup and the base of the container.

SULAPAC: SAFE & CIRCULAR BY DESIGN



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BIODEGRADES FAST

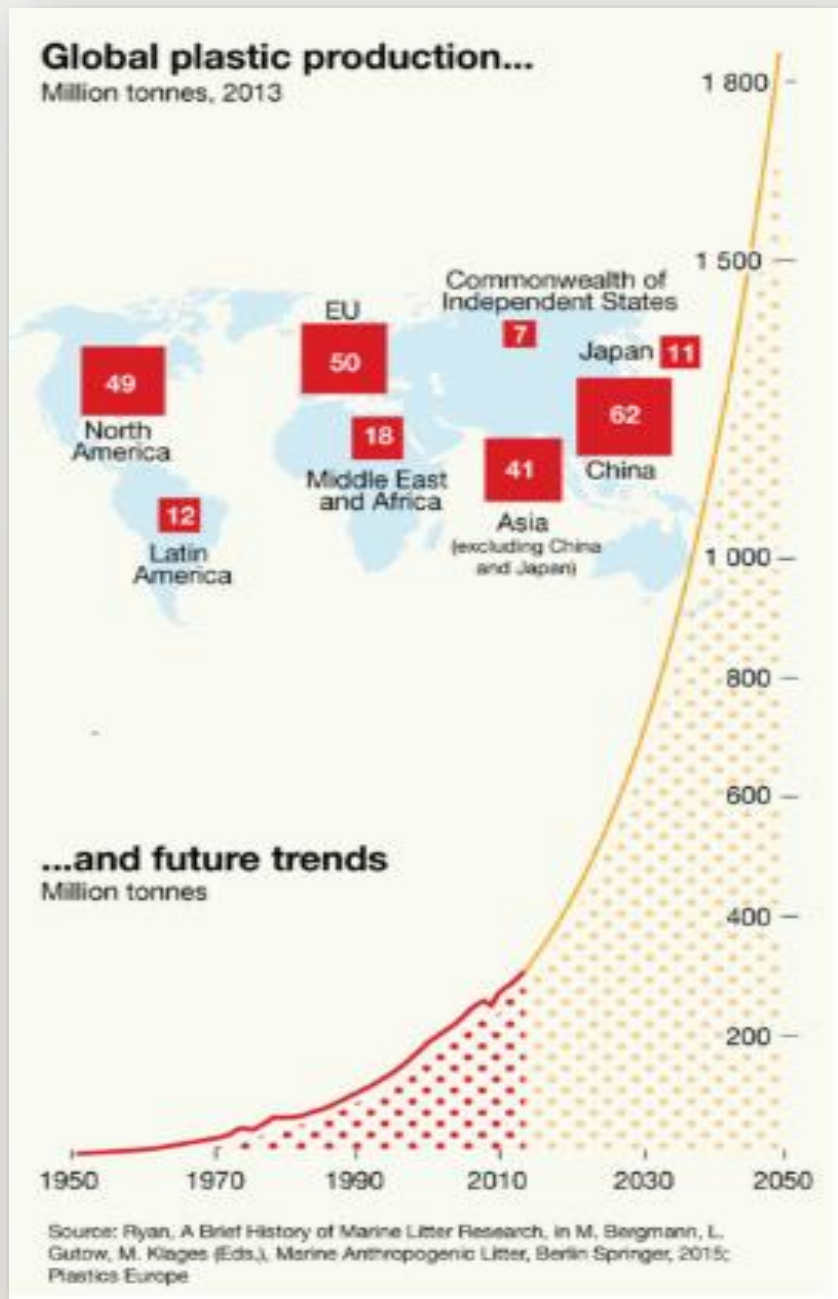


Sulapac biodegrades in 21 days in industrial composting. Compostability according to EN 13432 standard. In addition to biodegradability also ecotoxicity is tested & it's proofed by chemical analysis that the degradation products don't have any potential negative effects to end compost quality

MECHANICAL RECYCLING OF SULAPAC IS TECHNOLOGICALLY FEASIBLE

- Mechanical recycling of Sulapac has been demonstrated by VTT , Technical Research Centre of Finland:
mechanical properties last up to 5 cycles
- Chemical recycling via pyrolysis is also an interesting option
which we are currently investigating





PLASTICS PRODUCTION

The annual global plastics production has increased from 2 Mt to 380 Mt between 1950 and 2015, and **it's predicted that the production will double by 2035 and almost quadruple by 2050.**

Source: Solving plastics pollution through accountability, WWF report 2019.



RETHINKING IS KEY



Reduce



Reuse



Recycle



Replace

RETHINKING THE USE OF CARBON

Sustainable carbon

- Renewable carbon from biomass
- Recycled fossil carbon
- Carbon extracted from CO₂

Source: Carus, M. et al, Renewable carbon is Key to a Sustainable and Future-Oriented Chemical Industry, Nova paper #10, 2018.

DECREASING THE PLASTICS LEAKS INTO ENVIRONMENT

Visible litter

- Waste management infrastructure & product design

Microplastics

- Any persistent, non-biodegradable polymer in plastics, fibres, tyres, paints, cosmetics etc. can be a source of microplastics pollution
- Material innovation & design is key as once released microplastics are difficult to remove from the environment

To some extent, all solid polymeric materials release small particles ($< 5 \text{ mm}$) due to wearing **in use**.

One great advantage of **fully biodegradable** materials is, that the particles which are released **do not accumulate** but are “eaten up” by the microbes in nature.



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