

03 Plastic consumption: 60% of global plastic production is for single-use products

Plastic consumption is steadily increasing across the world, and the manufacturing of plastic goods is projected to create further demand for fossil fuels.[1] The largest share of plastic demand originates from the plastic packaging industry, mainly for single-use products which are used once and then discarded. This trend is largely driven by unsustainable consumption habits, which are perpetuated by the widespread presence of avoidable and unnecessary plastics.

A transition from a single-use throw-away culture to promoting reuse and refill is needed, to address plastic pollution.

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