



Combating Marine Litter and Microplastics

High-Level Dialogue

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Managing plastic waste is critical

About **200 MMT of plastic landfilled** or ending up as litter

Improper waste management leads to significant **leakage into oceans and seas** (~8 MMT per year)

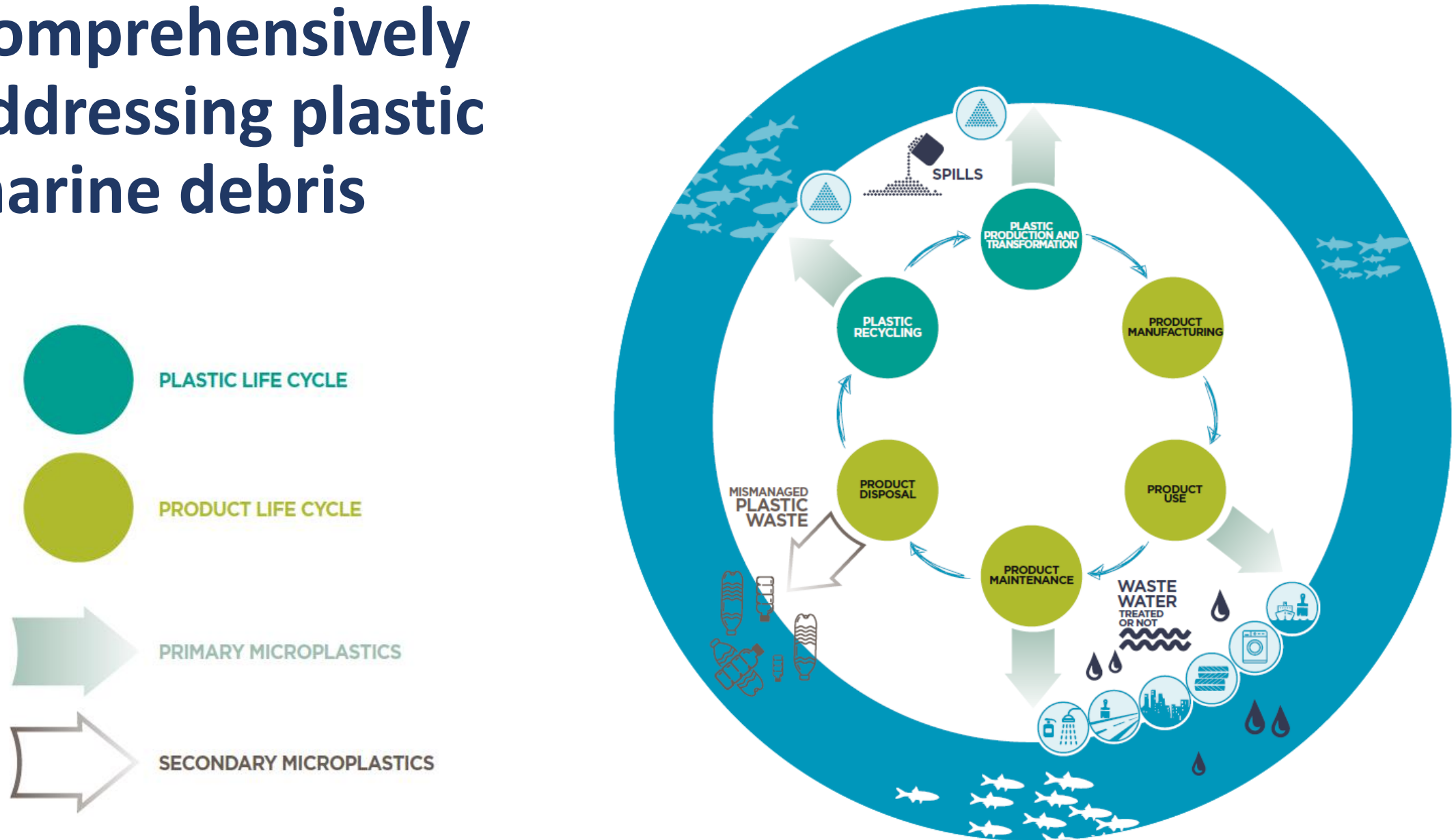
By 2025, the ocean could contain **1 ton of plastic for every 3 tons of finfish**

By 2050 there could be **more plastic than fish** in the ocean

Plastic waste production is expected to **double in the next 15 years**

There is **untapped value in post-use plastic** that can be used to incentivize collection and reprocessing

Comprehensively addressing plastic marine debris



SOURCE: *Primary Microplastics in the Oceans: a global evaluation of resources*. IUCN, Julien Boucher, Damien Friot. 2017



Key opportunities for stronger support of regional and national governments

- **Investment in waste management infrastructure**
- **Data methodologies, monitoring, impacts of flows, projects, actors**
- **Cross-sector collaboration for effective technology and policy**



\$1.5 BILLION

COMMITTED TO KEEPING
PLASTIC WASTE OUT OF
THE **ENVIRONMENT.**



**ALLIANCE TO
END PLASTIC WASTE**

Four Part Strategy



INFRASTRUCTURE

Catalyze investment in enhanced waste infrastructure to prevent plastic from reaching the environment



INNOVATION

Innovate new materials, designs, technologies and business models based on science and economics



EDUCATION

Engage and collaborate with governments, businesses and consumers to drive effective solutions



CLEAN UP

Develop solutions to address and clean up areas of existing plastic waste in the environment



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