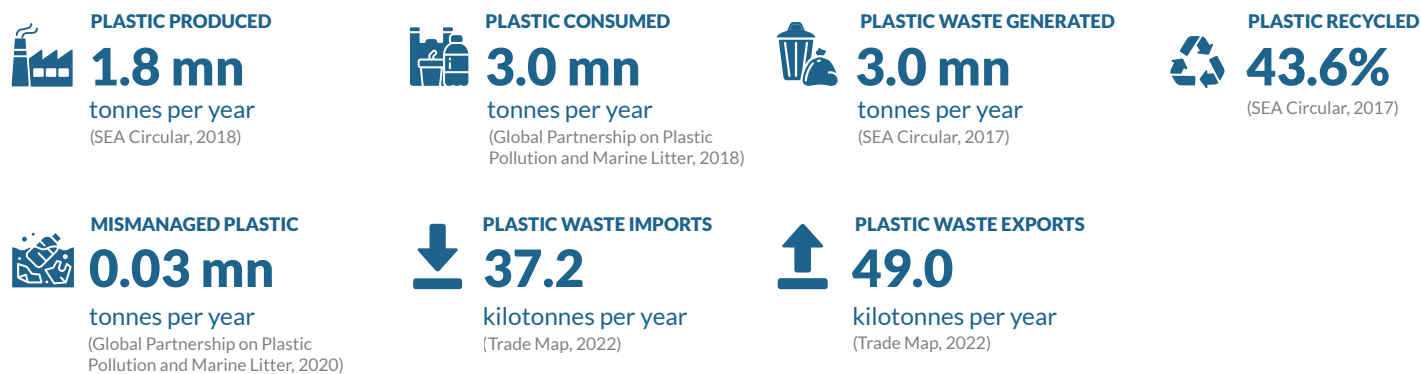




This country fact sheet presents the plastic material flow, policy, and investment landscapes, offering quick and easy access to a one-stop resource on tackling plastic pollution.

PLASTIC MATERIAL FLOW

This section provides an overview of the plastic material flow within the country, offering a snapshot of the plastic waste landscape.



POLICIES

This section highlights selected policies impacting plastic pollution in the country. Details on the status of development of the policy where relevant are also provided.

UPSTREAM

- **Tax on Single-Use Virgin Plastics**
- **Ban on Single-Use Plastics**
Ban on plastic cups
(Library of Congress, 2023)

MIDSTREAM

- **Deposit Return System Legislation**
Deposit of 300 won per disposable cup in cafes and fast-food restaurants
(Ministry of Environment, 2022)

DOWNSTREAM

- **Waste Segregation**
Wastes Control Act requires separation of household waste
(Korea Law Translation Center, 2017)
- **Extended Producer Responsibility**
The Ministry of Environment announces a mandatory recycling rate for each product under the EPR system every year
(PREVENT Waste Alliance, 2020)
- **Plastic Waste Trade Restrictions**
Gradual restriction of import of used plastics bottles, and industrial plastic waste
(Ministry of Environment, 2020; Yonhap News Agency, 2021)
- **Recycled Content Mandates**
- **Mandatory Recycling Targets**
By 2030, Korea aims to recycle at least 70% plastic waste
(Ministry of Environment, n.d.)
- **Disposal Bans/ Landfill Taxes**
Waste disposal fees charged to recyclable wastes that are disposed of in landfills
(Ministry of Environment, 2016)

■ Implemented ■ In progress ■ Not available



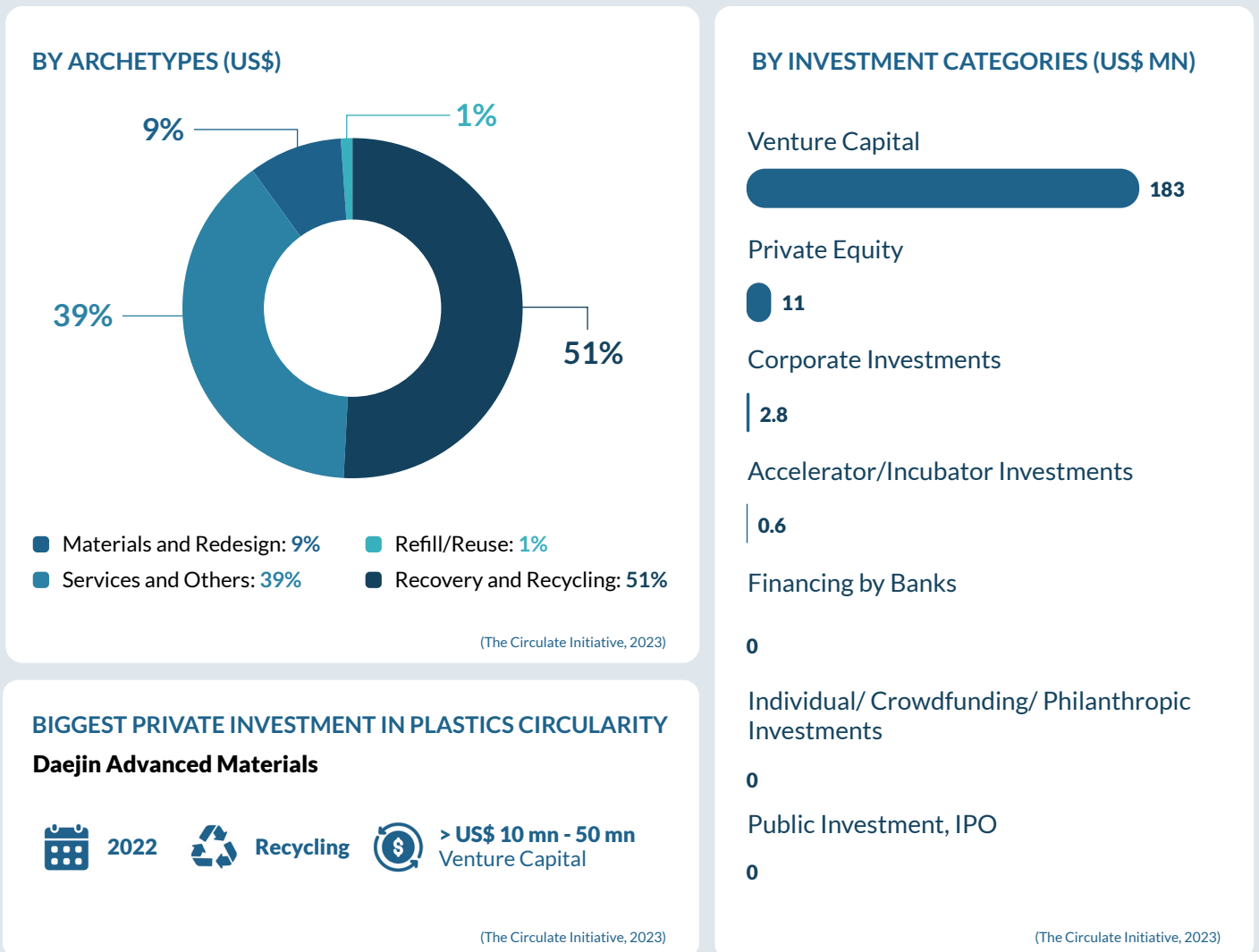
INVESTMENTS

This section provides a summary of public and private investments in waste management, plastic waste management, and plastics circularity. Further breakdown of private investments in plastics circularity solutions by archetypes and investment categories is also provided.

Investments in Waste and Plastic Waste Management (2018 - 2021)



Private Investments in Plastics Circularity (2018 - 6M 2023)



[Glossary and Other References](#)