# **Investments to Tackle Plastic Pollution**

# **SOUTH AFRICA**

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.



PLASTIC PRODUCED

**1.3 mn** 

tonnes per year (WWF, 2018)



PLASTIC CONSUMED

**1.7 mn** 

tonnes per year (Development Aid, 2020)



PLASTIC WASTE GENERATED

2.4 mn

tonnes per year (IUCN-EA-Quantis, 2018)



(IUCN-EA-Quantis, 2018)



PLASTIC LEAKAGE

0.1 mn

tonnes per year (IUCN-EA-Quantis, 2018)



**PLASTIC WASTE IMPORTS** 

**15.5** 

kilotonnes per year

(Trade Map, 2022)



**PLASTIC WASTE EXPORTS** 

2.9

kilotonnes per year

(Trade Map, 2022)

# **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

Plastic bag levy increased to 25 cents per bag in 2020 (WWF. 2020)

### Ban on Single-Use Plastics

Ban on the manufacture, trade and commmercial distribution of domestically produced and imported plastic carrier and flat bags (Global Plastic Action Partnership, 2022)

In progress

Not available

### **MIDSTREAM**

## Deposit Return System Legislation

# **DOWNSTREAM**

## Waste Segregation

The National Waste Management Strategy 2020 promotes separation at source through several initiatives

(Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, 2021)

#### Extended Producer Responsibility

The National Environment Management Waste Act 2008 was amended to include regulations regarding EPR

(Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, 2021)

#### Plastic Waste Trade Restrictions

Most plastic waste are subject to the Prior Informed Consent procedure per the Basel Convention's Plastic Waste Amendments (Global Plastic Action Partnership, 2022)

## Recycled Content Mandates

Recycled content target of 10 to 20% for plastic PET beverage bottles over the next five years from the date of implementation of the EPR scheme (Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, 2021)

## Mandatory Recycling Targets

Targets have been set for annual collection and recycling of various plastic packaging products over the next five years from the date of implementation of the EPR scheme

(Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, 2021)

Disposal Bans/ Landfill Taxes



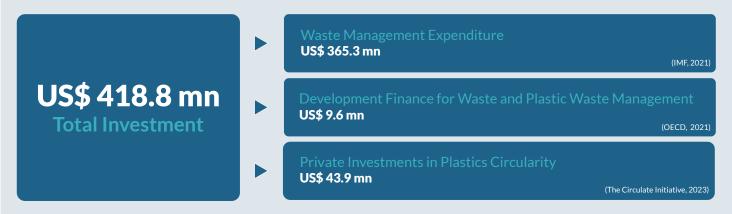
Implemented

# **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)

