ON THE EDGE OF AN ERA: BIOPLASTICS

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Raw materials

Compostable Material

Compostable Bags

Becomes organic Fertiliser

No toxic gas or pollution

WHAT ARE WE FACING?

- ANTHROPOCENE- EPOCH OF SIGNIFICANT HUMAN IMPACT ON EARTH
- GROWING POPULATION, DEMAND
- INCREASING PLASTIC POLLUTION
- GLOBAL WARMING
- FOSSIL FUEL DEPENDENCY
- INFORMATION ASYMMETRY















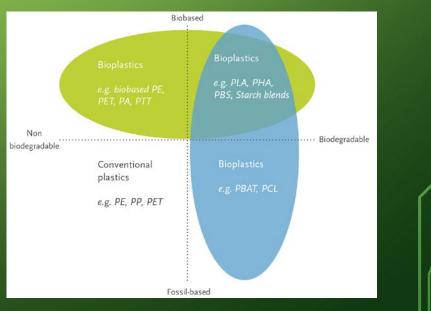






ON THE EDGE: PLASTIC & BIOPLASTIC MATERIALS

- PLASTICS BENEFITED SOCIETY, CRUCIAL FOR MODERN SOCIETY
- CONVENTIONAL PLASTICS MADE OF NONRENEWABLE FOSSIL SOURCES
- BIOPLASTICS: ALTERNATIVE, MADE OF RENEWABLE SOURCES- BIOMASS
- BIOBASED, BIODEGRADABLE OR BOTH
- SOME BIOPLASTIC ALSO COMPOSTABLE
- PACKAGING, MEDICAL APPLICATIONS, MULCH FILMS, AUTOMOTIVE INTERIORS, TOYS...
- DEVELOPMENT: ELECTROACTIVE BIOPLASTICS



ECONOMICS, ENVIRONMENT, ETHICS & BIOPLASTICS

- COST, PERFORMANCE AND RECYCLING REMAIN PROBLEMATIC
- USAGE FAVOURABLE IF SUPPORTED BY REGULATIONS (ITALY)
- COMPETITION: FOOD X FEED X ENERGY X MATERIAL



- POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGIES: USE OF ALGAE, CO2
- INCREASED LAND DEMAND & COMPETITON: MARGINAL, ABANDONED
- NOT UNIVERSAL BIODEGRADABILITY EVEN IF CLAIMED
- STILL LITTLE KNOWN ABOUT THE IMPACT ON MICROORGANISMS

(BIO)PLASTICS USE: A TASK FOR CONSUMERS

- GREEN PURCHASING
- DO CONSUMERS RECOGNIZE WASTE OF CONVENTIONAL x BIOPLASTICS?
- CONSUMERS BEHAVIOR: LABBELED AS BIODEGRADABLE ENDS UP IN NATURE
- EDUCATION NEEDED NOT ONLY IN CASE OF BIOPLASTICS
- RETHINKING PACKAGING: WHAT IS REALLY NEEDED?
- PAY-BACK SCHEMES, DEPOSIT RETURNS
- NEW TREND: ZERO WASTE LIFESTYLE
- PLASTIC ATTACK:



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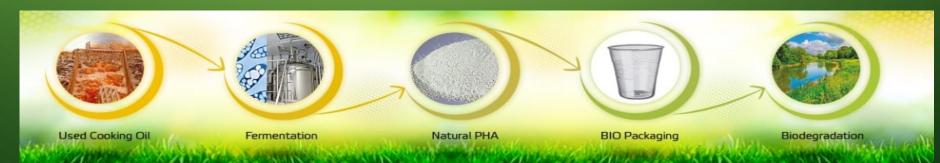
New rule: Any, and every, time you visit a beach between now and the day you die you must pick up at least 3 pieces of plastic. See it as just a thing you have to do if you want to enjoy the beach and the sea. No-one else is going to do it, so all of us have to. It's not even that much of an effort. Yaz and I have been doing this with every beach we visit, even if only for 5mins, and just see it as a beach 'tax' that helps us enjoy the beach even more knowing that we did a bit of good. We won't allow ourselves to leave without our 3 pieces of plastic. I THINK this is baby Leopard Shark on the beach in Brighton, England, and just one unfortunate example of millions.



FRUSACK - COMPOSTABLE PLA FROM CORN STARCH
DEDICATED AS ALTERNATIVE FOR MICROTENE
LAUNCHED THROUGH CROWDFUNDING



HYDAL CORPORATION- USED COOKING OIL TO PHB, JOINT VENTURE
NAFIGATE CORP. (CZ) + PANARA (SK)
2018- LAUNCH LARGE-SCALE PRODUCTION



THANK YOU FOR YOUR

ATTENTION!!!