

2019 RSGF CONSUMPTION

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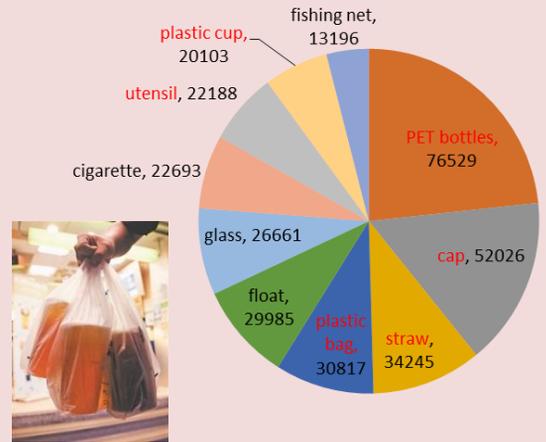


PROBLEMS

1. According to Environmental Protection Administration's research, Taiwanese use **780** plastic bags per person per year. It's **four times more** than EU average.

And there are some reasons:

- 1-Prosperous plastic industry
 - 2-Hot and warm climate
 - 3-Habits of dining out
 - 4-Stores use plastic package to make sure the food is sanitary.
2. In ICC research, five of top ten ocean disposal are related to plastic. And in 2019 (until now), 26 green turtles died because artificial products stuck in their body.



SOLUTIONS

- Taiwan's shops ban from providing costumers with free plastic bags since 2002. **There's a progressive timeline.** The government expects 1.5 billion plastic bags would be reduced, and in 2030 there won't be allowed to use any of plastic bags in consumption.
- The newest ban on plastic straw has gone into effect since July, 2019.
- It may seems a headache to public, but the EPA studies shows that after the policy implementation, 58% of plastic were reduced, and 70% Taiwanese people have changed their consumption habits.

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- 62% people would bring their own bags when they go shopping. There are also some people Use paper straws, coffee sleeves, etc.
- Though single-use plastic ban policy seems to be a success. There are still some problems to solve: Can paper straws really be recycled? Whether will the extra water use while cleaning these reusable items be another kind of waste? How to inspire more people to use eco-bag instead of those convenient plastic products? Is there another enormous plastic product (ex. napkin) needed to be reduced?

