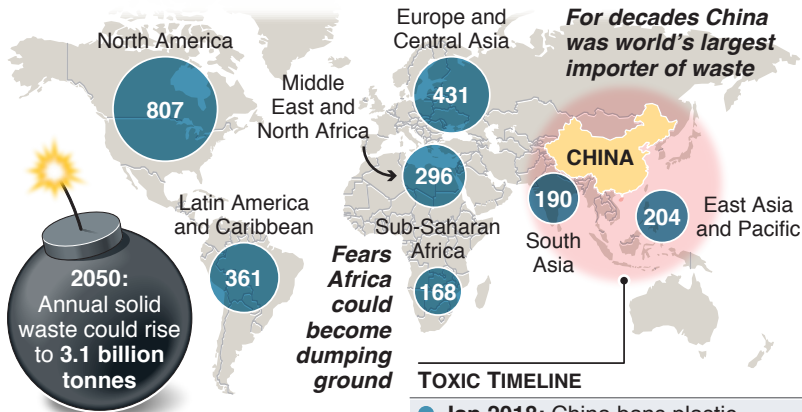


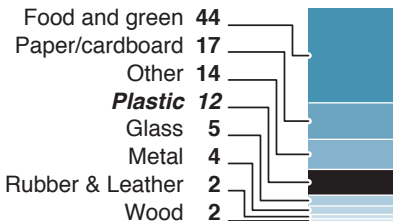
Ticking time bomb of global trash

Humans generated 1.8 billion tonnes of solid waste in 2016, including 220 million tonnes of plastic, according to the World Bank

SOLID WASTE CREATION, PER PERSON, PER YEAR (2016 estimate, kg)



GLOBAL WASTE COMPOSITION (%)



TOXIC TIMELINE

- **Jan 2018:** China bans plastic, paper and electronic waste imports. Until then, it had been taking in up to **56%** of world's unwanted plastic. *Trash imports in Southeast Asia rise significantly*
- **Jul:** Vietnam cracks down on illegal imports of waste paper, plastic and metal
- **Oct:** Thailand stops issuing import licences for plastic waste
- Malaysia bans plastic scrap imports
- **Mar 2019:** India prohibits import of plastic waste
- **Jun:** Philippines returns 69 containers of garbage to Canada
- Indonesia tightens waste-import rules after finding falsely-labelled containers of toxic waste from U.S.

Each year, 4m-12m tonnes of plastic enters our oceans