

# Half of all plastic waste made by just 20 firms

Just 20 companies are responsible for producing 55 percent of all the single-use plastic items thrown away around the world, according to a new report looking at the global business of plastic production

## PLASTIC PRODUCERS GENERATING MOST SINGLE-USE PLASTIC WASTE

Million tonnes of waste, 2019

Company headquarters

Flexible plastics

Rigid plastics\*

ExxonMobil  
U.S. 5.9

Dow  
U.S. 5.6

Sinopec  
China 5.3

Indorama Ventures  
Thailand 4.6

Saudi Aramco  
Saudi Arabia 4.3

PetroChina  
China 4.0

LyondellBasell  
Netherlands 3.9

Reliance Industries  
India 3.1

Braskem  
Brazil 3.0

Alpek  
Mexico 2.3

\*These may generate less plastic pollution as they have higher rates of collection and recycling than lower-value flexible plastics



Plastic bottles, food packaging and bags are among billions of items that are used once and then discarded, often ending up in our oceans