

# Decoupling of Environmental Degradation from Resource Use through Integrated Waste Management

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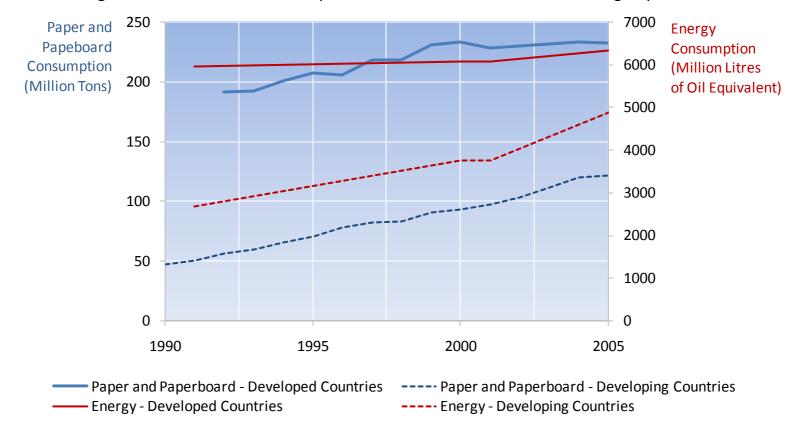
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## **Global Trends in Resource Use**

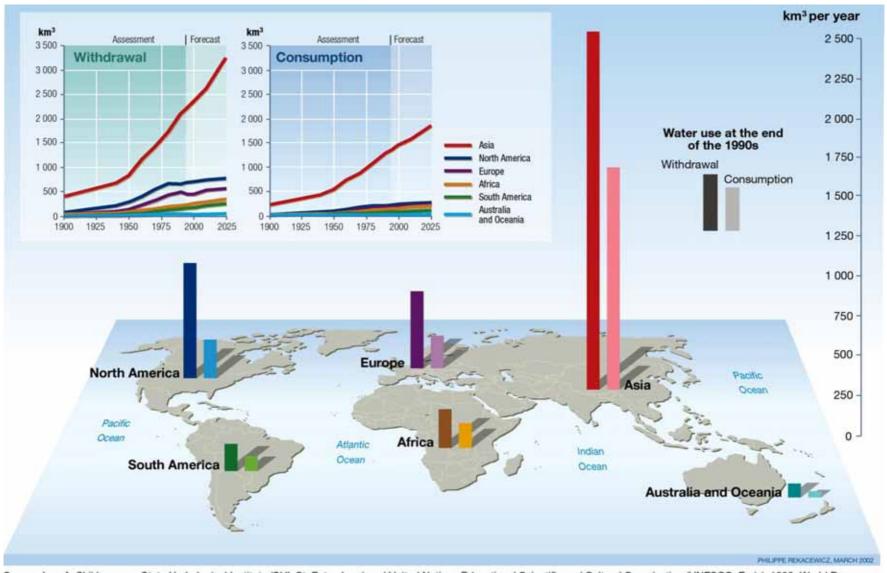
#### **Estimates**

- Population expected to increase by 1.4 times in 45 years from 6.5 billion in 2005 to 9.1 billion in 2050
- More than three quarters of world's population live in countries whose national resource consumption has exceeded the nation's resource availability
- Amount of global in-use metal stocks required would be 3-9 times those existing at present



## **Global Trends in Resource Use**

#### **Estimates for Water**

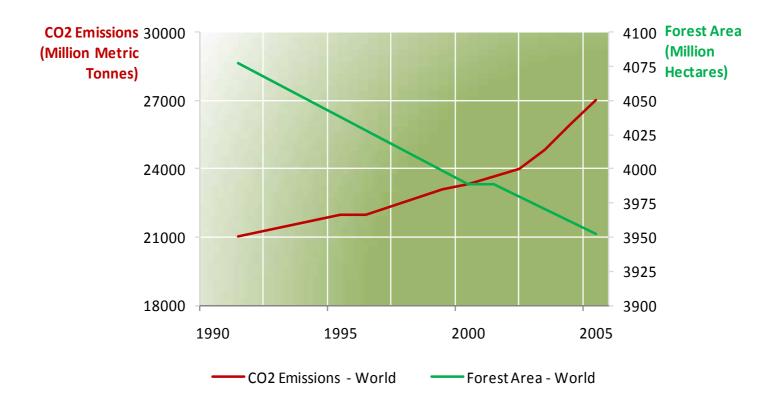


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## **Global Trends in Environmental Degradation**

#### **FAO Estimates**

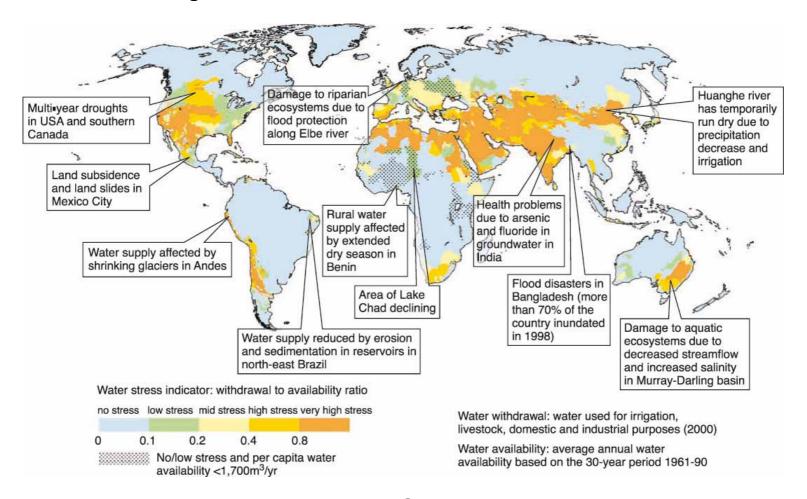
- 13 million hectares of the world's forests lost due to deforestation every year
- Carbon stored in forest biomass alone is about 283 Gigatonnes
- Carbon stored in forest biomass, deadwood, litter and soil together is roughly 50 % more than that in the atmosphere



## **Global Trends in Environmental Degradation**

#### **Degradation of Water Resources**

By the year 2025, as much as two-thirds of the world population may be subject to moderate to high water stress.



## **Global Trends in Environmental Degradation**

### **World's Pollution Hotspots**



## **Global Trends in Waste Generation**

#### **Estimates**

MSW Worldwide: 1.84 billion tons (2004), 25 OECD countries: > 610 million tons (2006)

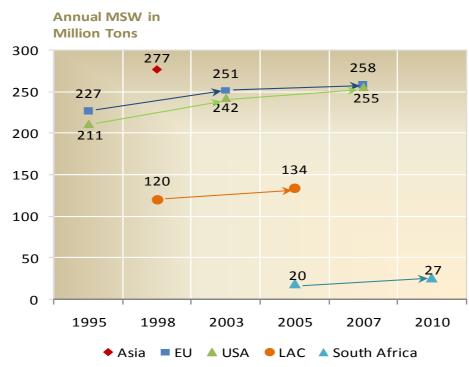
Hazardous waste 338 million tons (2001)

Industrial waste Typically 1.1 – 1.8 billion tons in countries like EU, USA, China

C&D 10-15% of total waste in developed countries

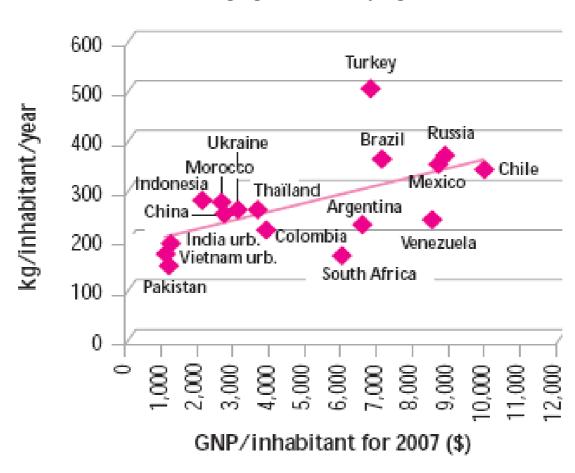
Automobile 8 – 9 million tons in EU

E waste 20 – 50 million tons world wide



## **Economic Development and Waste Generation – Strong Coupling**

#### **Emerging and Developing Countries**

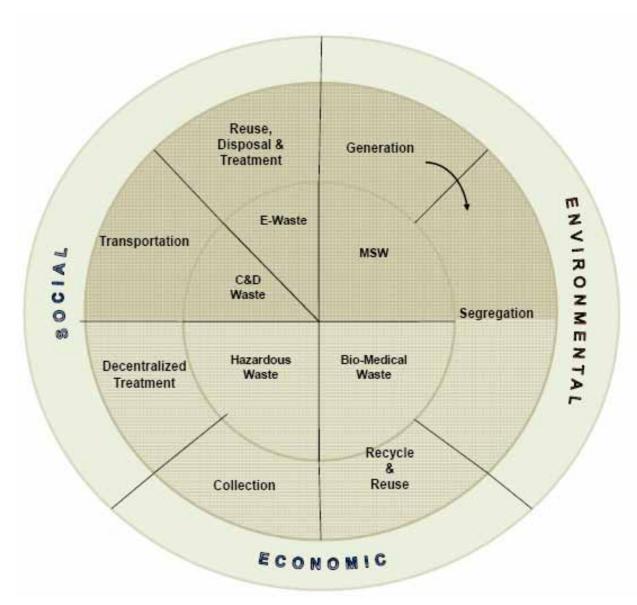


Source: Chalmin and Gaillochet 2009

## **Integrated Solid Waste Management**

## **UNEP (2009)**

"...the strategic initiative for sustainable management of solid waste through use of a comprehensive integrated format generated through sustained preventive & consultative approach to the complementary use of a variety of practices to handle solid waste in a safe and effective manner."



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Source: UNEP 2009

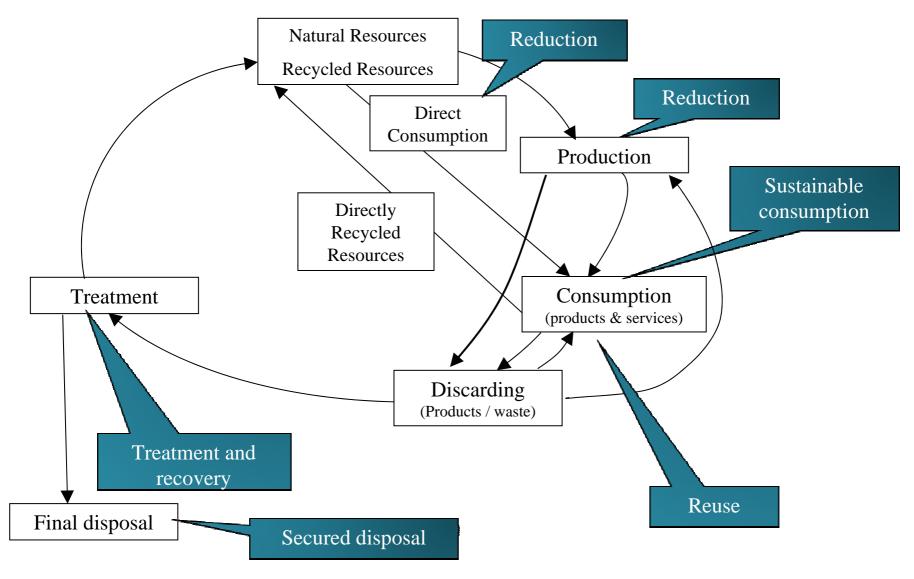
## Why ISWM?

- Issues related to resource and waste management are intrinsically linked
- ISWM emphasizes the resource-waste link
- Involves various stakeholders
- Proposes a strategic approach
- Lifecycle perspective
- Not limited only to project intervention but to program, plan and policies

## **Key Principles of ISWM**

Resource protection	Resource conservation	Resource use optimization	Designing eco-friendly products	
	Waste prevention	Waste minimization	Waste segregation	Practising 3R
			Meeting compliance - sustainable technologies	Involving stakeholders to benefit all

## ISWM as a Decoupling Tool Across Life Cycle



Source: Chandak 2008

## **Enabling Policies – Some examples**

- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and Superfund in United States of America (1976)
- European Union

Packaging Directive (1994)
Waste Strategy Communication
(1996)
Integrated Product Policy (1997)

End of Life Vehicle Directive (2000)

Directive on WEEE (2002)

Directive on batteries and

accumulators (2006)

Thematic Strategy on Waste

Prevention and Recycling (2005)

#### Recycling Laws in Japan

The Law for Promotion of Effective
Utilization of Resources in Japan (2001)
The recycling of packaging materials
(2000)

The recycling of home appliances (1998)

Legislation on the re-utilization of

construction materials (2000)

The Law for the Promotion of the

Recycling of Food Stuffs (2000)

On the Resources and re-utilization of

End of Life Automobiles (2002)

The Law for the Promotion of National

Procurement of Environmentally Friendly

Products (2001)

- Law on Prevention and Control of Solid Waste in People's Republic of China (1996)
- Municipal Waste Management and Handling Rules in India (2000)

## **Economic Instruments – Some Examples**

Type of EI	Impacts
<ul> <li>Landfill tax, waste disposal tax &amp; user fees</li> <li>Highly adopted in developed countries</li> <li>Fixed user fee (Latin America) or Differentiated charges (Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela and Chile)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recycling increased from 33% to 45% in Norway</li> <li>Landfilling of household waste dropped from 43% to 24% in Norway</li> <li>55 % of service cost saving in Greater Santiago</li> </ul>
Recycling credit scheme • 50 to 100 US\$ per ton in UK	<ul> <li>Promotes recycling and composting of household waste</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Deposit Refund Systems</li> <li>Voluntary system in Barbados, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile,         Colombia, Ecuador, Jamaica, Mexico and Venezuela for         products like paper, Cardboard, glass bottles,         aluminium cans, tyres.</li> <li>Mandatory for batteries in Mexico</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Brazil recorded a return rate of 30% for soft drink bottles</li> <li>In 2003, 99% of refillable and 80% of non-refillable beverage containers were returned in Denmark</li> <li>In 2007, the average packaging return rate was 87% in Denmark</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Pay As You Throw</li> <li>Seattle, Washington and Portland, Oregon in United States - leaders in developing volume-based pricing systems for disposal of garden waste.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reduction in waste generation - 25 % in High Bridge and New Jersey, 5 % in Seattle and 5 % in Washington</li> <li>Reduction in landfilling by 28% (U.S. Ave.)</li> <li>Encourages recycling</li> </ul>

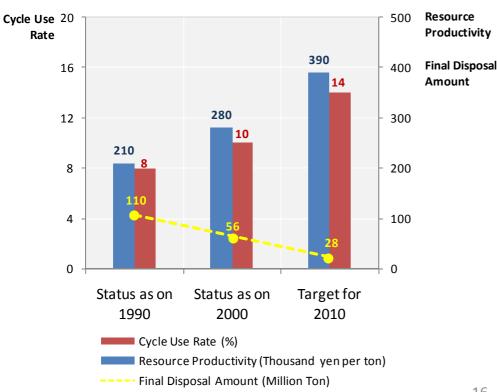
## Economies Recognizing Decoupling Path - Japan

### **Sound Material Cycle Society in Japan**

- One of the four goals of the country's Basic **Environmental Plan**
- Launched in 2003



#### Material Flow indicators of Japan's Sound Material Cycle Society



Indicator	Calculation
Resource	GDP ÷ amount of natural
Productivity	resources, etc., invested
(in yen per ton)	
Cycle Use Rate	Cyclical use amount ÷
	[cyclical use amount +
	amount of natural resource
	input]
Final Disposal	Amount of waste land filled
Amount	
(in tons)	

## **Economies Recognizing Decoupling Path – China**

## Circular Economy approach in People's Republic of China (2008)

Two targets for IWM set by the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan

- Rate of comprehensive use of solid industrial waste up from 55.8 % in 2005 to 60 % in 2010.
- Total discharge of major pollutants down 10 % in 5 years



## Indicators for Circular Economy

#### INPUT INDICATORS

- 1. Direct Material Input (DMI)
- 2. Total Material Requirement (TMR)

#### **OUTPUT INDICATORS**

1. Domestic Processed Output (DPO)

## CONSUMPTION INDICATORS

- 1. Domestic Material Consumption (DMC)
- 2. Total Material Consumption (TMC)

#### **BALANCE INDICATORS**

- 1. Physical Trade Balance (PTB)
- 2. Net Addition to Stock (NAS)

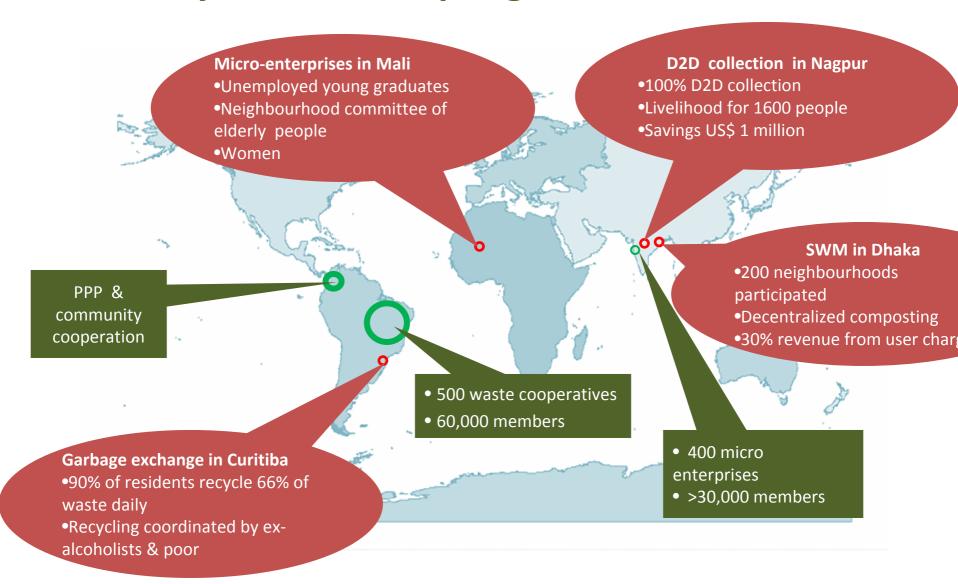
## Economies Recognizing Decoupling Path – Republic of Korea

## Green Growth in Republic of Korea (2008)



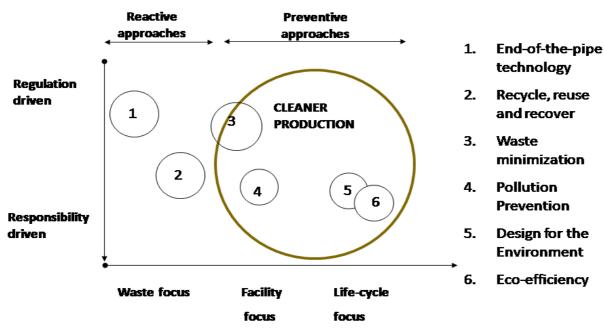
- Vision for national development in the next 60 years
- Dedicating 80 % of the total (\$38 billion) fiscal stimulus
   package (3% of GDP) to green measures
- Actively formulating the National Strategy on Green Growth and a Five-year action plan
- Increasing the percentage of waste regeneration from 1.8% in 2007 to 31% in 2010

## **Community Level Decoupling Initiatives**



## **Decoupling Tools for Industries**

### **Cleaner Production**



#### **Benefits**

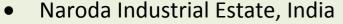
- Reduced waste generation
- Reduced resource use and improved resource efficiency
- Better compliance and quality improvement
- Better production efficiency

- Cost reduction and higher profits
- New market opportunities
- Risk avoidance and reduced liability
- Better working environment and increased staff motivation

## **Decoupling in Industries**

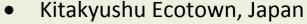
## **Eco Industrial Parks**

- Dalian Industrial Zone, People's Republic of China
  - Spreading to 220 sq. km
  - **Programmatic Cleaner Production**
  - post-EMS development



- Common ETP
- CP strategy adoption

- Map Ta Phut Industrial Park, Thailand
  - Product exchange
  - Integrated resource recovery system
  - Community enhancement office



- o Comprehensive **Environmental Industrial** Complex
- Hibiki Recycling Area
- Practical Research Area with an Eco-Town Center

- Intra- & inter-estate product exchange
- Integrated resource recovery system
- **Programmatic EMS**
- Green supply chain
- Common ETP

## **Decoupling in Industries**

## **Extended Producer Responsibility**

#### **TAKE BACK PROGRAMS**

German Packaging Ordinance 1991 Packaging waste recycled through Duales
 System Deutschland (DSD)



British Columbia Recycling Regulation 2004

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Left over paint returned at 100 depots operated by Product Care.

Eco-fees or eco-taxes collected



#### **DEPOSIT REFUND SYSTEMS**

- South Korea –
   Food containers,
   tires, batteries,
   lubricants, pesticide containers, and
   plastics
- Bottle bills in U.S

#### **PACKAGING CRITERIA**

- Finland –
   Reducing ratio of packaging waste to product by 6% from 1995 to 2001
- South Korea –
   Reducing empty space ratio
   Limiting no. of layers in packaging



## Decoupling in Industries Design Innovations

#### **Design for Disassembly**

- Automobiles
- Household appliances
- Office equipments
- Airliner disassembly
- Cell phones that virtually disassemble themselves

#### **Benefits**



**RX 600** 

#### **Redesigning EPSON Printers**

- 44% volume reduction to earlier models
- 34% packaging reduction



**RX 690** 

#### **Design for Environment**

- Green buildings
- Lead-free solders
- Safer flame retardants





## International and Regional Cooperation for ISWM

- Agenda 21 of 1992
- Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Waste, 1992
- International Declaration on Cleaner Production, 1999
- Marrakesh Process of 2002
- 3R Knowledge Hub in Asia of 2006
- UNEP International Environment Technology Centre –
  ISWM Programs in Pune City (India), Maseru City (Lesotho), Wuxi New
  District(China) and Matale (Sri Lanka)
- Regional 3R Forum in Asia in 2009
- UNEP's Global Programme for SIDS

## **Tracking Decoupling – Some Indicators**

Decoupling Initiatives	Indicators	
Resource Conservation	<ul> <li>Resource consumption rate (material use information in kg per capita, for fundamental materials)</li> <li>Percentage of virgin material displacement in production</li> </ul>	
Waste Reduction	<ul> <li>Waste generation rates in households (kg per capita)</li> <li>Waste generation rates in industries (kg per ton production, by economic sector)</li> </ul>	
Waste Collection and Segregation	Percentage of waste being collected and segregated	
Waste Reuse	Percentage of materials in waste streams being	
Waste Recycling	<ul> <li>Percentage of materials in waste streams being recycled</li> </ul>	
Energy Recovery	<ul> <li>Percentage of waste used for energy recovery</li> </ul>	
Landfill Avoidance	<ul> <li>Percentage of materials in waste streams diverted from landfill</li> <li>Reduction in GHG emissions due to avoided landfilling</li> </ul>	

## Recommendations

#### Asia

- Ensure compliance through strict enforcement of existing waste policies and regulations
- Inventorize waste generation including waste quantity and composition and establish linkages with economic growth
- Create Enabling Environment (Policies and Adopt Technologies, Institutional and Financing Frameworks) to
  - Promote waste reduction and segregation
  - Improve efficiency of collection and transport of waste
  - Set up community recycling facilities
  - Ensure participation of informal sector
  - Shift from open dumping to secured sanitary land filling

## Recommendations

## Asia (Contd...)

- Create Enabling Environment (Policies and Adopt Technologies, Institutional and Financing Frameworks) to
  - Promote recovery of energy from waste
  - Explore Public Private Partnerships (PPP)
  - Explore CDM Opportunities
  - Address new challenges related to changing and complex waste streams that are emerging such as C&D and e waste
  - Encourage industrial innovations across supply-chains
- Monitor Decoupling by
  - Developing indicators and targets for decoupling economic growth and resource use
  - Developing indicators and targets for decoupling resource use and waste generation

## Questions?