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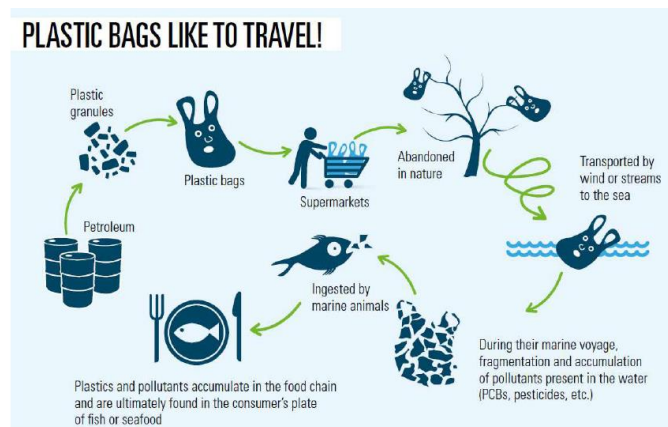
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Nos valeurs : l'ouverture, la loyauté, l'engagement, l'esprit d'équipe

# Need for action

- For years, French supermarkets have begun a gradual decrease of single-use plastic bags, the number has fallen from 10 billion to 700 million, between 2002 and 2011
- In 2015, about 5 billion single-use plastic bags and more than 12 billion for fruit and vegetable bags were still distributed in shops annually in France (1", 20', 100 to 400 years)
- 75% of marine litter is made of plastics



# From a growing awareness to a top-priority political issue

- **Marine litter identified as a key priority** in the 2014-2020 national waste prevention plan
- As part of a **Circular Economy** approach, strong focus on waste prevention and eco-design
- Take concrete action: **focus on specific products that are some of the main contributors to marine litter**



# Measures already taken

- **Law on energy transition for green growth (August 17<sup>th</sup> 2015)**
  - Ban on **single-use plastic bags** at cash-desks → July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. Every bag proposed must be **reusable**
  - Ban on **lightweight plastic bags** for consumption goods in shops → January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. Alternative bags must be **bio-sourced and compostable or in paper**
  - Ban on **oxo-fragmentable plastic bags** → August 18<sup>th</sup> 2015
  - Ban on **single-use plastic cups, glasses and plates** → January 1<sup>st</sup> 2020



# Measures already taken

- **Law on Biodiversity (August 8<sup>th</sup> 2016)**
  - Ban on **cosmetic products** containing plastic microbeads for exfoliating or cleansing → January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018
  - Ban on plastic **cotton buds** → January 1<sup>st</sup> 2020



# Work in progress

- **Governmental report** to Parliament on the single-use plastic bags ban to assess the effectiveness of the actions
- Launch of a waste management system dedicated to **nets and other fishing gear : PECHPROP**



# Roadmap for a 100% circular economy

- French Government presented April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 presented the roadmap for a **100% circular economy**.
- Result of several months of consultation, it has **50 measures** and gives direction for a change of model. Many concern plastic pollution and management
  - Impose measures to national plastic industry to have **zero pellet loss** by 2020 along the whole plastics manufacturing chain (filters)
  - Create new extended producer responsibilities (EPR) for new sectors, as **cigarette filters** for instance
  - Promote at European and international level the ban on **oxo-fragmentable plastic**



# International action

- Through **Regional Seas Conventions** (OSPAR, Barcelona), G7, G20
- Launched with Morocco and Monaco an **International coalition against plastic bags** at COP22
  - To promote political leadership, exchanges of best practices and expertise
  - Focus on plastic bags, but also more generally plastic litter



# Coalition taking action through UNEP

- Support the **UNEP/GPML work programme** (2017-2020) to develop concrete actions :
  - Create a **tool-box for decision-makers**
  - Support **development of political objectives** on marine litter
  - Raise **awareness** (through the Marine Litter Campaign)
  - Develop and implement a **support programme for voluntary countries** willing to establish plastic waste reduction measures

# Thank you for your attention



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