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Material flow analysis of plastic for Finland



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1. Intoduction





Purpose of the project

Establish the Finnish national plastics budget for 2013

- Use material flow analysis to investigate and quantify all plastic flows in Finland
- Identify the key processes, flows and stocks of the plastics budget



Principles of material flow analysis

Mass conservation

 e.g. balance equation
 sum of inputs = sum of outputs + change in stock



Linear relations

 e.g. transfer coefficient equation output 1 = TC1 * Sum of inputs output 2 = TC2 * Sum of inputs with TC1 + TC2 = 1





2. System definition







3. Uncertainty characterization





Uncertainty characterization

Necessary because of:

- Data limitations
- Limited system understanding
- Many different data sources with varying quality and appropriateness



Uncertainty characterization

	Data quality indicator	Sensitivity level	Score: 1 Coet	Score: 2 fficient of va	Score: 3 riation (CV,	Score: 4 in %)
-	Reliability	-	2.3	6.8	20.6	62.3
	Completeness/temporal/ geographic/other	High Medium Low	0.0 0.0 0.0	4.5 2.3 1.1	13.7 6.8 3.4	41.3 20.6 10.3
	Expert estimate	-	4.5	13.7	41.3	124.6

Total uncertainty of data point:

$$CV_{total} = \sqrt{CV_{reliability}^{2} + CV_{completeness}^{2} + CV_{geogr.corr.}^{2} + CV_{temp.corr.}^{2} + CV_{othercorr.}^{2}}$$



4. Finnish national plastic budget



Finnish national plastic budget in 2013





Thank you for your attention!

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