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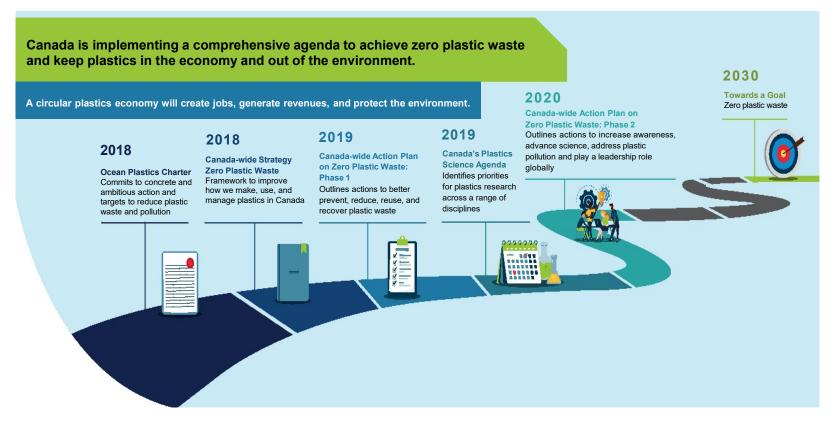
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Plastics Challenge

- Plastics play an important role in the everyday lives of Canadians and our economy
- Current consumption and production patterns and the mismanagement of plastics impacts ecosystems, economies, livelihoods and potentially human health

Canadian Framework for Collaborative Action



Canada's Zero Plastic Waste Agenda

- The Government of Canada is working with partners to implement a range of complementary actions across the lifecycle of plastics
- Efforts that support prevention, reduction and value recovery include:
 - Developing **policies and regulations** to prevent plastic pollution and support a circular economy
 - Such as eliminating microbead-containing toiletries, proposed regulations on harmful single use plastics, proposed minimum recycled content standards for certain plastic items
 - Greening our government to reduce plastic waste in operations and procure sustainable materials
 - Implementing and investing in Canada's Plastics Science Agenda to inform decision-making
 - Enabling small and medium sized businesses to find solutions to reduce plastic waste through Canada's Plastics Innovation Challenges
 - Developing a plan to strengthen value recovery processes (e.g. reuse, repair, refurbishment and remanufacture)
 - Supporting Canadian communities and industry to raise awareness, identify and advance sector-based solutions, and prevent and remove plastic pollution, including ghost gear
 - Working with Provinces and Territories to implement the Canada-wide Strategy and Action Plan
 - E.g. facilitating consistent extended producer responsibility programs, developing a roadmap for single use plastics, and creating guidance to inform consumer behaviours and target plastic pollution leakage points
 - Collaborating internationally to advance policy, science and measures at the national, regional and global level
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Spotlight: Zero Plastic Waste Initiative

- Canada has dedicated over **\$8 million** (2018-2022) to **43 projects** that:
 - Raise awareness and support education
 - Develop or enhance community science
 - Prevent, reduce and remove plastic pollution, and
 - Find sector opportunities to build a circular plastics economy
- To date, this work has:
 - Supported the removal of more than 330 tons of litter across Canada
 - Reached more than 1.6 million Canadians through campaigns, education and engagement
 - Trialed and deployed new capture and removal technologies
 - Leveraged over \$5 million of public and private partner funds
 - Developed guidance, tools and best practices to help reduce plastic waste and pollution (e.g. guidance on reuse and refillery centers; best practices for nearshore litter removal)



Spotlight: Ghost Gear Fund

Canada's Ghost Gear Fund invested \$16.7 million (2020-2022) in **49 projects** that support:



Ghost gear removal



Acquisition and piloting of available technology



Responsible disposal



International leadership

- To date, this work has:
 - Retrieved 1,261 tonnes of abandoned, lost or discarded fishing and aquaculture gear (excluding ropes and buoys)
 - Retrieved 127 km of rope
 - Created about 300 jobs
 - Engaged over 700 partners
 - Successfully **returned over 259 units** of gear back to its owners

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Learn more about Canada's Zero Plastic Waste efforts at: <u>www.Canada.ca/zero-plastic-waste</u>

