

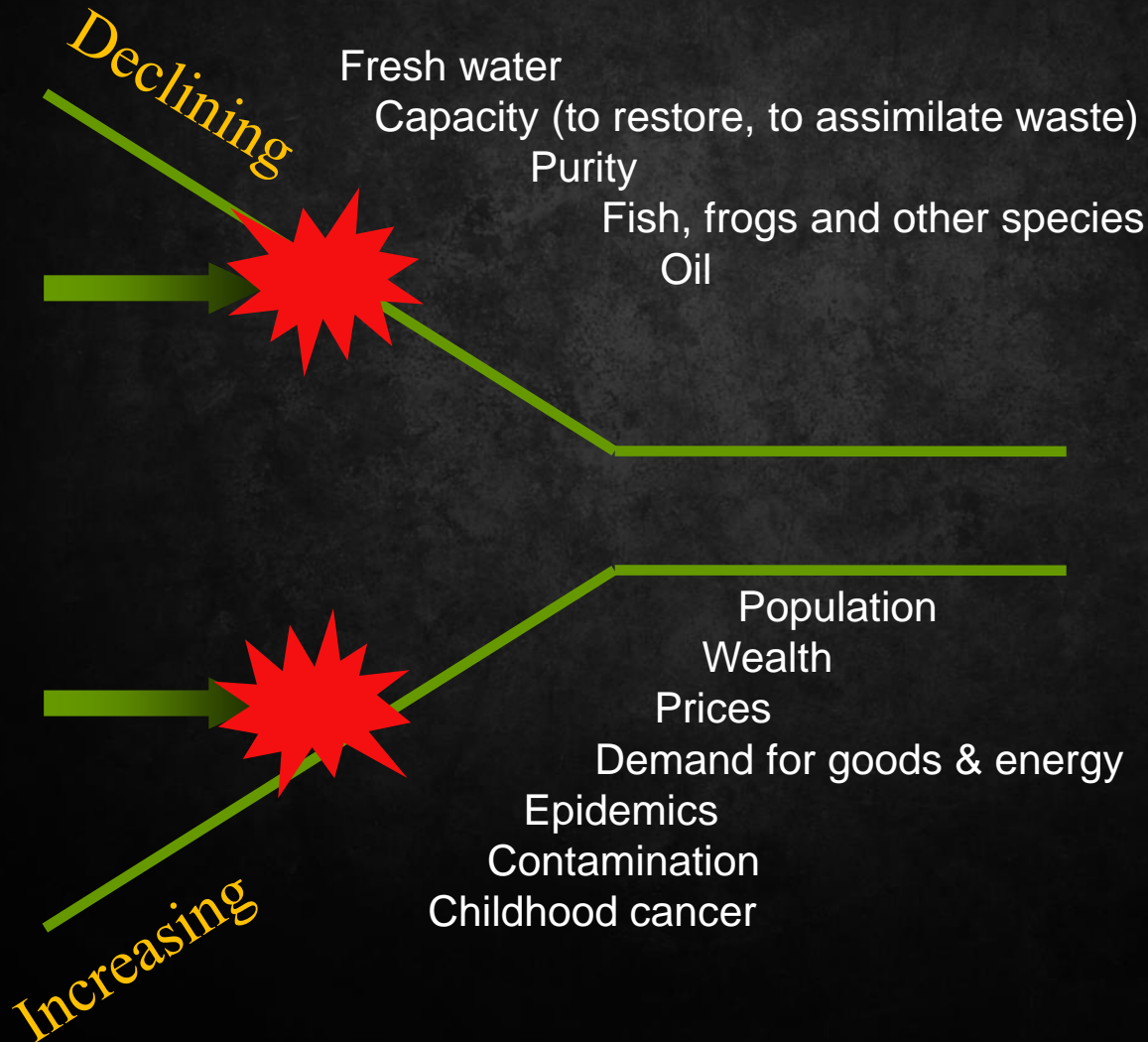
# End-of-Life Product Recycling

## An Economic Measure

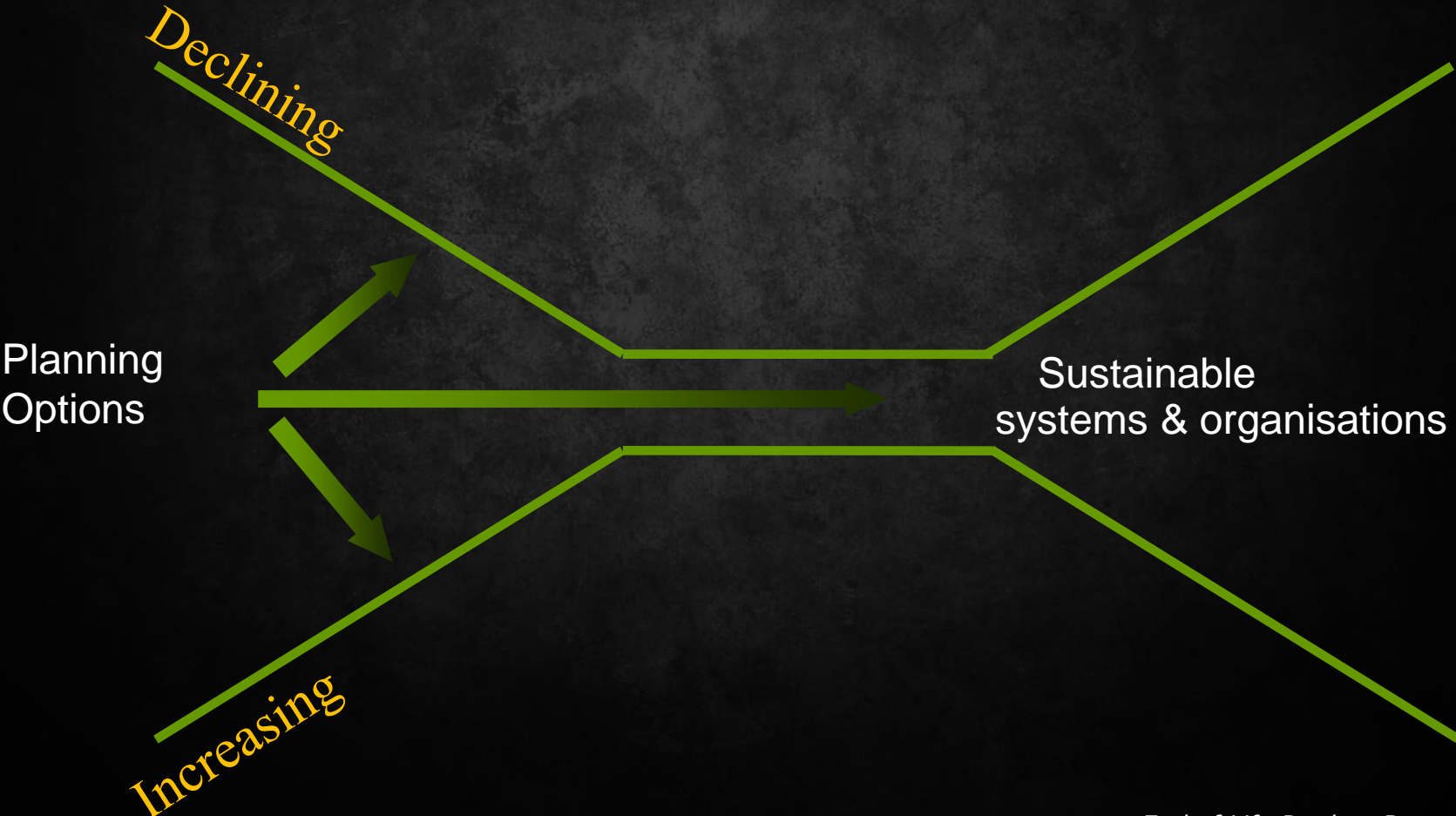
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# It's quite clear we're hitting the limits of what nature can provide us ...



# Companies that intend to be successful for a long time need to avoid the funnel and instead find sustainability



# Work as nature does ...

**To grow:**



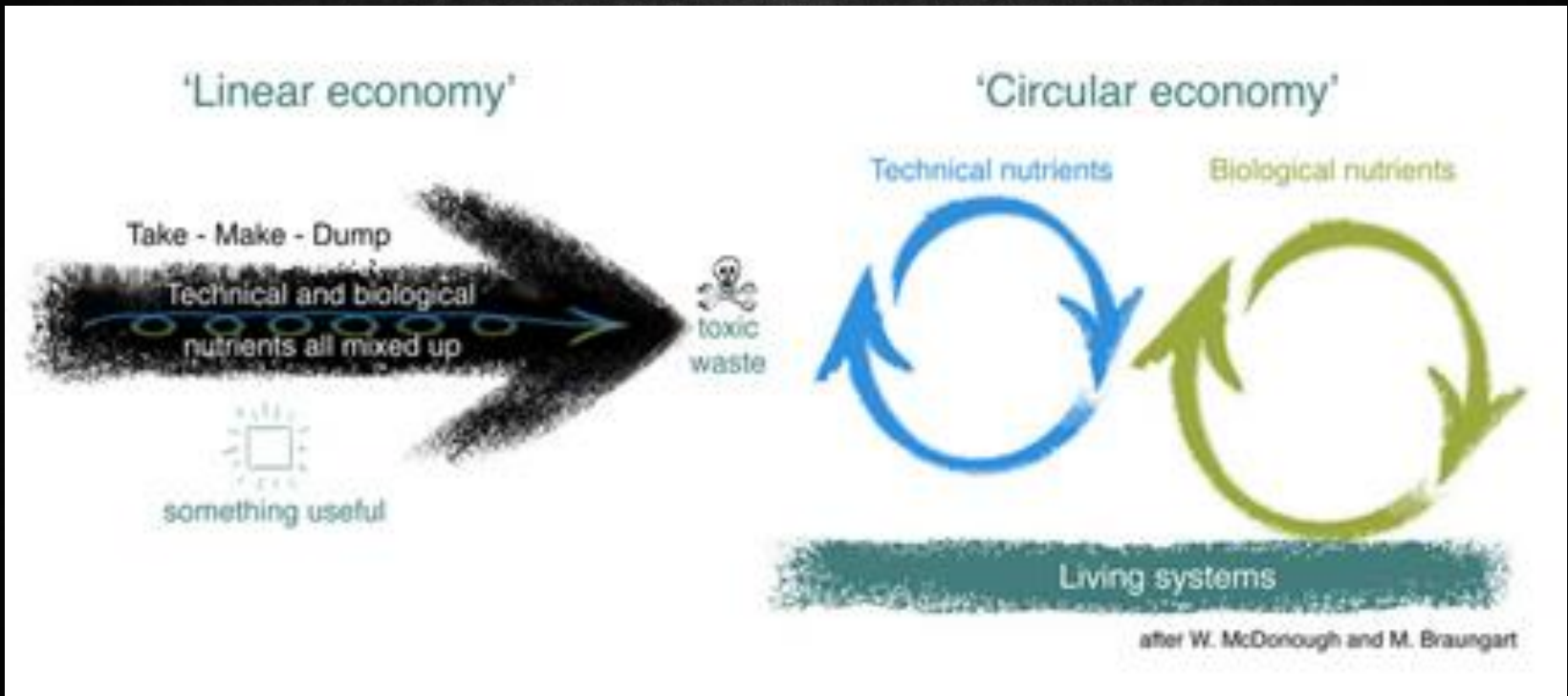
**To be efficient:**

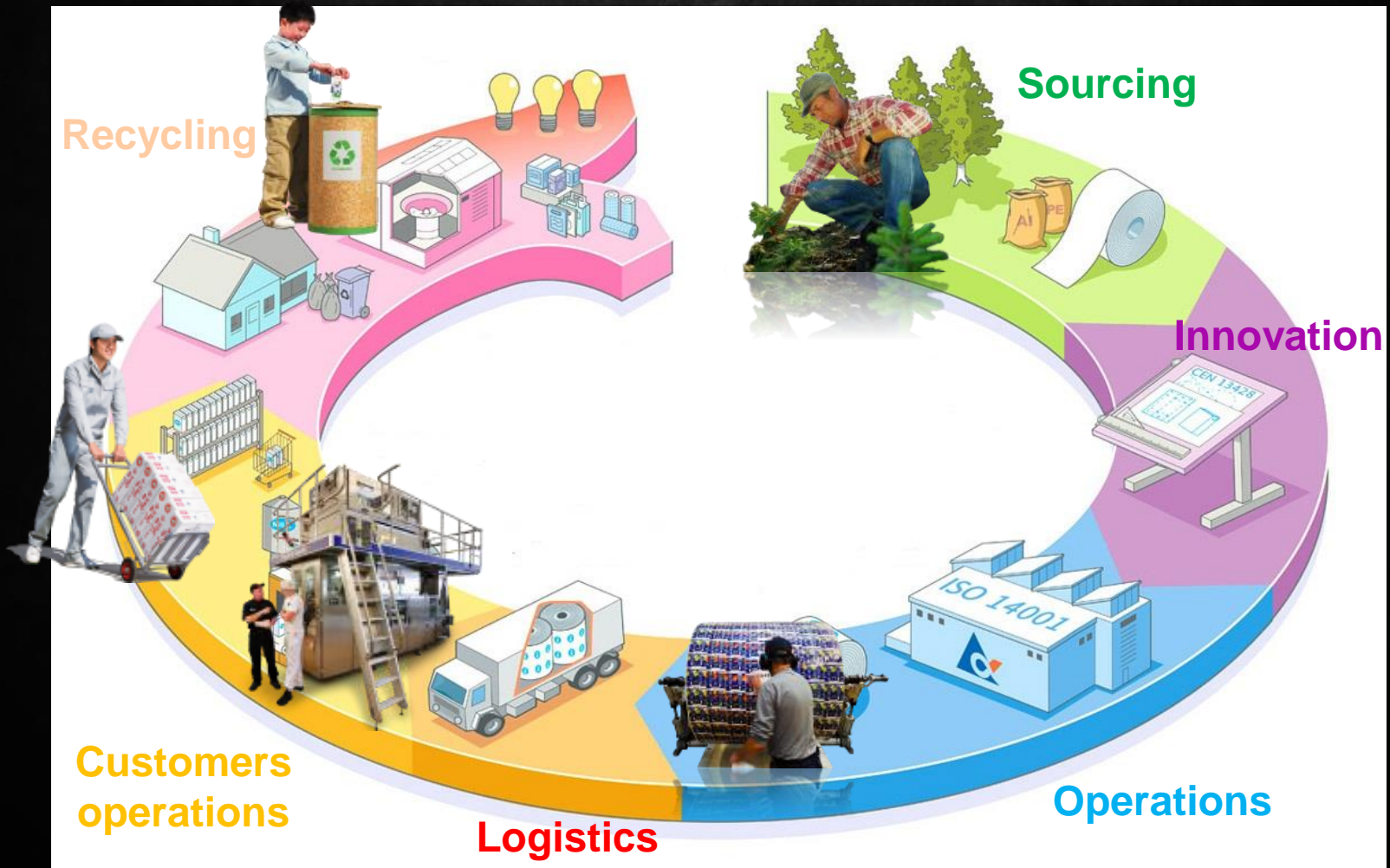
**More with less.  
Recycle.**



**The key challenge is to  
aggressively promote economic and  
sustainable recycling through the life  
cycle of a product**

# 'Circular economy' → from 'using things up' to 'using things'







**Objectives**

**Goals**

**Develop sustainable products**

**Aim for (no year defined):**  
100% FSC-certified paper,  
100% renewable package



**Objectives**

**Goals**

**Reduce environmental footprint across the value chain**

**2020 climate goal:**  
Cap climate impact across value chain at 2010 levels

**Objectives**

**Goals**

**Increase recycling**

**2020 Recycling goal:**  
Achieve 40% recycling rate globally and 90% for the polyAl content.

**Key actions**



**Improve recyclability**

**Significantly increase recycling rates (incl. polyAl)**

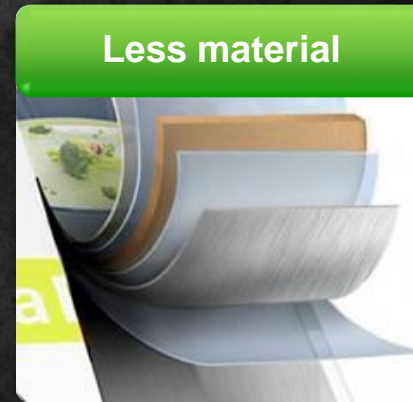
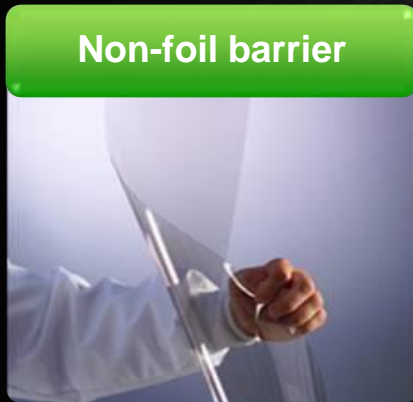


# Six steps to higher recycling rates

1. Design for Environment for recyclability
2. Participate in industry-based recycling organisations
3. Engage consumers
4. Support recycling technologies
5. Influence public policy
6. Build public / private partnerships

# Step 1: Design for Environment

- ✓ Design the product to minimise its impact on the planet, though not just through recyclability



g CO2 eq. / litre packed

70  
60  
50  
40  
30  
20  
10  
0

**Current profile**

**Future profile**

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# Step 2: Participate in industry-based recycling organisations

- ✓ Join producer-responsibility schemes
- ✓ Increase the community's awareness of recycling and other solid waste issues through publications, technical research, seminars and databases



Green Dot



Brazilian Business Commitment for Recycling

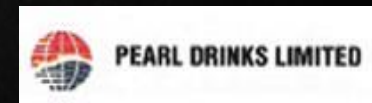


Metals Recycling Association of India

**TIPMSE** Thailand Institute of Packaging Management for Sustainable Environment

# Example from industry

- **Consumer Awareness:** bring together all stakeholders to a common platform to sensitize consumers on waste / recycling / segregation
- **Thought leadership:** development and dissemination of best practices related to recycling
- **Advocacy:** act as a common voice for the industry; pro-actively interact with government and other stakeholders



...and many more

# Step 3: Engage consumers

- ✓ Through awareness-raising campaigns
- ✓ In partnership with customers, retailers and environmental groups
- ✓ The BIG challenge: how do we drive consumer discipline!



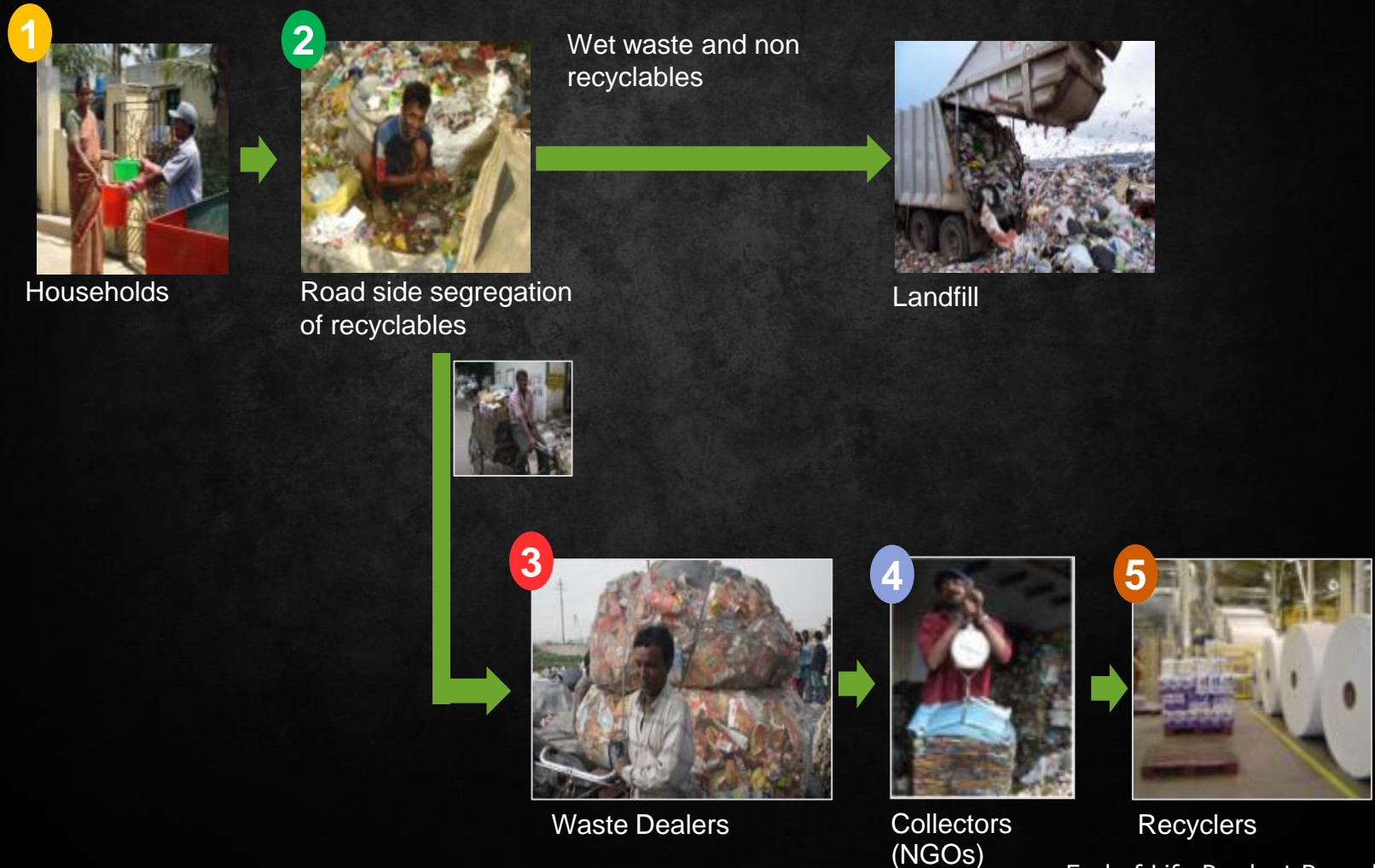
Street play as a means to educate waste pickers

Joint initiative with retail chain



Project SEARCH in partnership with TERI

# Our strategy: continue connecting the dots; focus on waste pickers, collectors and recyclers



# Continue engaging with waste pickers

1. Identify 'godaams' (hubs / geographies) of waste dealers
2. Improve collection partners' outreach
  - Workshops
  - Street Plays
  - Pamphlets
  - Audio Campaigns
3. Build relationships with waste pickers
  - Health Camps
  - Paryavaran Mitra clubs (Friends of Environment club)



# Step 4: Support recycling technologies

- ✓ Evaluate, help finance and share expertise on technologies that make recycling more efficient and profitable



Developing a small-scale pulper

## Mechanical Recycling

Technologies:  
Agglomeration,  
Panel Board

## Chemical Recycling

Technologies:  
Delamination,  
Solvent separation

## Full Carton Recycling

Technologies:  
Composite  
Extrusion

## Thermo-Mechanical Recycling

Technologies:  
Pyrolysis,  
Gasification,  
Volatilization



# Step 5: Influence public policy

- ✓ Collaborate with national and local decision makers within government in support of effective regulatory frameworks



## Advocacy focus

### Influence and contribute to

- Public policy & legislation
- Stakeholder self-regulation
- Standards & definitions

### Monitor emerging issues and concerns

## Municipal Solid Waste Rules 2000

- Municipalities responsible for waste management
- Poor enforcement of rules prevails

## Plastic Waste Rules 2011

- Advocates recycling, recovery or disposal of plastic wastes
- Introduces EPR (manufacturers to support municipalities in setting collection centers for plastic wastes)

# Step 6: Build public / private partnerships

- ✓ In line with local legislation, public authorities install collection facilities
- ✓ As members of industry organisations, we support collection and sorting processes



Waste Pickers



Waste Dealers



Collectors (NGOs)

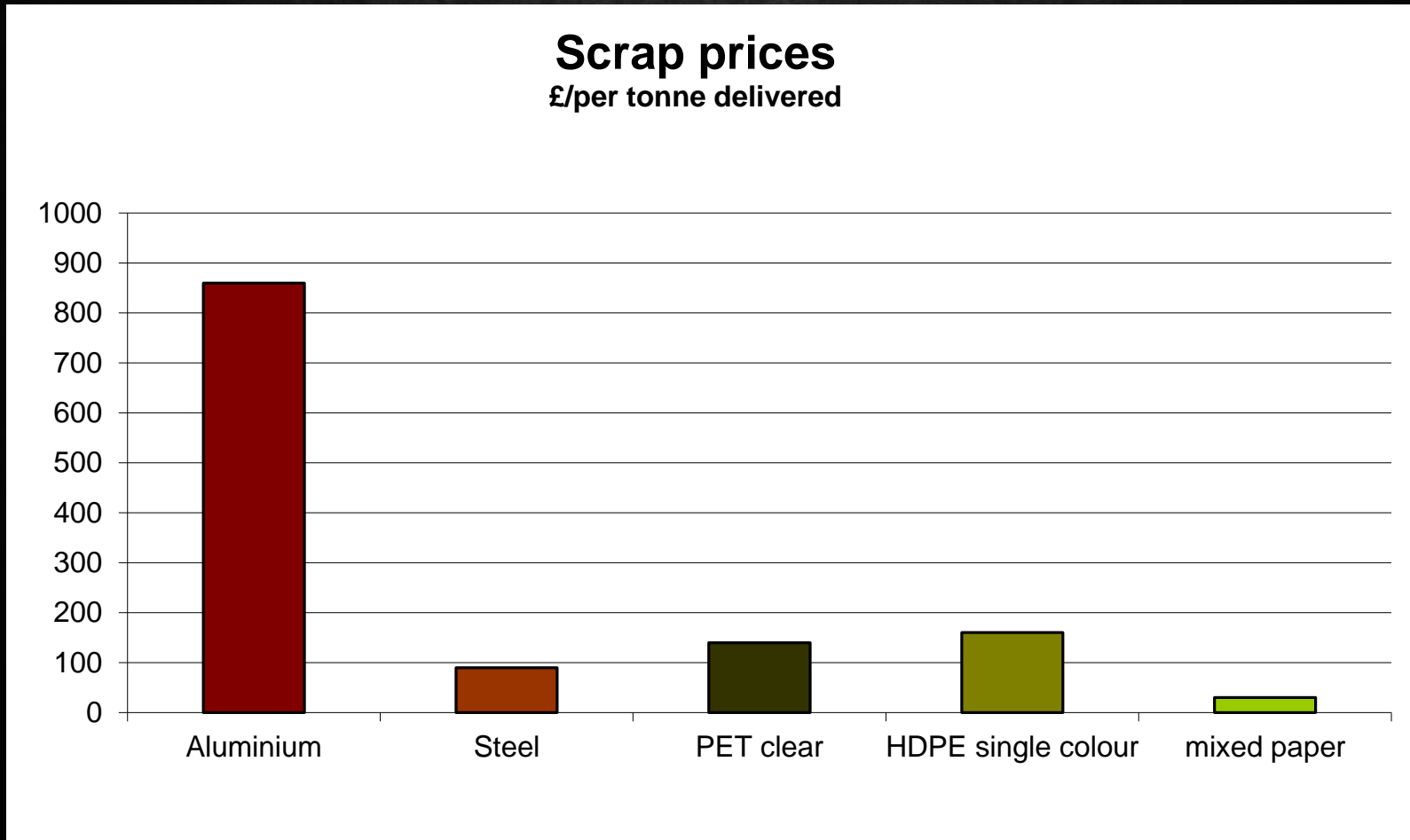


Recyclers

# For a successful recycling program, some prerequisites must be in place

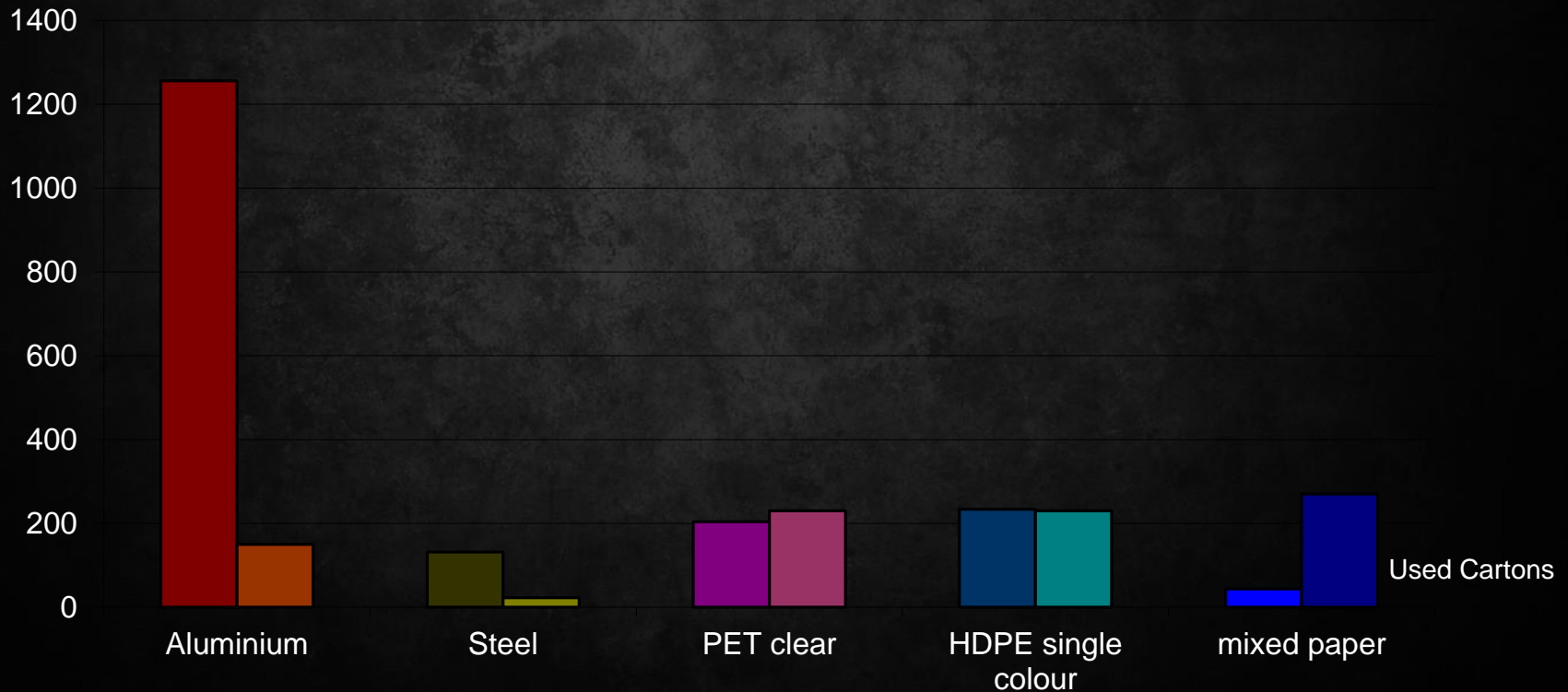
- ✓ **Critical mass of collected material**
- ✓ **Sorted (segregated) material**
- ✓ **Sufficient market demand for possible recycled end-products**

# The economics of recycling favour resource-intensive products that are easy to sort

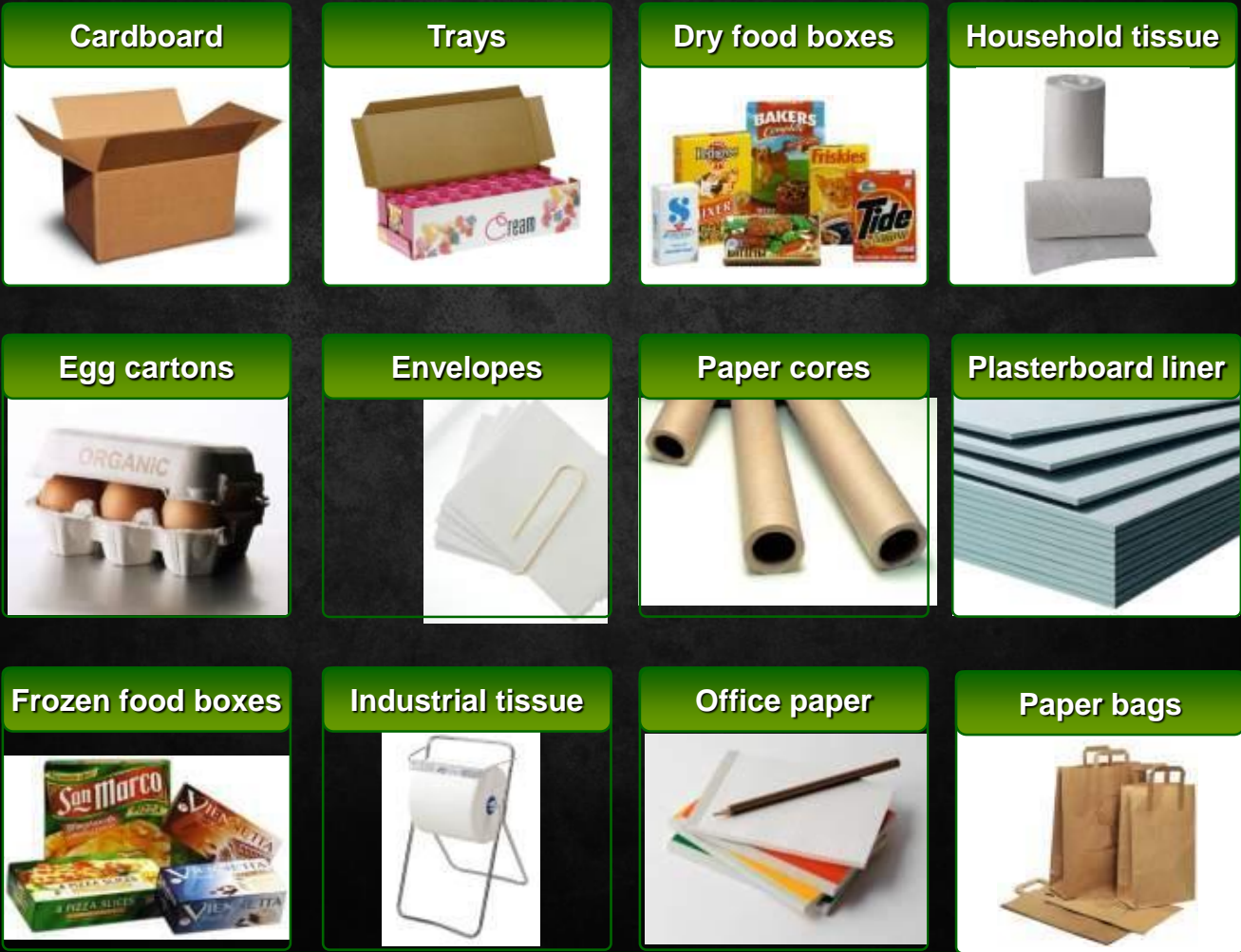


# The cost of collecting certain low-volume materials is simply uneconomical

Scrap value (left bar) vs Collection costs (right bar)



# Recovered fibre from paper-based packaging board can be recycled into various useful end-products



# Similarly, high-value applications for the non-fibre (polyAl) fraction of carton packaging

Basket



Frisbee



Paper retainer



Connectors



Container



Pressing



Composites



Core plugs



Container



Flower pot



Hanger



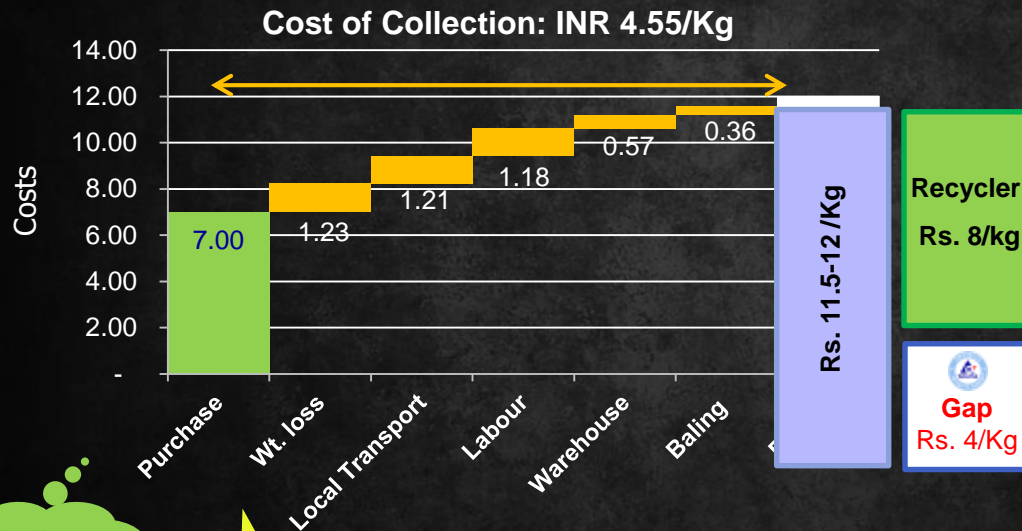
Distribution boxes



**The argument that  
a product is only recyclable if it can be  
turned into a new version of itself  
is a false one**



# Challenge: high collection costs squeezing margins for collection partners



Rate marginally attractive for small waste dealers.

UBC price must be at premium over price of mixed paper (RS)

Moisture & contamination related losses significant

Labour costs, warehouse rent gone up

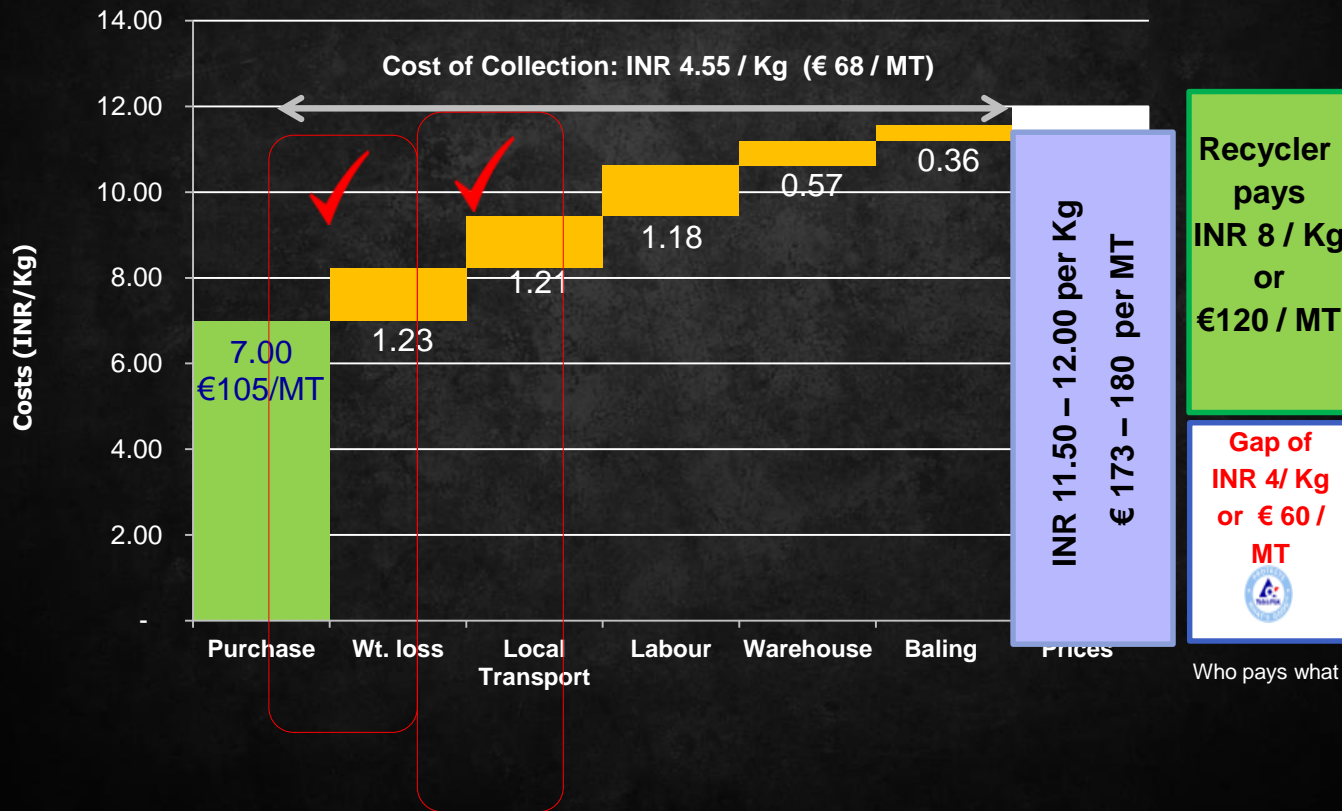
Inefficiencies in collections exist: scope for improvements

High costs due to single material collection?

Achieving higher value for end products at Recyclers' end critical

Absence of source segregation putting burden on value chain sustainability.

# Pilot project: improving collection inefficiencies



# Deduction of purchase price basis moisture

## How did we do it?

- Used analogy of waste paper prices
- Waste dealers are used to differential prices by season in other waste grades
- Demonstrating moisture losses during baling

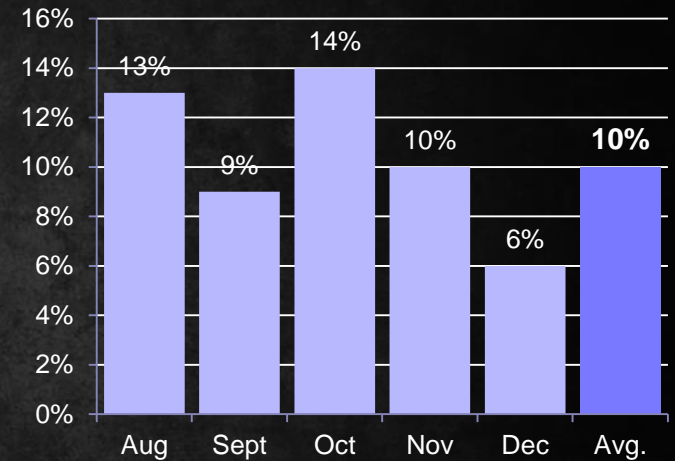
## How did waste dealers react?

- Pickups stopped 15 days; then resumed

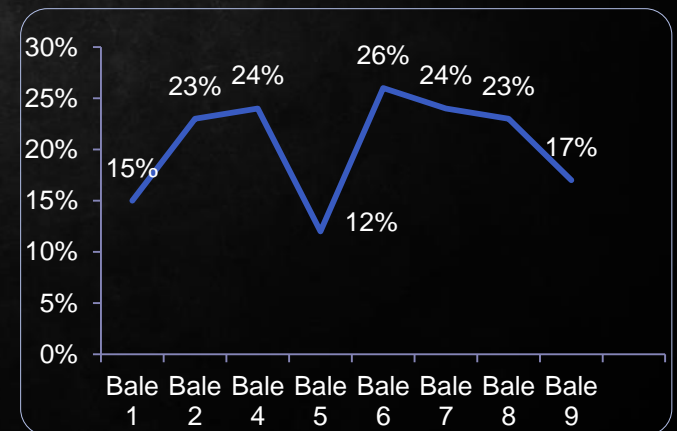
### What was the impact?

Savings of at least 10% of purchase costs

Weight reduced at purchase due to moisture



Moisture in UBC at Recycler



# Minimising transport costs

- Improve daily route mapping of truck
  - Enforce at least 2 trips / day
  - Start early to reach collection points
- Prioritize pickups
  - Focus on higher volumes points
  - Maximise load- factor
  - Pickups after validating by field staff
- Minimize hired vehicle usage
  - Long distance covered by own vehicle
  - Hired vehicle use for short distances



	Before	After
No. of trips by truck / month	33	55
Average quantity picked up/ trip	245	288

# High costs due to single material collection: what are we doing on this?

Started a joint project to leverage commonality  
of waste value chain for PET and cartons

Consumer



Waste Picker



Waste Dealers



Recyclers



PET traders/  
Collection centers



Carton  
Collection centers



Recyclers



# Multi Material Collection Centers

## Ganesh: the largest used PET recycler in India

→ Coca Cola bottlers can sell their PET factory waste to Ganesh

→ In return, Ganesh will set PET collection centers at places of our choice

→ In order to increase viability of such centers, will additionally collect used cartons.

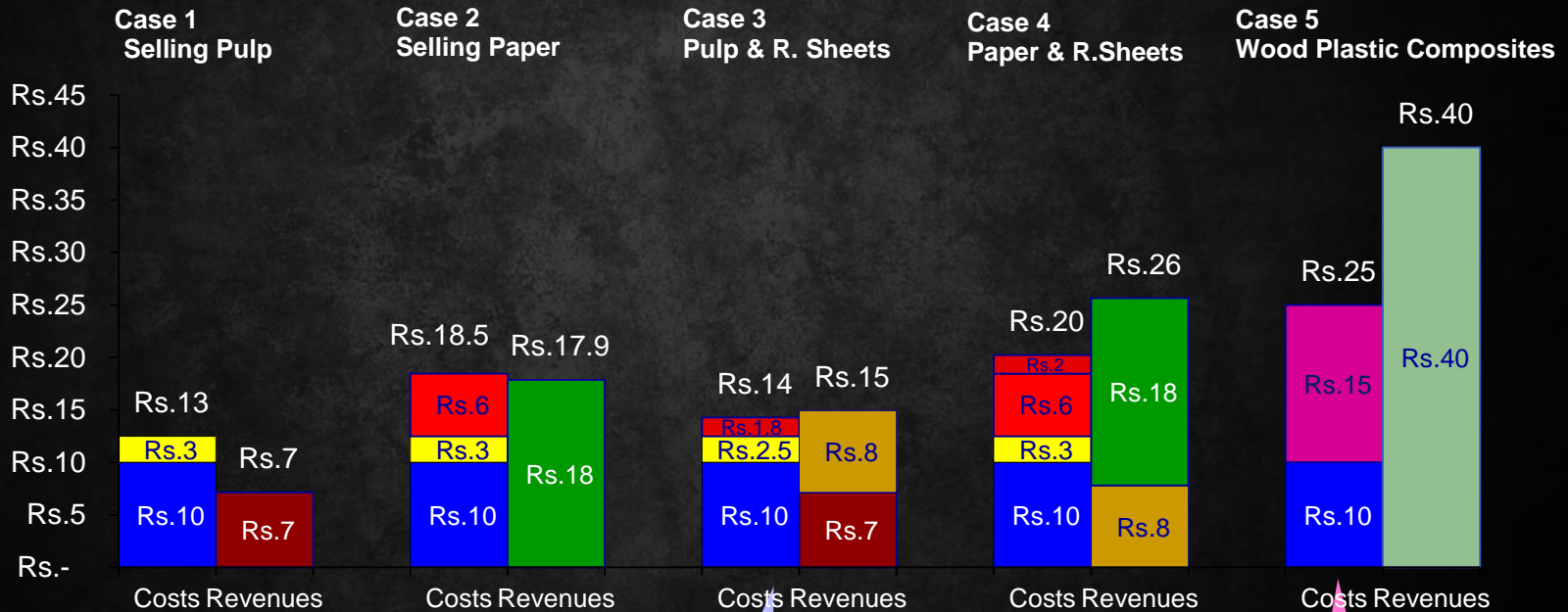
1<sup>st</sup> Center launched in Lucknow City

2<sup>nd</sup> being planned in Ludhiana



# Challenge: Having strong recyclers with focus on profitable end-products

In INR, for a Kg UBC



■ Cost UBC

■ Pulping

■ Paper Mfg

■ Hot Press

■ Extrusion

Sundaram Paper Mill, Nagpur

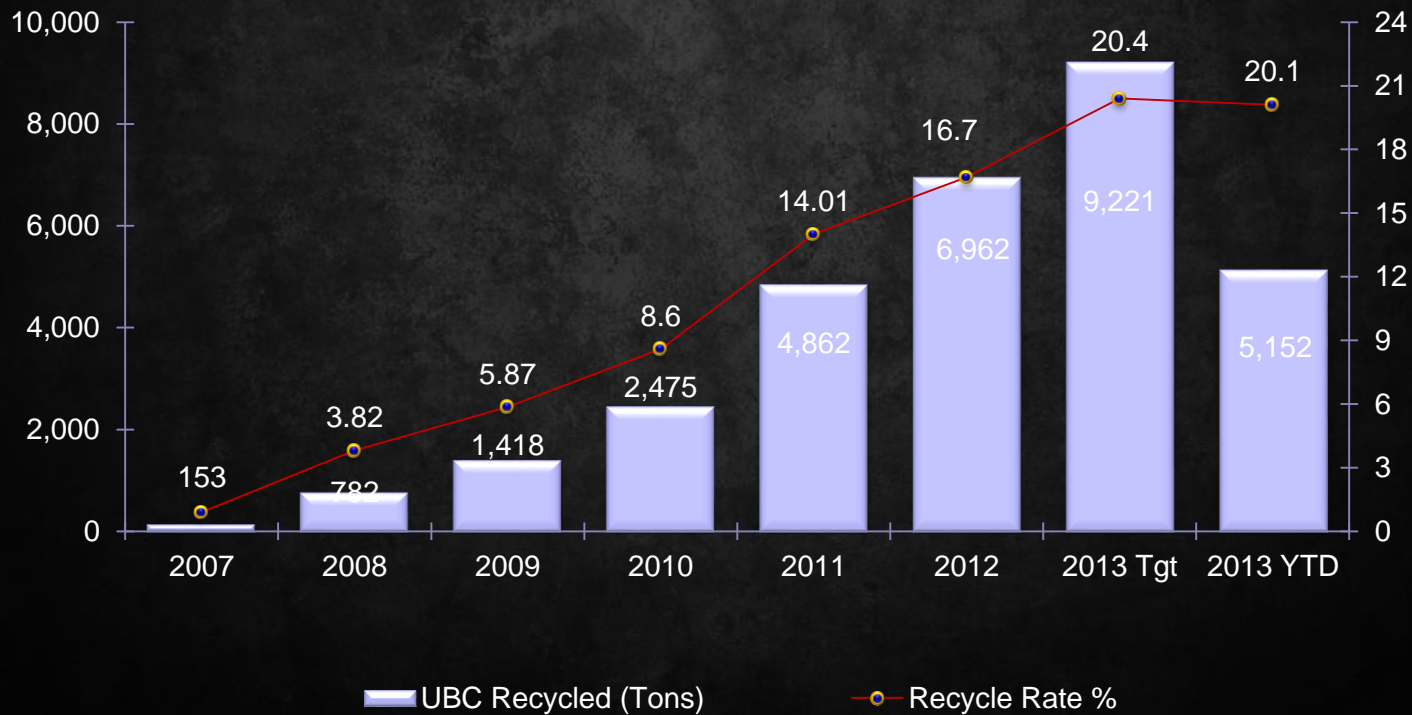
Deluxe Recycling Palghar

Daman Ganga Vapi

Deluxe Recycling Bangalore?

# Today, 1 of 5 cartons recycled

## South Asia Markets [India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan]





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