The Greenpeace Research Laboratories

Providing scientific advice to a global NGO

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- Established 1987 at Queen Mary College, University of London
- Since 1992, based at the University of Exeter
- Research staff affiliated to College of Life and Environmental Sciences through Honorary Fellowships
- Independence to conduct and defend research

Greenpeace values

- 'Bearing witness' to environmental destruction;
- Exposing bad practice highlighting good practice;
- Use of non-violent confrontation to challenge destructive practices;
- Seeking solutions and promoting open, informed debate about society's environmental choices;
- Having no permanent allies or adversaries;
- Ensuring independence from political and commercial interests.

Greenpeace: an organisation guided by science







- Investigative research (including analytical research)
- Information and advice
- Critical review of output
- 'Radar' for emerging issues
- Media work (planned and reactive)
- Technical support for work with companies and governments and in international policy fora
- Guiding Greenpeace policy development

Science Unit: analytical capabilities



- GC-MS
- ICP-AES
- Field equipment
- Radiation safety advice
- Working relationships with many leading laboratories

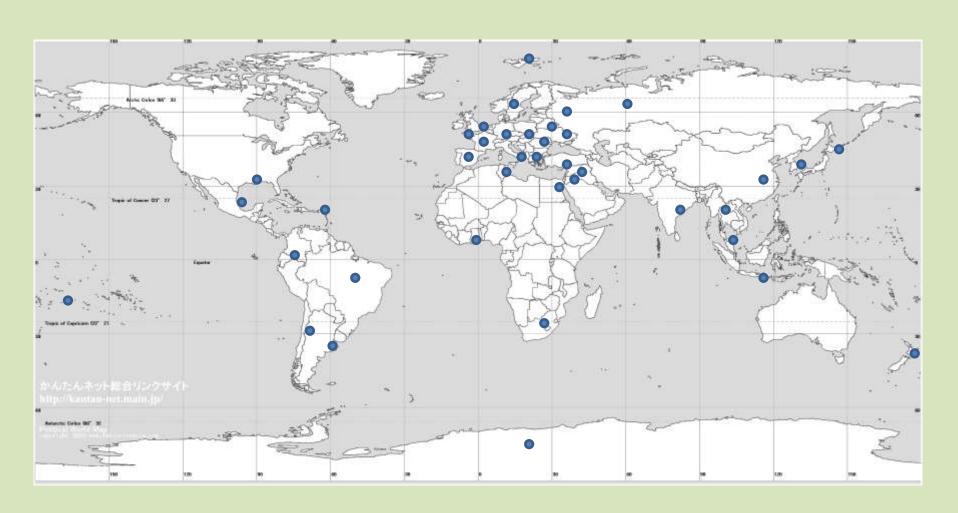






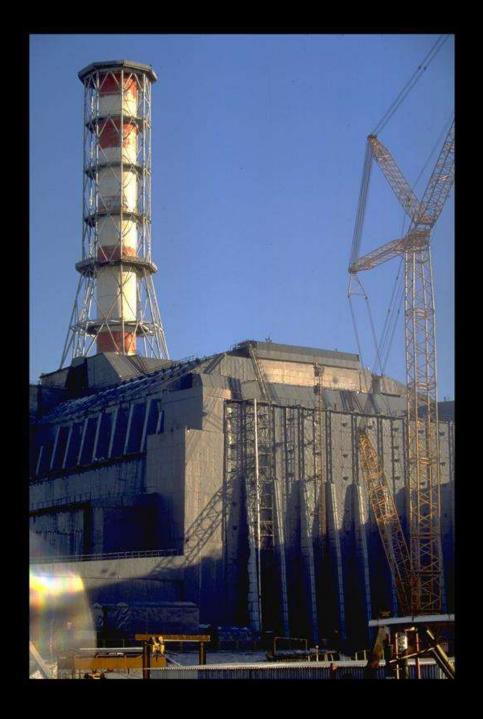


Science Unit - a global presence: studies of water pollution to date















E-waste



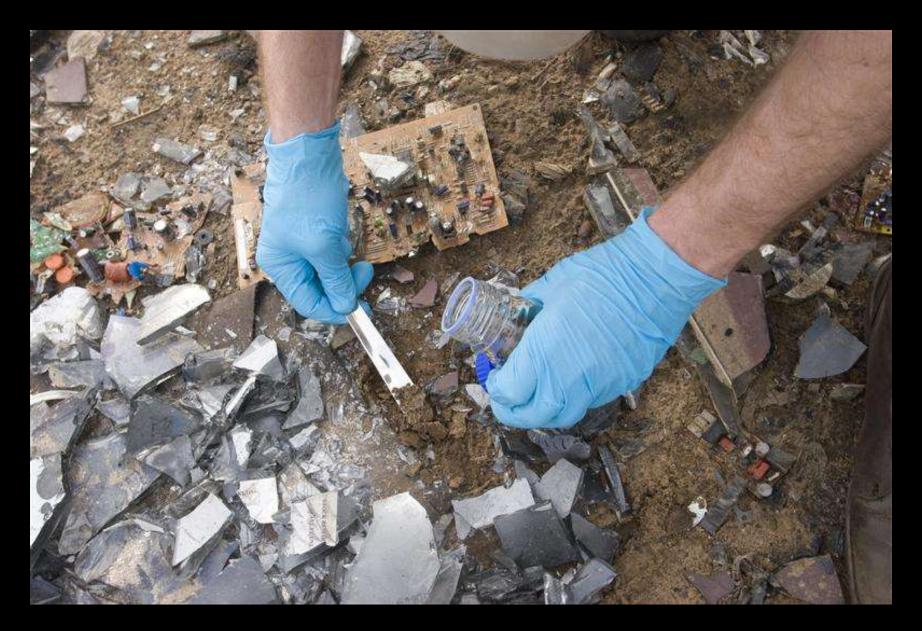






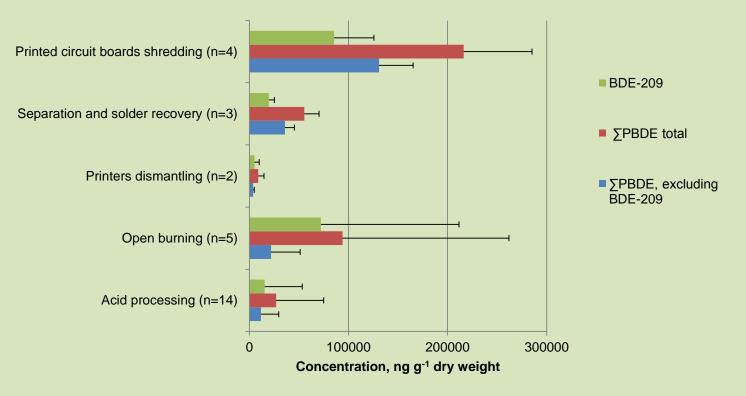






Ongoing research

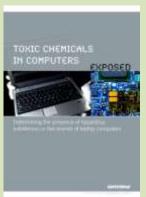
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Electronics

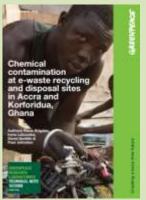














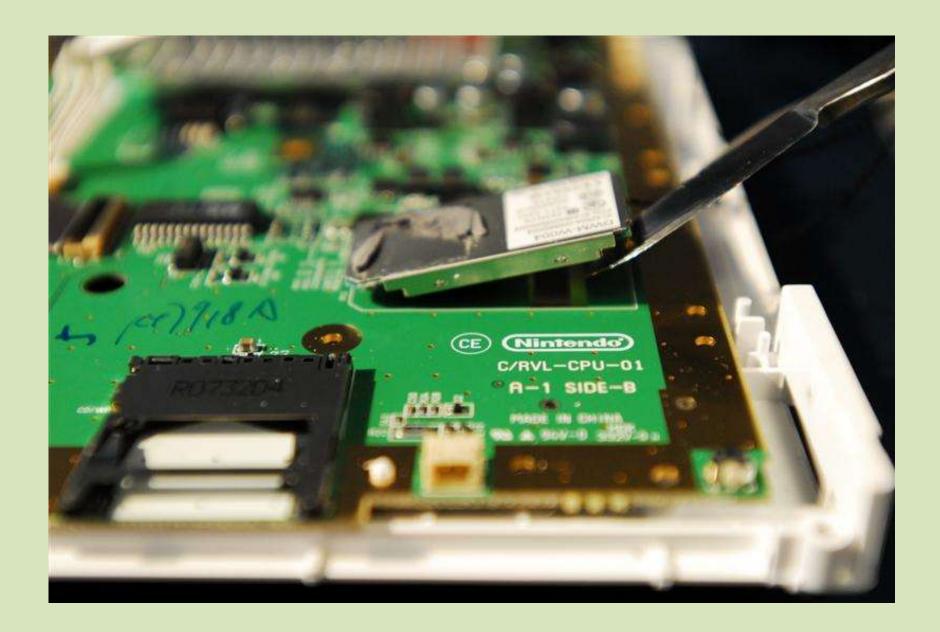




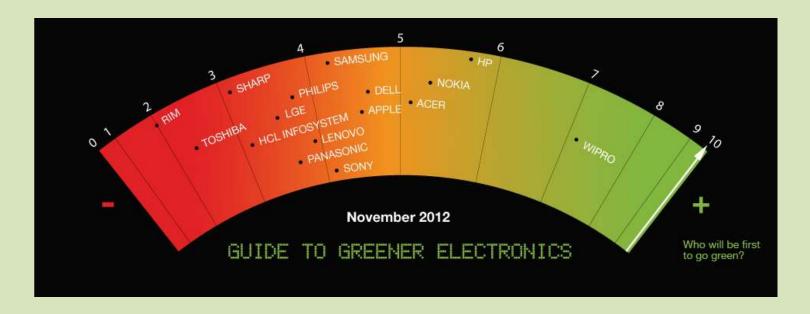
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Recycling & Disposal

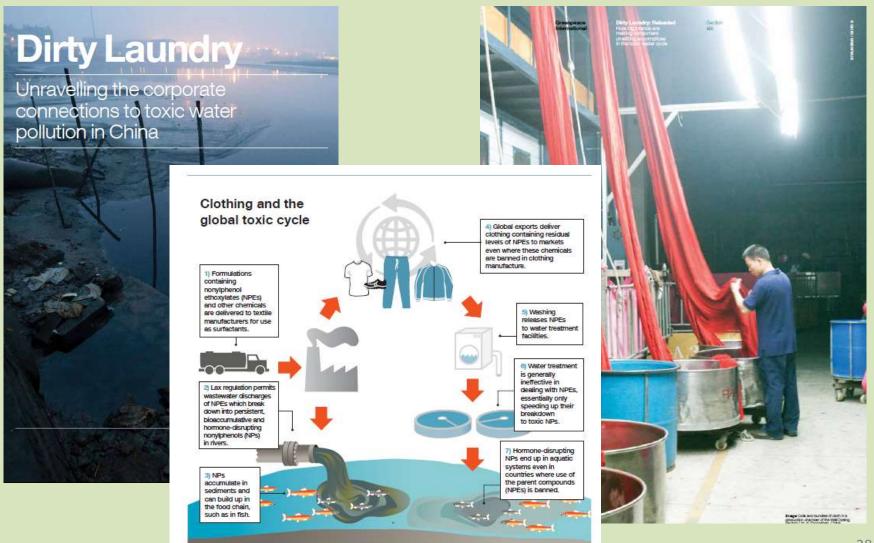


Guide to Greener electronics



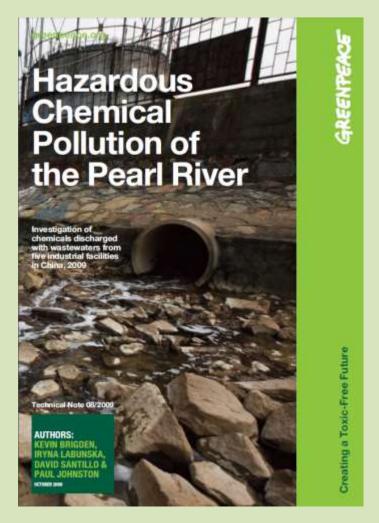
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Elimination of hazardous substances,
- Take-back and recycling of products responsibly
- Elimination of unsustainable materials in products & packaging

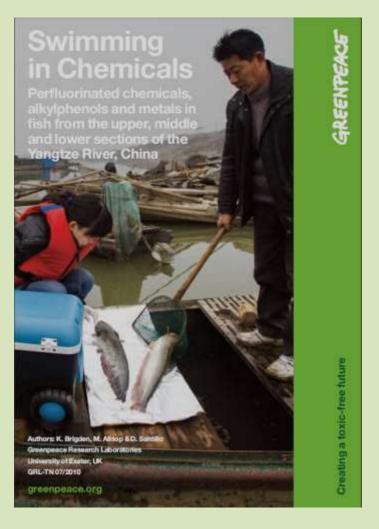
Textiles

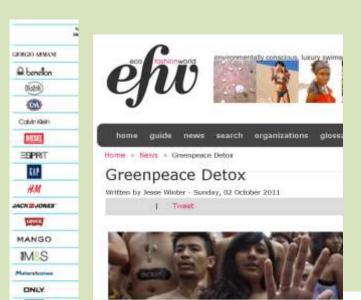


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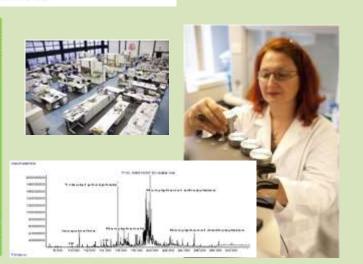
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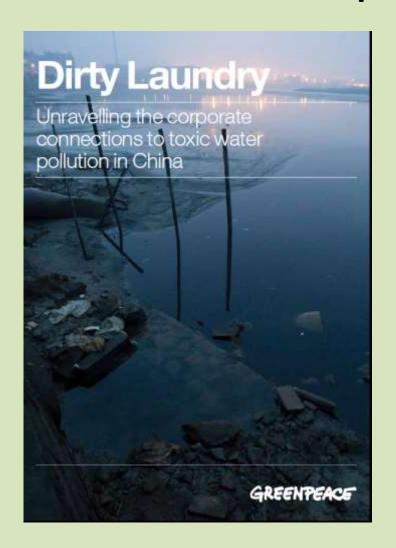


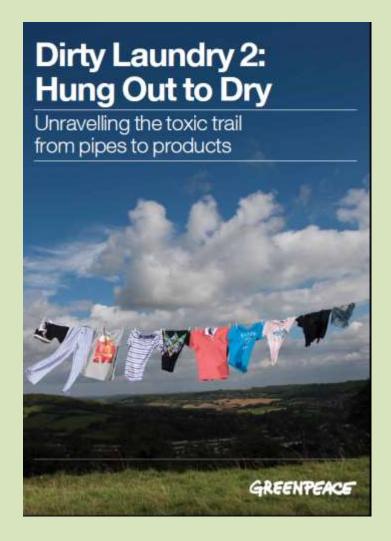
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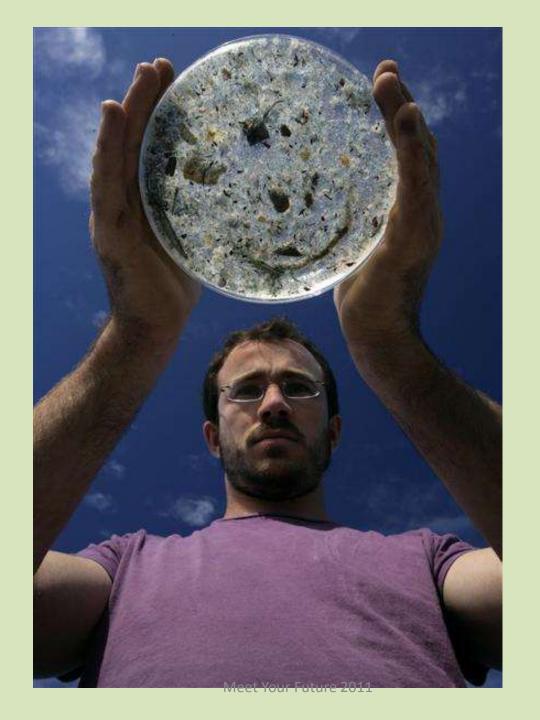


Sustainable products: textiles









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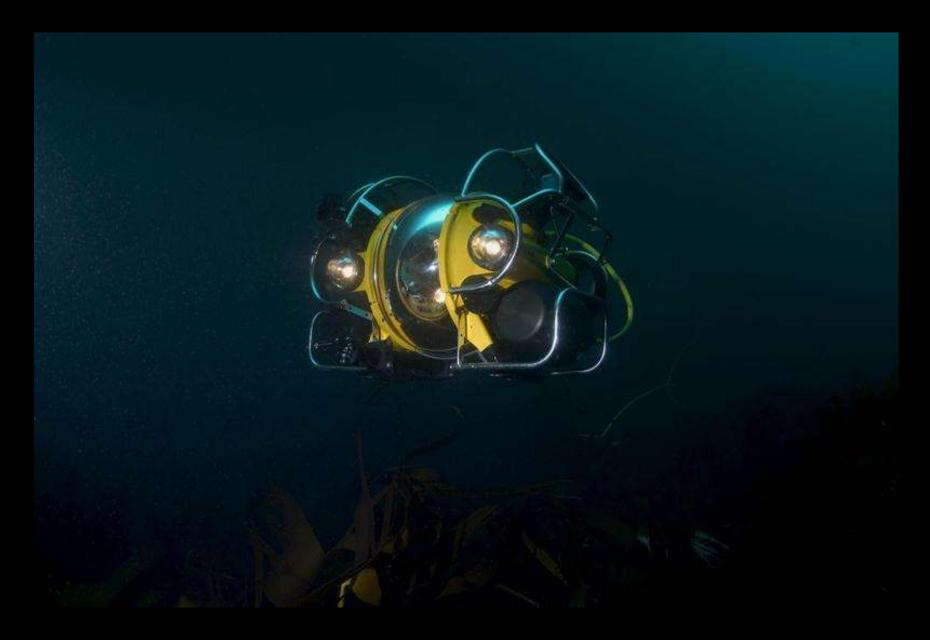














Science into policy: geoengineering



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