

Plastic litter in the beach is mainly an aesthetic nuisance for people, but in the sea it turns into a real problem for animals.

Plastic litter decomposes extremely slowly, and degrades into smaller and more harmful microplastics.

Do like this:

Do not leave your garbage on the beaches. Do not leave trash beside a full trash can. Wind and birds often carry trash to the water.

Shores are littered in Helsinki

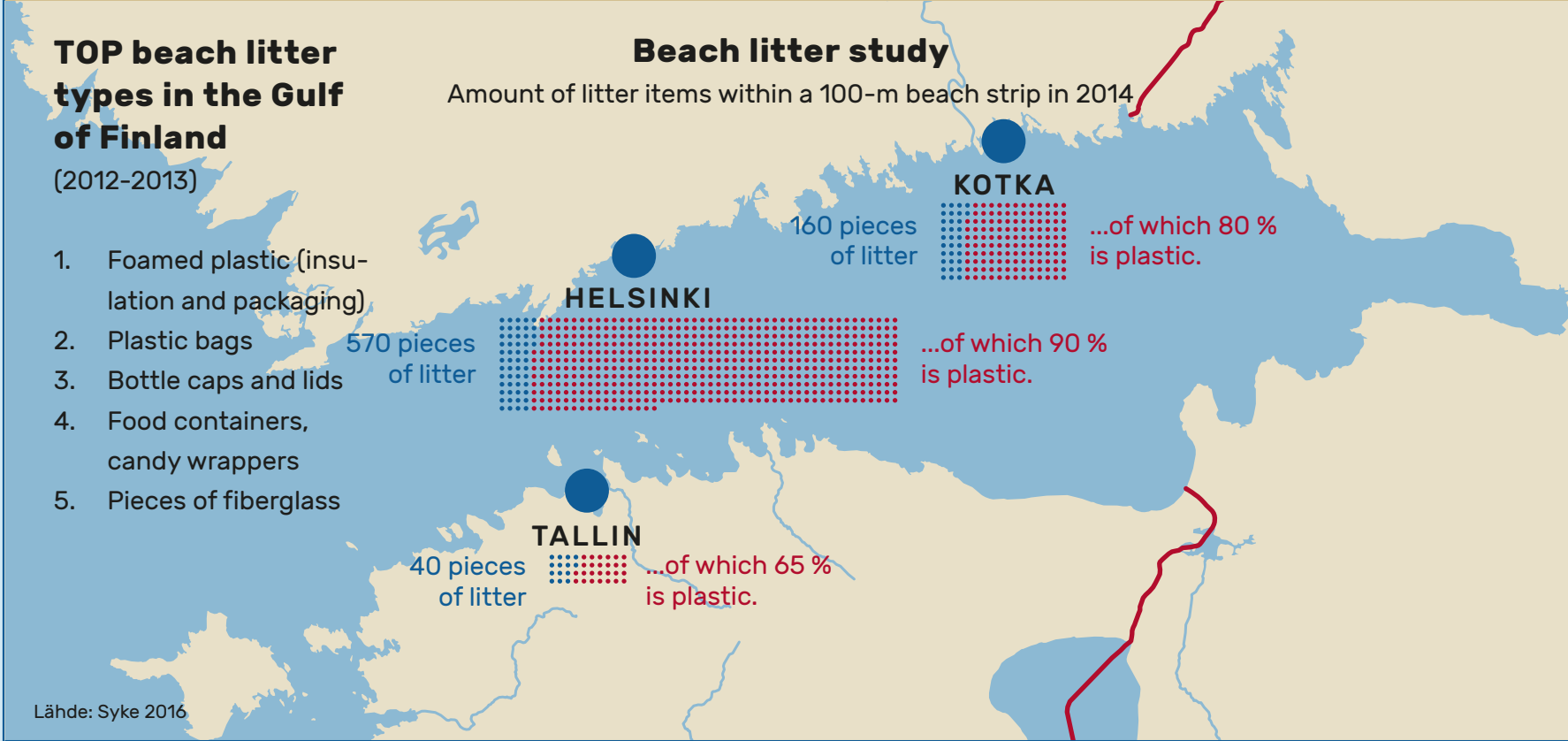
TOP beach litter types in the Gulf of Finland (2012-2013)

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1. Foamed plastic (insulation and packaging)
2. Plastic bags
3. Bottle caps and lids
4. Food containers, candy wrappers
5. Pieces of fiberglass

Beach litter study

Amount of litter items within a 100-m beach strip in 2014



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How long it takes for a litter item to disintegrate in the sea?



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