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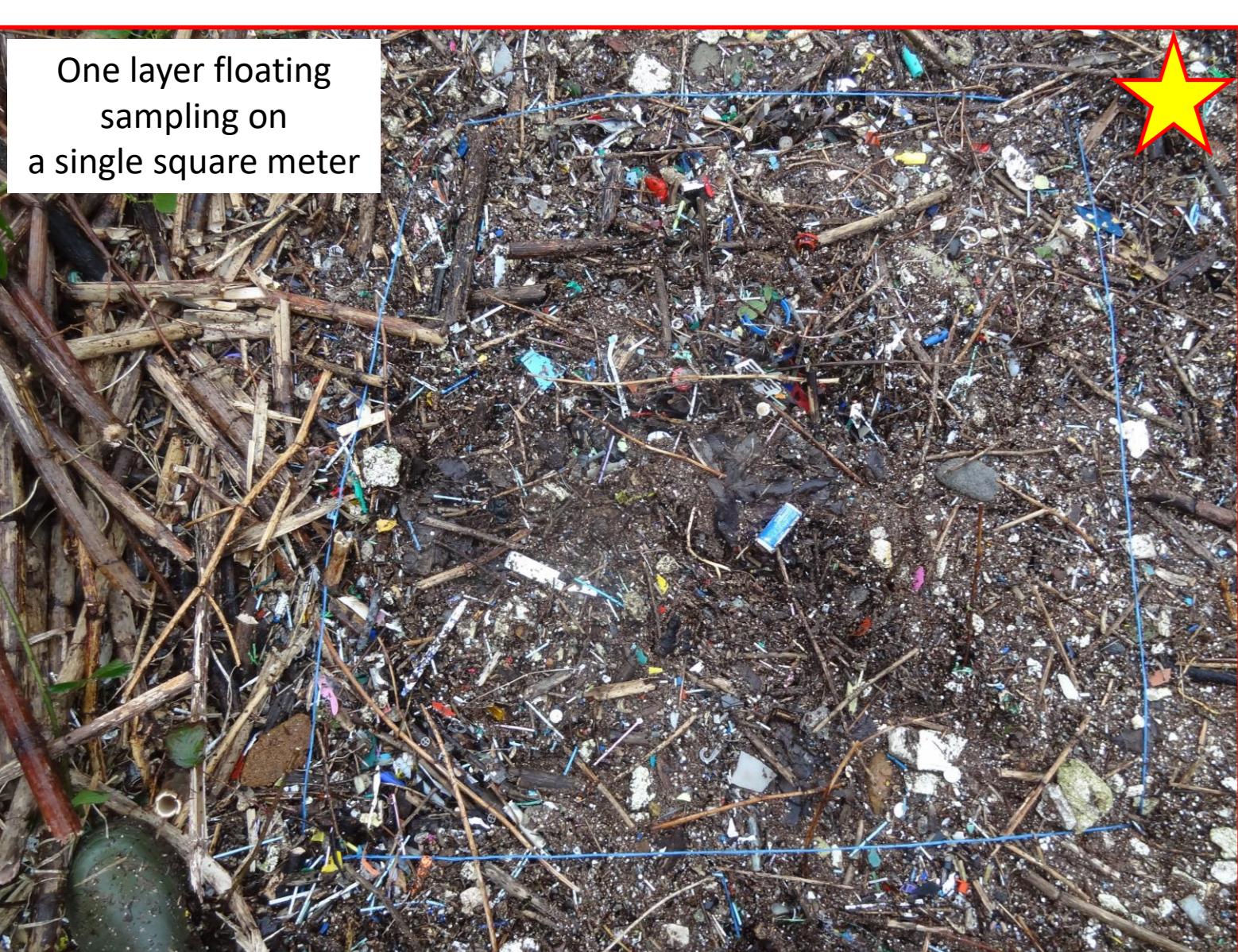
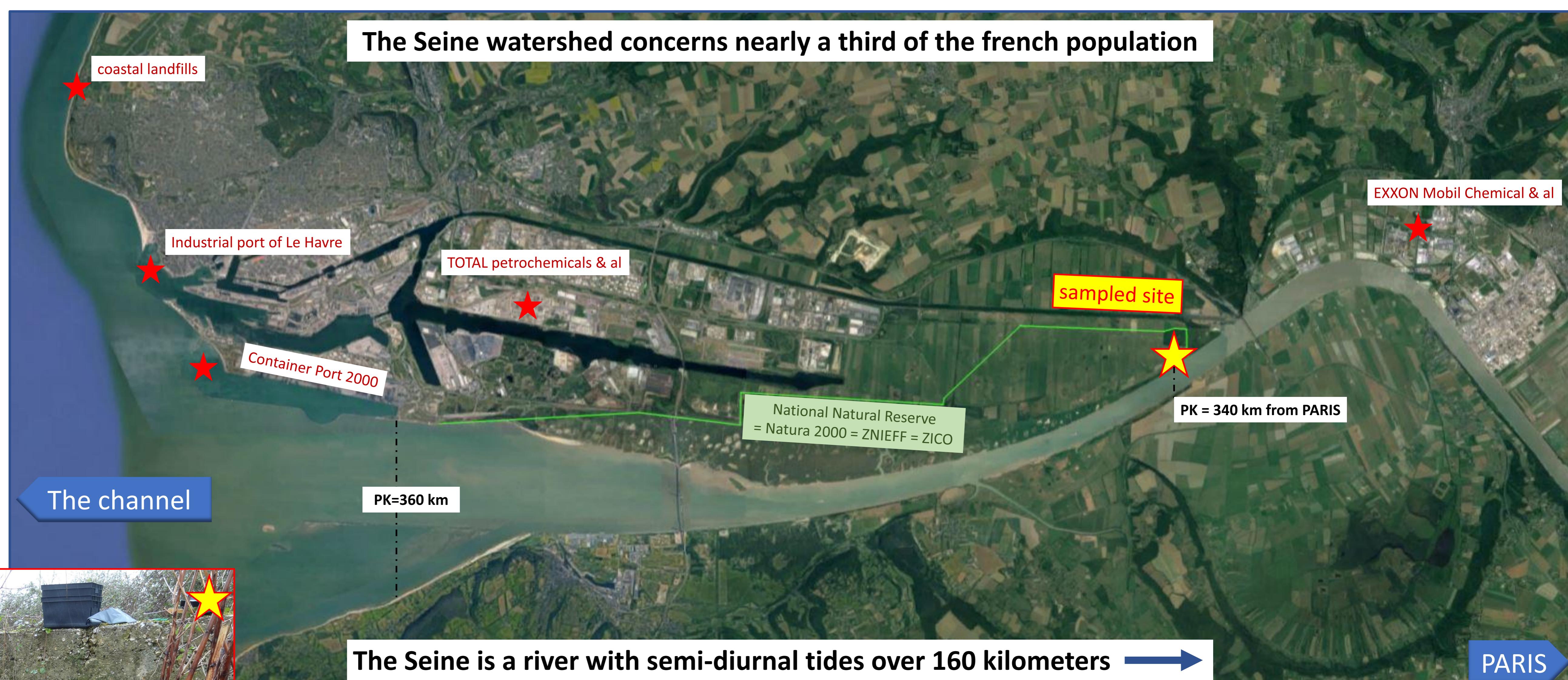
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One layer floating
sampling on
a single square meter

The channel

The Seine watershed concerns nearly a third of the french population

PARIS

2020, February 28



Tancarville



20 km before the sea

TOP 20 items (OSPAR)

- 1 950 g Industrial Plastic Granules or nurdles (n=38.000)
- 2 866 g Unidentified fragments : 2,5 to 50 cm (n=1.378)
- 3 748 g Unidentified fragments : 0 to 2,5 cm (n=33.160)
- 4 251 g Pyroplastics (n=378)
- 5 242 g Caps (n=226)
- 6 143 g Toys (n=109)
- 7 125 g Cotton bud sticks (n=661 reconstituted)
- 8 64 g Pens (n=51)
- 9 60 g Expanded Polystyrene : 2,5 to 50 cm (n=279)
- 10 59 g Bottle rings and seals (n=186)
- 11 53 g Expanded Polystyrene : 0 to 2,5 cm (n=22.590)
- 12 46 g Lolly sticks (n=90 reconstituted)
- 13 43 g Bottle (> 0,5 L) (n=1)
- 14 38 g Polyurethane foam (n=206)
- 15 37 g Drugs tubes, single doses (n=42)
- 16 35 g Cigarette lighters (n=3)
- 17 32 g Car parts (n=17)
- 18 24 g Plastic wads for hunting (n=20)
- 19 21 g Biomedias filters (2010, Paris overflow at 370km)(n=132)
- 20 20 g Syringues & needles (n=21)



ONLY one square meter...

Almost a quarter of plastic pollution is from industrial pre-production pellets (Microplastics).

* this maximum visual pollution is not representative of the entire National Nature Reserve.



+ 4 kg of plastics
(or 12 liters),
+ 100.000 items,
+ 90.000 microplastics,
+ 300 hours sorting...

For a total sample
of 8kg (43 liters)