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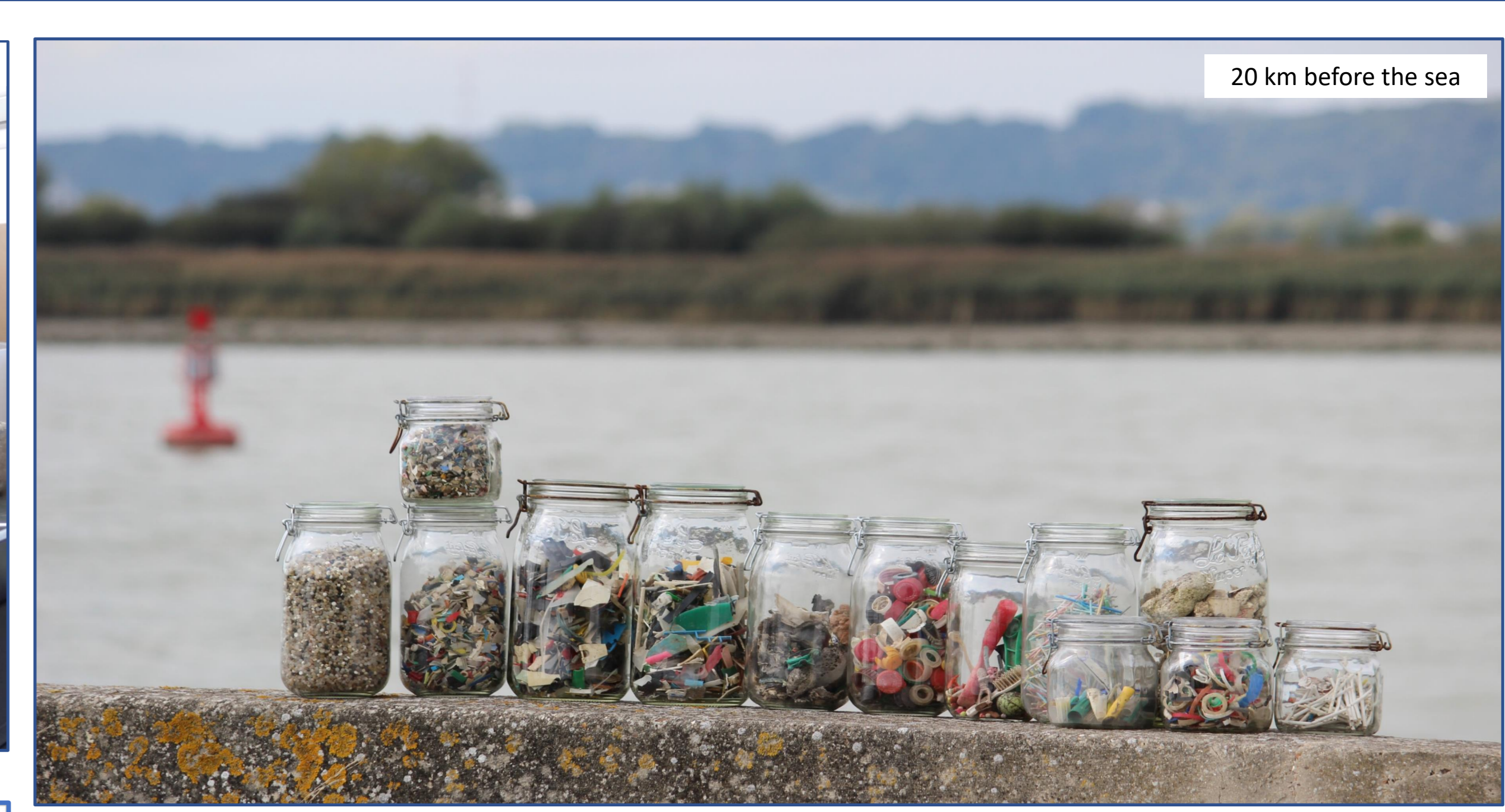
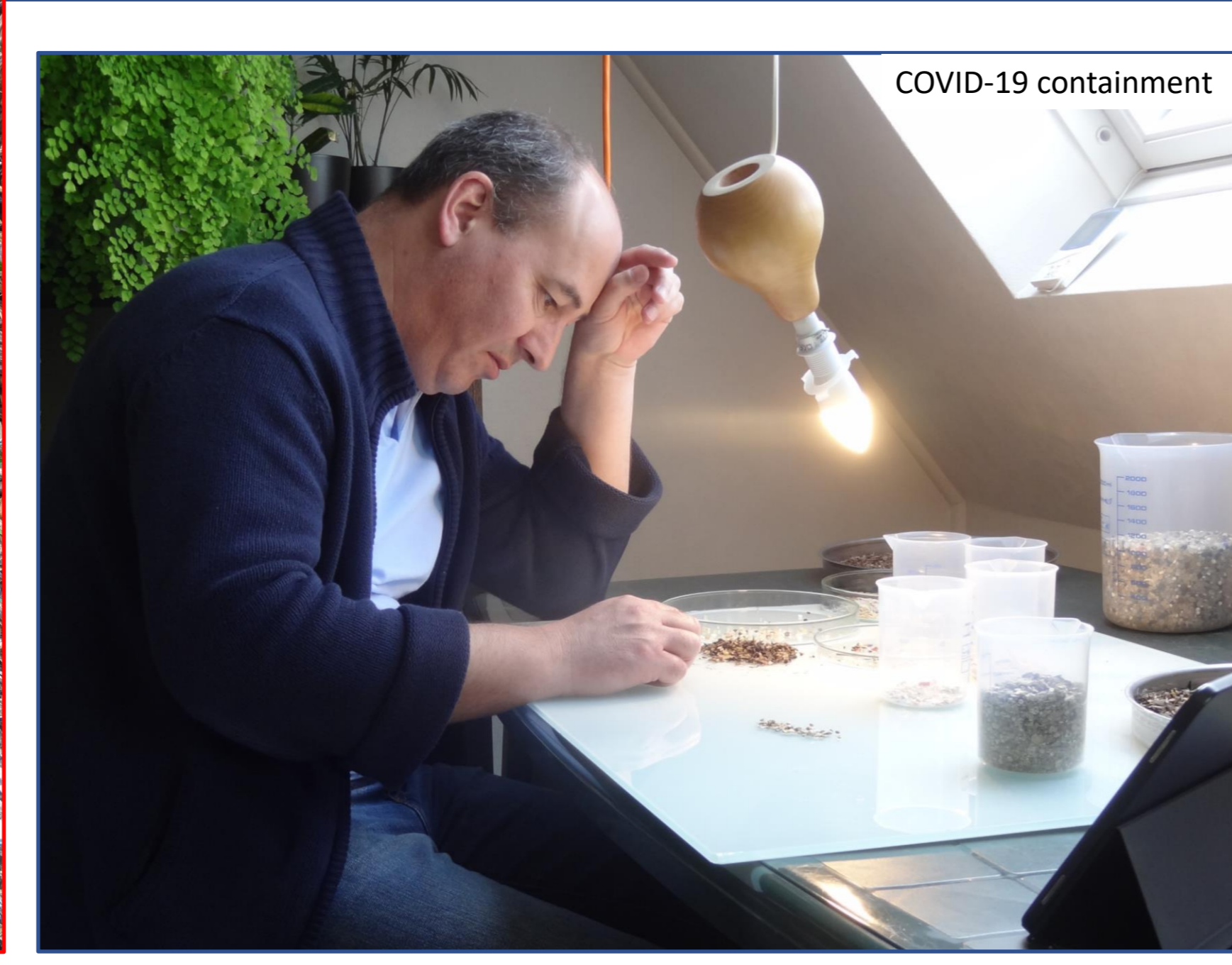
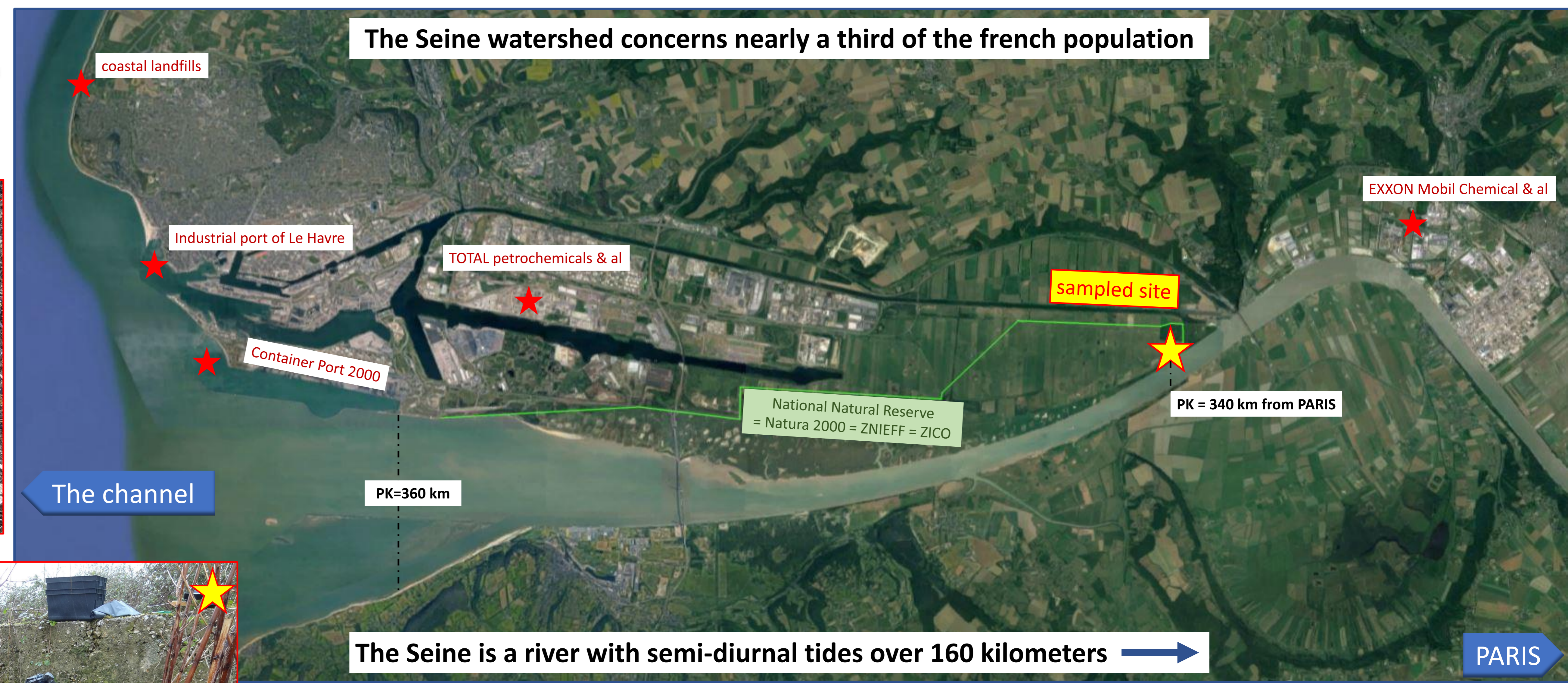
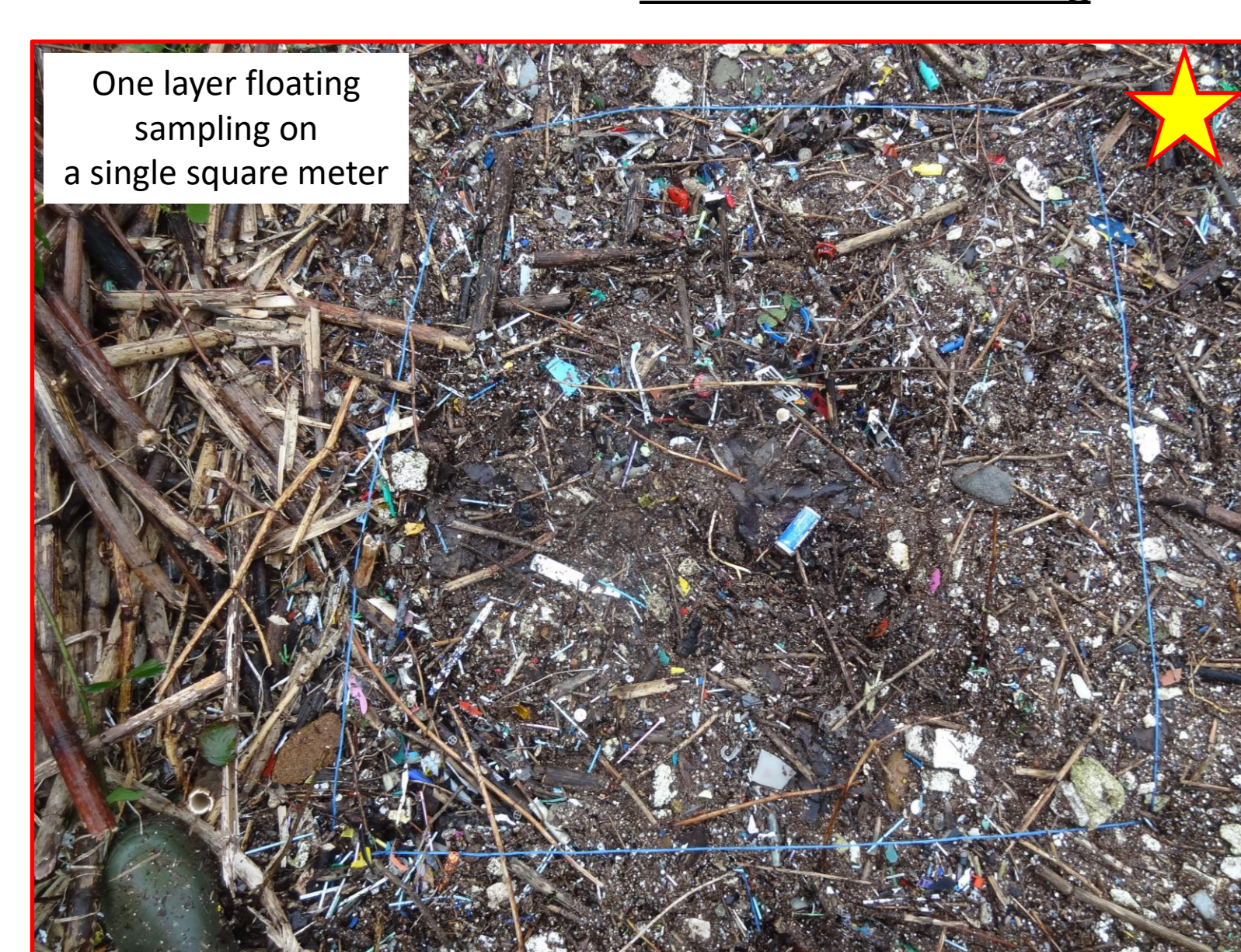
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- ### TOP 20 items (OSPAR)
- 1 950 g Industrial Plastic Granules or nurdles (n=38.000)
 - 2 866 g Unidentified fragments : 2,5 to 50 cm (n=1.378)
 - 3 748 g Unidentified fragments : 0 to 2,5 cm (n=33.160)
 - 4 251 g Pyroplastics (n=378)
 - 5 242 g 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)



+ 4 kg of plastics (or 12liters),
 + 100.000 items,
 + 90.000 microplastics,
 + 300 hours sorting...
 For a total sample of 8kg (43 liters)

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.

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