

AT WHAT COST? UNRAVELLING THE HARMS OF THE FAST FASHION INDUSTRY

Karen Shedlock, Stephanie Feldstein, 2023

REFERENCES

- Bananatex. About Bananatex. <https://www.bananatex.info>
- Baptist World Aid Australia (2019). The 2019 Ethical Fashion Report: The Truth Behind the Barcode.
- Beyond Pesticides. Impacts of Pesticides on Wildlife.
<https://www.beyondpesticides.org/programs/wildlife>
- Boucher, J. & Friot, D. (2017). Primary Microplastics in the Oceans. IUCN.
<https://doi.org/10.2305/IUCN.CH.2017.01.en>
- Brewer, M. K. (2019). Slow Fashion in a Fast Fashion World: Promoting Sustainability and Responsibility. *Laws*, 8.
<https://doi.org/10.3390/laws8040024>
- Brooks, A. (2019). *Clothing Poverty: The Hidden World of Fast Fashion and Second-Hand Clothes*. London: Zed Press.
- Bryce, E. (2021). Are clothes made from recycled materials really more sustainable? *The Guardian*.
- Canopy (2020). Canopy Style. canopyplanet.org
- Center for Biological Diversity and Collective Fashion Justice's CIRCUMFAUNA Initiative (2021). *Shear Destruction: Wool, Fashion and the Biodiversity Crisis*. Authors: Feldstein, S., Hakansson, E., Katcher, J., & Vance, U.
- Chan, E. (2019). How sustainable is organic cotton, really? *Vogue Australia*.
<https://www.vogue.com.au/fashion/news/how-sustainable-is-organic-cotton-really/image-gallery/fb482e3c60f8278705a7b76f2fafd069>
- Circular (2021). Clothes made from recycled plastic bottles 'adding to fashion's waste crisis'. Clean Clothes Campaign. The Accord of Safety.
<https://cleanclothes.org/campaigns/the-accord>
- Collective Fashion Justice. Fun facts on fast fashion.
<https://www.collectivefashionjustice.org/mass-consumerism>
- Conca, J. (2015). Making Climate Change Fashionable - The Garment Industry Takes On Global Warming. *Forbes*.
- Ellen MacArthur Foundation (2017). The new plastics economy: Rethinking the future of plastics & catalysing action. ellenmacarthurfoundation.org
- Ellen & MacArthur Foundation and Circular Fibres Initiative (2017). *A New Textiles Economy: Redesigning Fashion's Future*.
https://emf.thirdlight.com/file/24/uiwtaHvud8YIG_uiSTauTIJH74/A%20New%20Textiles%20Economy%3A%20Redesigning%20fashion's%20future.pdf

- EPA. Textiles: Material-Specific Data.
<https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/textiles-material-specific-data>
- Farmworker Justice (2013). Exposed and Ignored: How pesticides are endangering our nation's farmworkers.
<https://kresge.org/sites/default/files/Exposed-and-ignored-Farmworker-Justice-KF.pdf>
- Fashinnovation (2022). Fast Fashion's Toxic Clothing and How to Avoid It.
<https://fashinnovation.nyc/toxic-clothing/>
- Federal Office for the Environment (2017). Recycled Textile Fibres and Textile Recycling: An Overview of the Market and its Possibilities for Public Procurers in Switzerland. Author: Rengel, A.
- Henry, B., Laitala, K., Klepp, I. G. (2019). Microfibres from apparel and home textiles: Prospects for including microplastics in environmental sustainability assessment. *Science of the Total Environment*, 652, 483-494.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2018.10.166>
- Hymann, Y. (2020). Material Guide: How Sustainable is Hemp Fabric? Good on You. <https://goodonyou.eco/material-guide-hemp/>
- H&M. Conscious Choice Products Explained.
https://www2.hm.com/en_au/customer-service/product-and-quality/conscious-concept.html
- Igini, M. (2022). 5 Fast-Fashion Brands Called Out for Greenwashing. Earth.
<https://earth.org/fast-fashion-brands-greenwashing/>
- International Accord (2021). International Safety Accord Begins with 77 Garment Brands. <https://internationalaccord.org/updates>
- Islam, T. (2022). Health Concerns of Textile Workers and Associated Community. *Inquiry*, 59. doi: 10.1177/00469580221088626
- Lai, O. (2021). What is Fast Fashion? <https://earth.org/what-is-fast-fashion/>
- Li, Y., Sun, Y., Li, J., Tang, R., Miu, Y., & Ma, X. (2021). Research on the influence of microplastics on marine life. *IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science*, 631. doi:10.1088/1755-1315/631/1/012006
- Lieber, C. (2018). Why fashion brands destroy billions' worth of their own merchandise every year. *Vox: The Goods*.
- Mayo, A. (2021). Amazon isn't alone in reportedly destroying unsold goods. Nike, Burberry, H&M and others have also come under fire for torching their own products. *Business Insider*. <https://www.businessinsider.com/amazon-destroying-unsold-goods-report-other-nike-burberry-fashion-2021-6>
- McCullough, D. G. (2014). Deforestation for fashion: Getting unsustainable fabrics out of the closet. *The Guardian*.
- McKinsey & Company (2018). *The State of Fashion 2019*.
- McKinsey & Company (2020). *Biodiversity: The new frontier in sustainable fashion*. Granskog, A., Laizet, F., Lobis, M., & Sawers, C.
- McKinsey & Company (2021). *State of Fashion 2022: An uneven recovery and new frontiers*. <https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/retail/our-insights/state-of-fashion>

McKinsey & Company (2022). Scaling textile recycling in Europe – turning waste into value. <https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/retail/our-insights/scaling-textile-recycling-in-europe-turning-waste-into-value>

New York Senate. Assembly Bill A766. <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2021/A766>

New York Senate. Senate Bill S7428. <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2021/S7428>

Newman, C. (2020). Material Guide: How Sustainable is Linen? Good on You. <https://goodonyou.eco/how-sustainable-is-linen/>

Niinimäki, K., Peters, G., Dahlbo, H., Perry, P., Rissanen, P., & Gwilt, A. (2020). The environmental price of fast fashion. *Nature Reviews Earth & Environment*, 1, 189-200. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43017-020-0039-9>

Ocean Clean Wash (2019). oceancleanwash.org

Oxfam (2019). *Made in Poverty: The True Price of Fast Fashion. What She Makes*. Authors: Emran, S. N., Kyriacou, J., & Rogan, S.

Parker, L. (2022). Microplastics are in our bodies. How much do they harm us? National Geographic. <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/microplastics-are-in-our-bodies-how-much-do-they-harm-us>

Porter, B. (2019). What Really Happens to Unwanted Clothes? *Green America: Unraveling the Fashion Industry*. <https://www.greenamerica.org/unraveling-fashion-industry/what-really-happens-unwanted-clothes>

Quartz (2022). Quartz investigation: H&M showed bogus environmental scores for its clothing. Shendruk, A. <https://qz.com/2180075/hm-showed-bogus-environmental-higg-index-scores-for-its-clothing>

Raturier, S. (2022). Greenwashing Examples: 8 Notorious Fast Fashion Claims and Campaigns. Good On You. <https://goodonyou.eco/greenwashing-examples/>

Regan, H. (2020). Asian rivers are turning black. And our colorful closets are to blame. *CNN Style*. <https://www.cnn.com/style/article/dyeing-pollution-fashion-intl-hnk-dst-sept/index.html>

Remy, N., Speelman, E., & Swartz, S. (2016). Style that's sustainable: A new fast fashion formula. McKinsey Sustainability. <https://www.mckinsey.com/capabilities/sustainability/our-insights/style-thats-sustainable-a-new-fast-fashion-formula>

Sakamoto, M., Ahmed, T., Begum, S., & Huq, H. (2019). Water pollution and the textile industry in Bangladesh: Flawed corporate practices or restrictive opportunities? *Sustainability*, 11. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su11071951>

Sant'Ana, M. A. & Kovalechen, F. (2012). Evaluation of the health risks to garment workers in the city of Xambrê-PR, Brazil. *Work*, 41, 5647-5649. doi: 10.3233/WOR-2012-0906-5647

Shukla, N. (2022). Fast Fashion Pollution and Climate Change. <https://earth.org/fast-fashion-pollution-and-climate-change/>

Suaria, G., Achtypi, A., Perold, V., Lee, J. R., Pierucci, A., Bornman, T., Aliani, S., & Ryan, P. G. (2020). Microfibers in oceanic surface waters: A global characterization. *Science Advances*, 6. doi: 10.1126/sciadv.aay8493

- Textile Exchange (2021). Preferred Fiber & Materials Market Report 2021. https://textileexchange.org/app/uploads/2021/08/Textile-Exchange_PREFERRED-Fiber-and-Materials-Market-Report_2021.pdf
- The FABRIC Act. <https://thefabricact.org>
- The Wilderness Society (2021). 7 ways oil and gas drilling is bad for the environment. <https://www.wilderness.org/articles/blog/7-ways-oil-and-gas-drilling-bad-environment>
- Thomas, D. (2018). Why Won't We Learn from the Survivors of the Rana Plaza Disaster? The New York Times. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/24/style/survivors-of-rana-plaza-disaster.html>
- Ullah, A. N. Z., Clemett, A., Chowdhury, N., Chadwick, M., Huq, T., & Sultana, R. (2006). Human Health and Industrial Pollution in Bangladesh. Stockholm Environment Institute at York, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies, University of Leeds, and Department for International Development.
- UN Climate Change (2018). UN Helps Fashion Industry Shift to Low Carbon. United Nations. <https://unfccc.int/news/un-helps-fashion-industry-shift-to-low-carbon>
- Williams, D. (2022). Shein: the unacceptable face of throwaway fast fashion. The Observer: Fashion. <https://www.theguardian.com/fashion/2022/apr/10/shein-the-unacceptable-face-of-throwaway-fast-fashion>
- World Bank (2014). The Bangladesh Responsible Sourcing Initiative: A New Model for Green Growth? South Asia Environment and Water Resources Unit. <https://documents1.world-bank.org/curated/en/614901468768707543/pdf/922610WP0P11950DEL0FOR0GREEN-0GROWTH.pdf>
- World Bank (2019). How Much Do Our Wardrobes Cost to the Environment? <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/feature/2019/09/23/costo-moda-medioambiente#:~:text=Every%20year%20the%20fashion%20industry,needs%20of%20five%20million%20people.&text=The%20fashion%20industry%20is%20responsible,flights%20and%20maritime%20shipping%20combined>
- Zhou, M. (2022). SHEIN Is Infamously Exploitative – And It Might Be Worse Than You Think. Good On You. <https://goodonyou.eco/shein-is-worse-than-you-think/>