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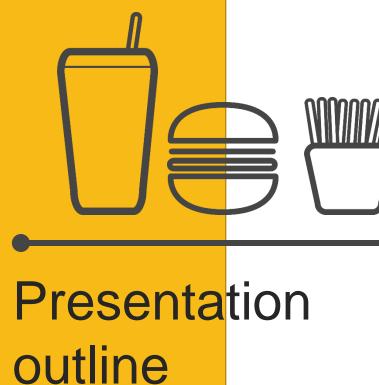
Life cycle assessment of selected edible parts of discarded food in Greek households

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Introduction

What about food waste? Is this a real problem?



Data

Data collection, time reference, process



Methodology of assessment

LCA Methodology, inventory, selected impact categories



Results

Top food waste categories, top impact category



Conclusions

Can we mitigate the problem?

Why is Food Waste a problem?

Greenhouse gases generated from food rotting in landfills (could be reduced to help mitigate climate change)

In USA, food is the single largest category of material placed in municipal landfills, where it emits methane, a powerful greenhouse gas (USEPA).

Municipal solid waste landfills are the third-largest source of human-related methane emissions in the USA, accounting for approximately 14.1% in 2017.

When food is wasted, so too is the land, water, labor, energy, and other inputs that are used in producing, processing, transporting, preparing, storing, and disposing of the discarded food.



About the edible parts of food waste



Edible vs Inedible Food Waste



INEDIBLE FOOD WASTE





Inedible food waste include drink and liquid waste, fish discarded to sea and waste of any materials that are ready for harvest, but which are not harvested. It also includes food items such as fruit and vegetable peels, and egg shells that are normally not consumed.

EDIBLE FOOD WASTE

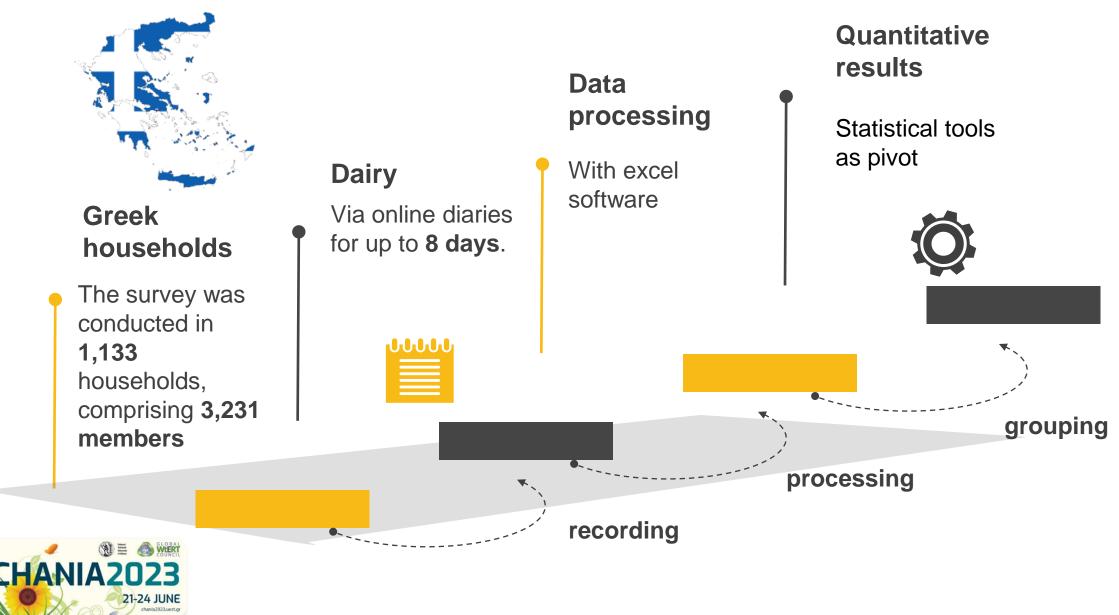
Edible food waste includes all **edible parts of food produced** with the intention **to be consumed by humans**, and which ends as waste (including animal feed and byproducts), originating after animals have been slaughtered or plants have been harvested. In **short, any food item that could have been consumed** by humans before reaching a state where it is no longer fit for human consumption.





Data collection





Form of raw data



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Data Grouping





Flour, wheat Bread, wheat, frozen Rolls, fresh Wheat starch Bread, from wheat flour, Bread, wheat, fresh, in supermarket

Bakery

Products

Flatfish, Cod fillet, Herring fillet, Mussels, Shrimps, frozen Trout, frozen Small pelagic fish, Landed anchovy Landed tuna

Fish

Fava beans, Onion dried, Corn, Peas green, Carrot, Mushroom, Tomato, Mint, Celery, Coriander Cucumber, Lettuce Spinach, Zucchini, Avocado, Cabbage white, Bell pepper, Broccoli, Lemon, tomato, Ginger, Radish, Sugar beet, Garlic, Cauliflower, Onion, Aubergine, Palm kernels, Parsley, Oil palm fruit. orchard/TH Mass

Vegetables

Beef minced meat, Beef round, Pork neck, Beef flanchet Turkey, Lamb, Ham Chicken, Pork minced meat, Red meat

Meat

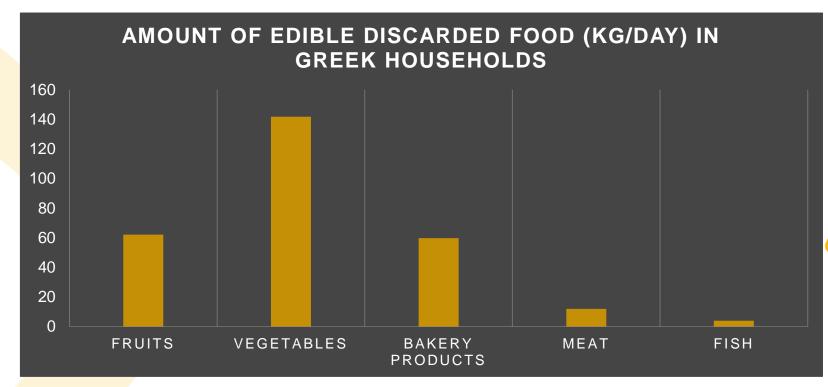
Pear, Peach, Strawberry Orange, Mandarin, Kiwi, Mango, Apple, Banana, Pineapple, Grape, Palm date, Pomegranate Papaya

Fruits

Primary data

An average of **280 kg** of edible food parts were discarded each **day** for the total sample

The most wasted food groups were <u>vegetables</u>, <u>fruits</u>, <u>and bakery products</u>, followed by meat, fish, and seafood. Regardless of price inflation, vegetables, fruits and bakery products have a comparatively lower unit cost (per kilo) than meat and fish. Thus, the purchase of surplus quantity does not significantly burden the financial planning of a household on a daily basis, and it is easier to leave a quantity of these products unconsumed



Processing

Meat Heating in conventional oven for about 1hr, for 324 records



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Fish Heating in conventional oven for about 20 min, for 180 records



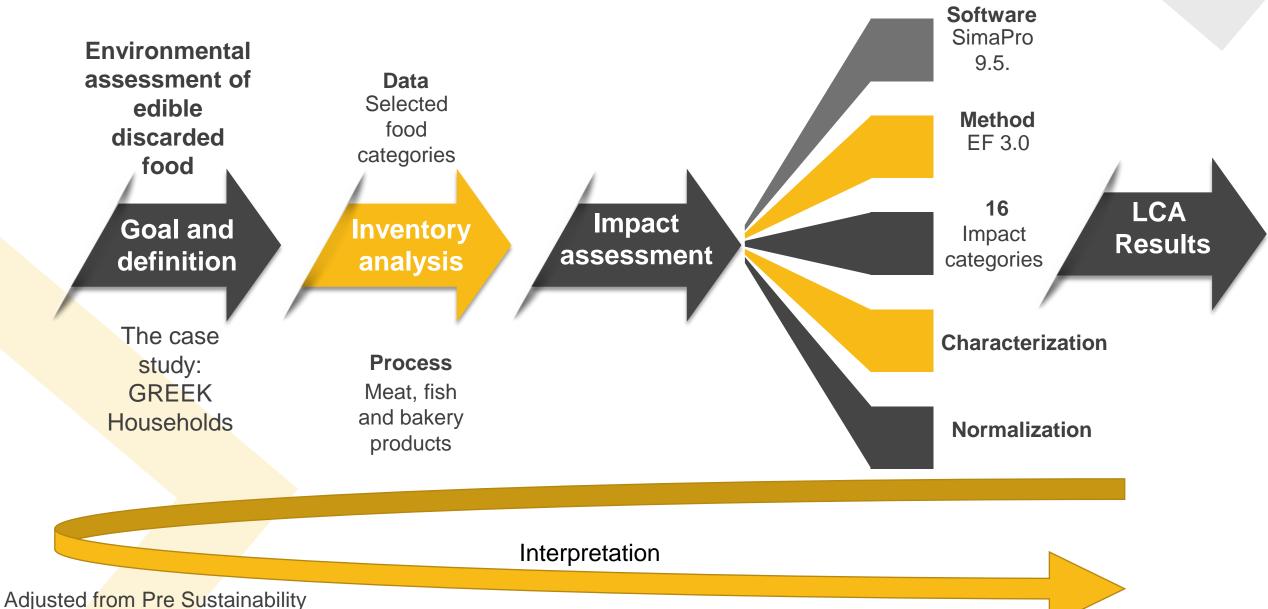
Bakery products

The baking process is included in the database used to conduct the evaluation with the help of the SimaPro software.

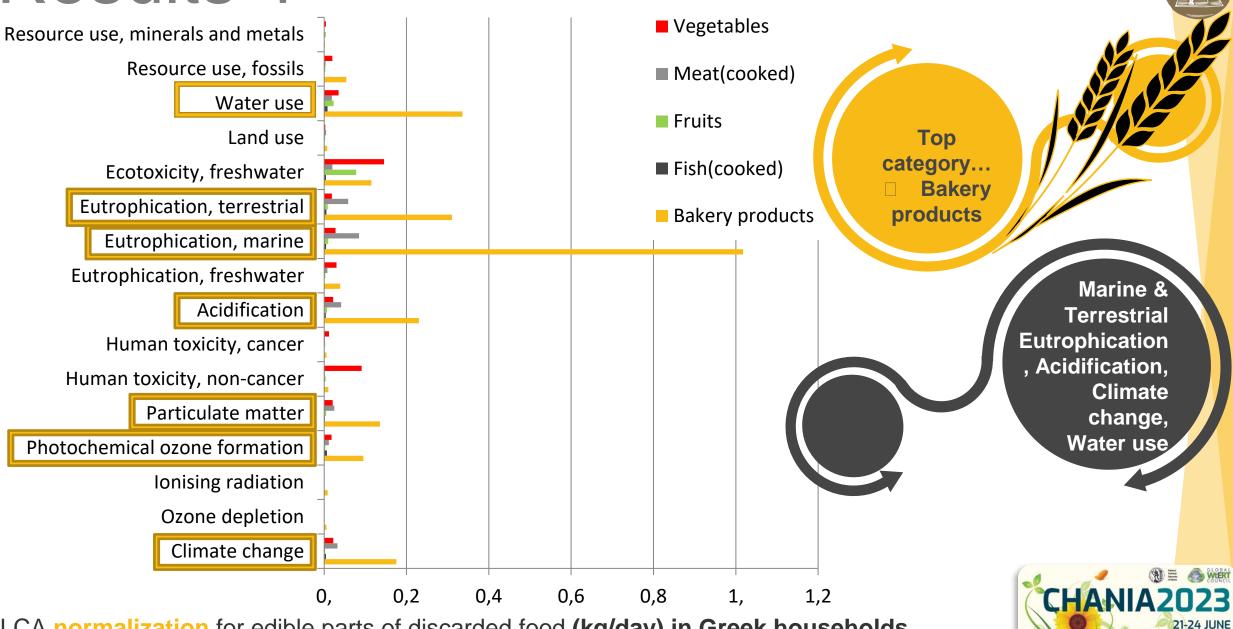


LCA Methodology





Results-1



LCA normalization for edible parts of discarded food (kg/day) in Greek households

Results-2

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Ecotoxicity, freshwater - inorganics Human toxicity, cancer - metals Human toxicity, cancer - organics Human toxicity, non-cancer - inorganics Climate change - Land use and LU. Climate change - Fossil Resource use, fossils Land use Eutrophication, terrestrial Eutrophication, freshwater Human toxicity, cancer Particulate matter Ionising radiation Climate change 20 40 60 Bakery products Vegetables Meat(cooked) Fruits Fish(cooked)

Chart for edible parts of discarded food at household level in Greece

CO₂ equivalent of characterization

Impact category	Unit	Bakery products	Fish (cooked)	Fruits	Meat (cooked)	Vegetable s
Climate change	kg CO2 eq	1419.36	35.39	19.835	261.37	181.20
Climate change – Fossil	kg CO2 eq	1417.02	35.38	17.897	229.49	175.85
Climate change – Biogenic	kg CO2 eq	0.25812	0.0001	1.8617	28.69	2.85
Climate change - Land use and LU change	kg CO2 eq	2.07943	0.0002	0.0761	3.18	2.51

Conclusions



Need for quantities

Measurable data are easier to capture the magnitude of the problem. In addition to numerical data, various research methodologies can be applied to conduct results

Environmental assessment

Environmental impacts are the focus of this study and the main impact categories identified from the analysis are: Marine & Terrestrial eutrophication, Acidification, Climate change, Water use

What's the message?

We can carry the message that the current situation can be improved in the near future to the benefit of humans and the environment.

Household sector

The top categories of discarded food in Greece are fruits, vegetable and bakery products.

Greece case study

Food waste is a serious issue worldwide and in Greece. There is a constant need to better inform the public and change consumer behavior by adopting good practices for food management at the household level and beyond.





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