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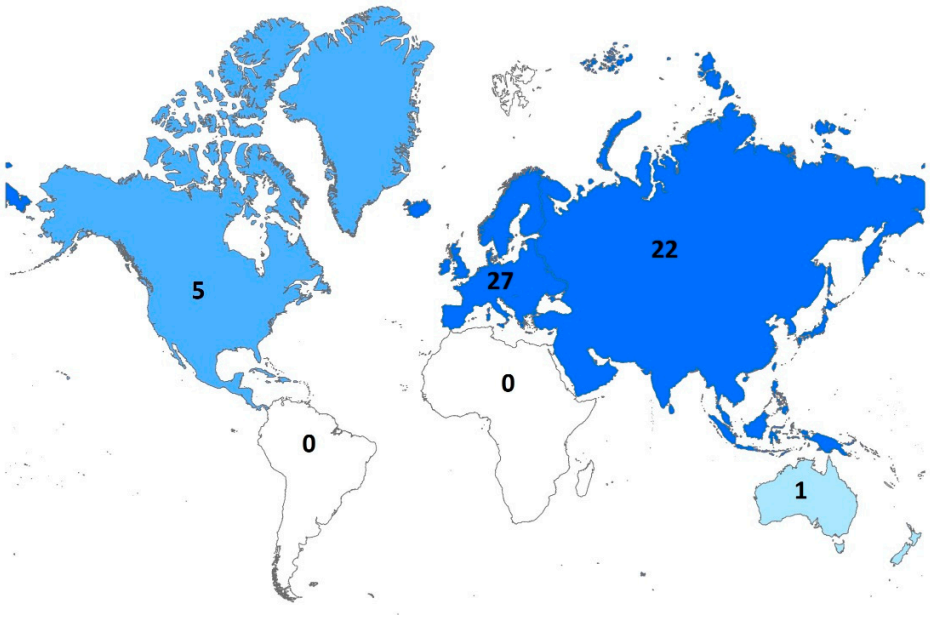

Figure S1. Map showing the geographical locations of the studies that were used for this review.

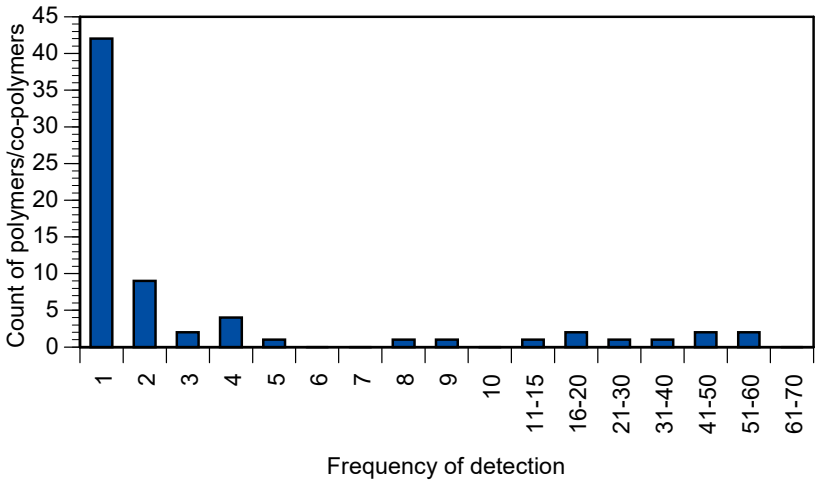

Figure S2. Frequency of detection of polymers/co-polymers by studies of microplastics in water, sediment and biota sampled in freshwaters and estuaries.

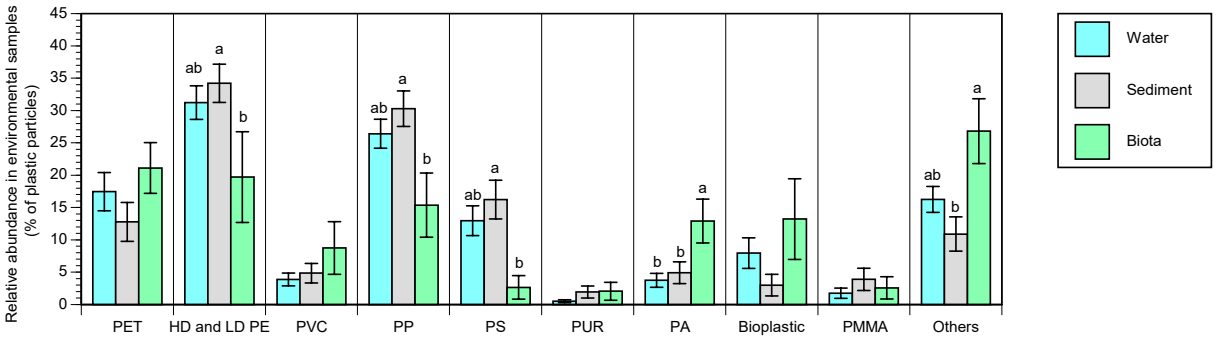

Figure S3. Mean relative abundance of polymers (% of particles ± SE) including more frequent miscellaneous plastics, reported as microplastics in water (n = 39), sediment (n = 23) and biota (n = 10) sampled in freshwaters and estuaries. Influence of matrix (water, sediment or biota) p = 0.0444 from MANVOVA. Significant differences within polymers were identified by Tukey's test, where means that are not significantly different (within polymers) share the same letter.

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