



# Zinc Circularity, Carbon Footprint, and Decarbonization

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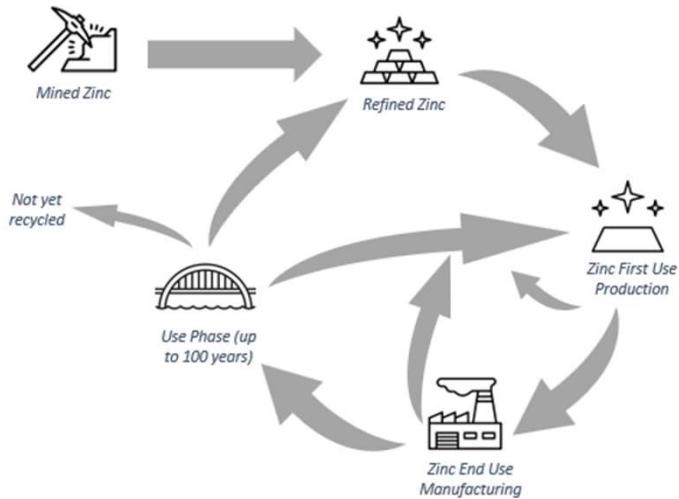
- Represents 60% of the worldwide zinc production, 80% in Western hemisphere
- Offices: USA, Europe, India, China
- Membership includes more than 200 companies representing: mining, refining, first use, and recycling



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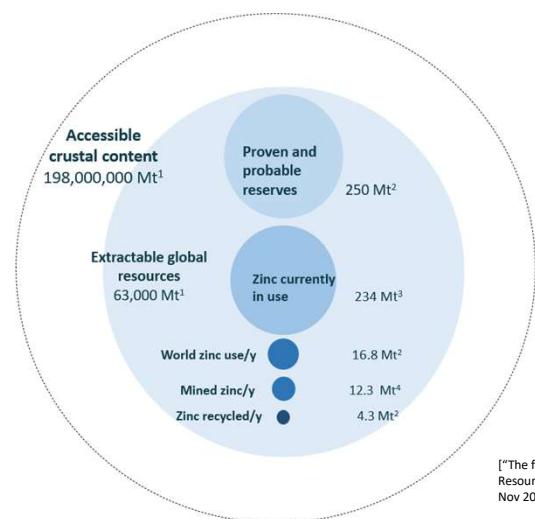
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## Zinc is Long-Term Available

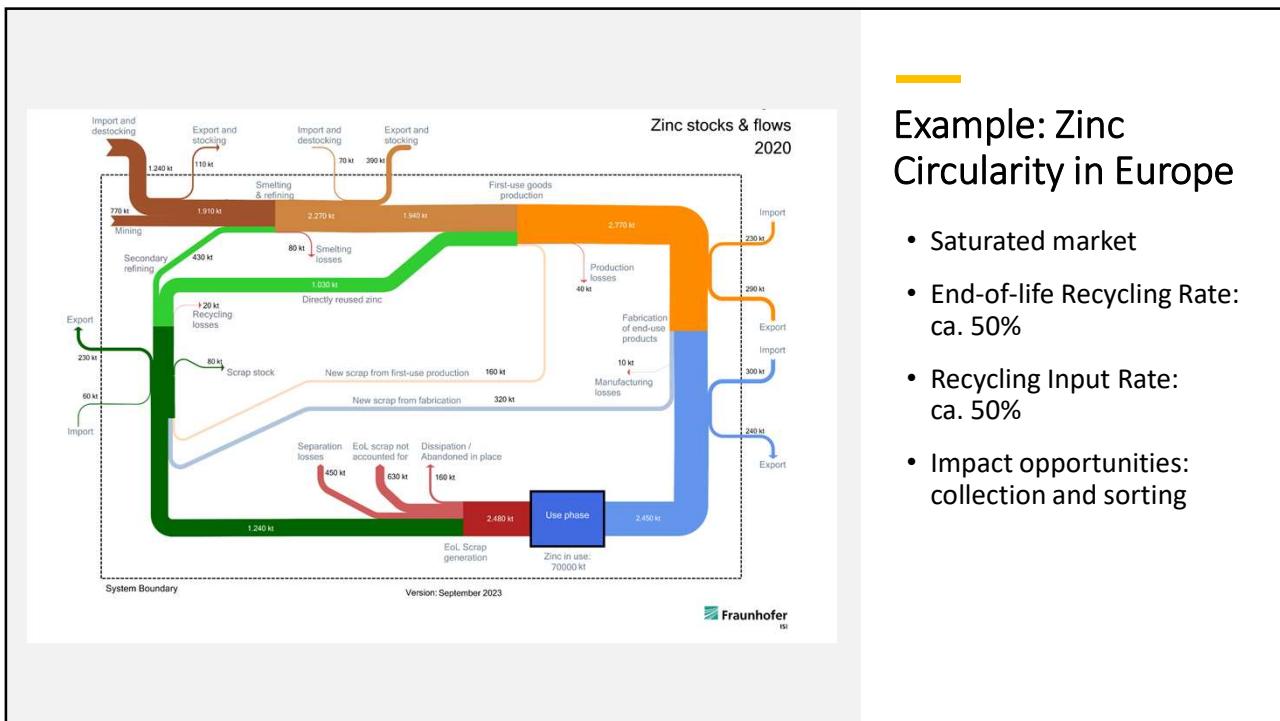


Geological inventory + future demand scenarios:

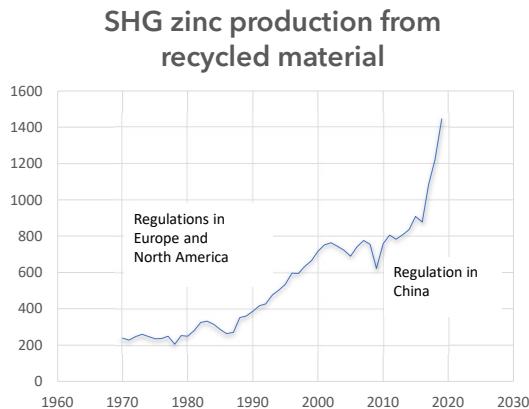
- At global level, zinc is long-term available from mined and recycled sources.
- Both sources will be needed to satisfy demands.
- Focus shifts to regional and national criticality assessments.

[“The future availability of zinc”, Rostek, Pirard, Loibl, Resources, Conservation & Recycling Advances, Vol. 19, Nov 2023 ([link](#))]

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## Disruptive Developments impacting Zinc Circularit



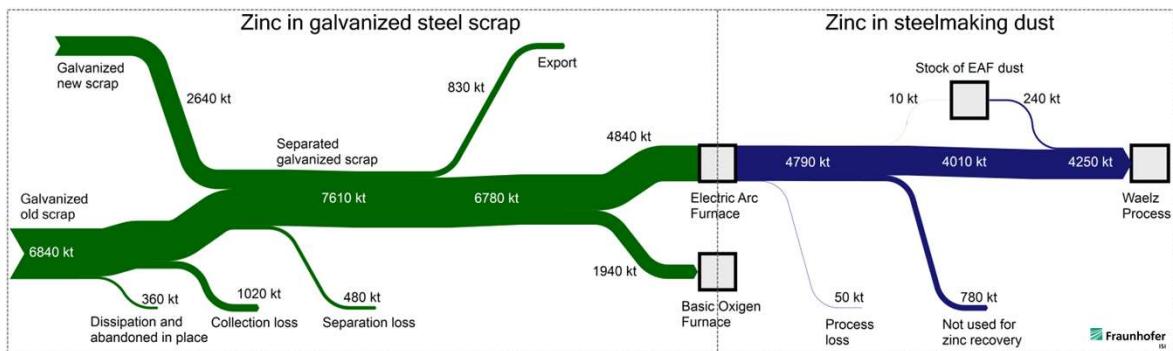
Zinc recycling from steel mill (EAF) dust (hazardous waste) increases with regulations being enforced

- Changing regulatory environment
- Demand shifts
- Technological shifts

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### Example: Zinc Circularit in Europe

- Zinc losses in galvanized steel recycling can be minimized by improved collection and sorting, targeted scrap management, regulations

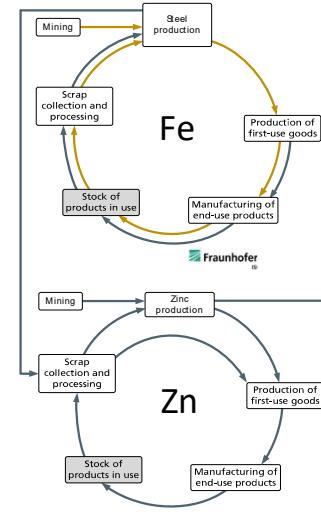


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## Poly-Metal Flow Analysis

- Steel-zinc cycle (galvanized steel)
- Copper-zinc cycle (brass)
- Aluminium-zinc alloys (die casting alloys)

**Challenge:** Recycling processes for anthropogenic ores are optimized for more valuable elements.



## Take Aways Zinc Circularity



### Zinc is long-term available

- Mined and recycled sources both are needed



### Zinc is circular, challenges and impact opportunities remain:

- Data availability and quality
- Disruptive changes
- Poly-metal effects



### Impact opportunities

- Collection, sorting, innovation
- Impact opportunities vary between regions

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## 2024 Key Performance Indicators



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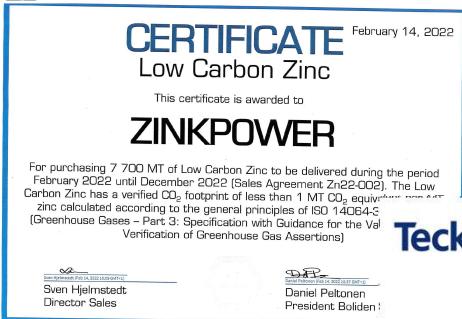
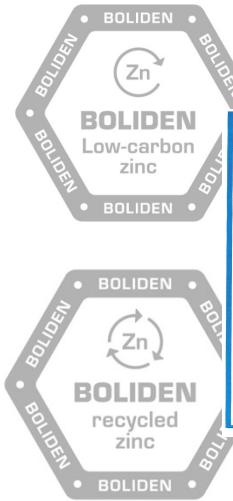
- Price
- Price
- Price
- Quality

### New

- Carbon footprint
- Recycled content
- Sourced responsibly

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## Talk of the Town ...



Teck

Teck Resources Limited  
TSX: TECK.A, TECK.B  
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News Release

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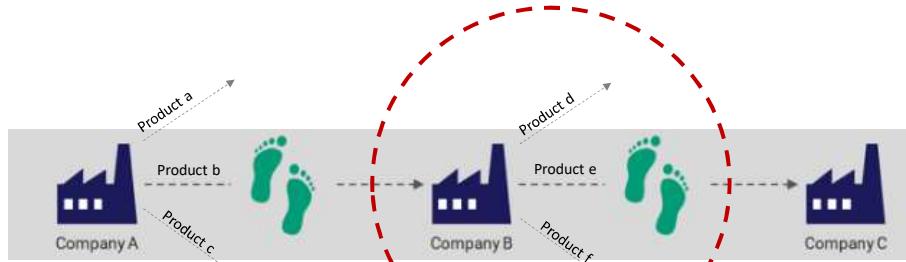
### Teck Trail Operations Announce Low-Carbon Refined Zinc

Vancouver, B.C. – Teck Resources Limited (TSX: TECK.A and TECK.B, NYSE: TECK) ("Teck") announced today a new report outlining the extremely low carbon footprint of the Special High Grade (SHG) refined zinc from its Trail Operations in British Columbia, Canada. The report, which was

Credibility  
through  
Harmonization,  
Transparency,  
Certification

- Clear definitions and guidance
- Alignment between up- and downstream users' standards
- Audits and certification

## Types of Carbon Footprint



### Product carbon footprint:

- t CO<sub>2</sub>e/t product
- Needed by downstream companies for their CF reporting and in product design
- Based on LCA standards (ISO 14044, 14067, and GHG Protocol Products Standard)

### Company carbon footprint:

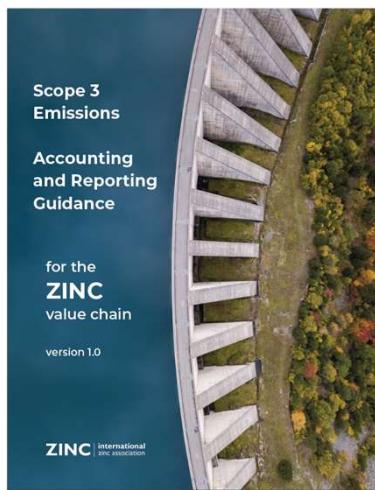
- t CO<sub>2</sub>e per company per year
- Used by banks and in sustainability reporting
- Based on GHG Protocol Corporate Standards Scope 1,2,3

CF: Carbon Footprint

LCA: Life Cycle Assessment

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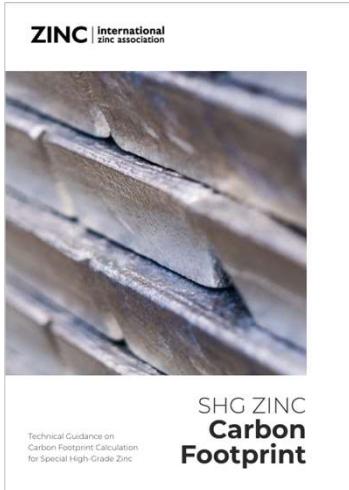
## Zinc Company Carbon Footprint

Download: [https://www.zinc.org/climate\\_change/](https://www.zinc.org/climate_change/)

- Scope 3 Guidance in line with GHG Protocol Corporate Standard
- Based on ICMM Scope 3 Guidance for the mining and metals industry
- Launched in Oct 2023

➤ Increasingly used by companies

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## Zinc Product Carbon Footprint

- Guidance in line with GHG Protocol Products Standard and ISO 14044 and 14067
- Launched in 2023; version 2.0 in peer review process

➤ **Approved by LME<sub>passport</sub>**

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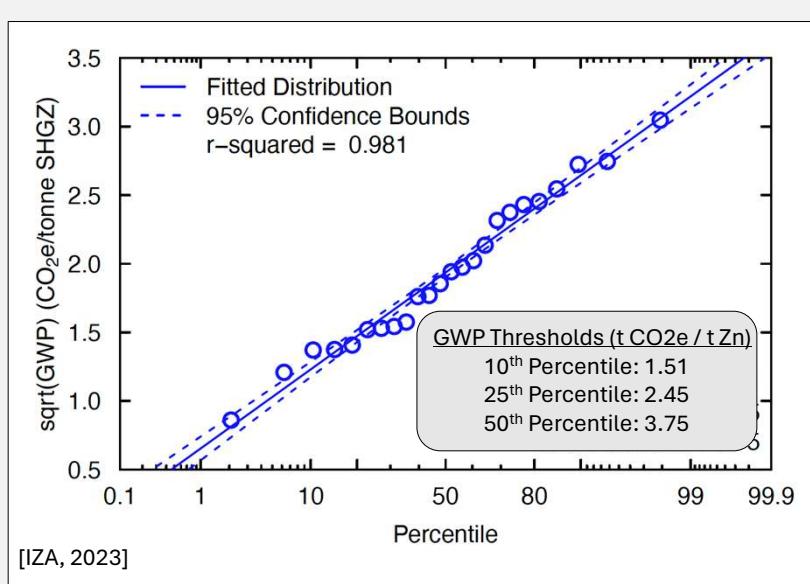
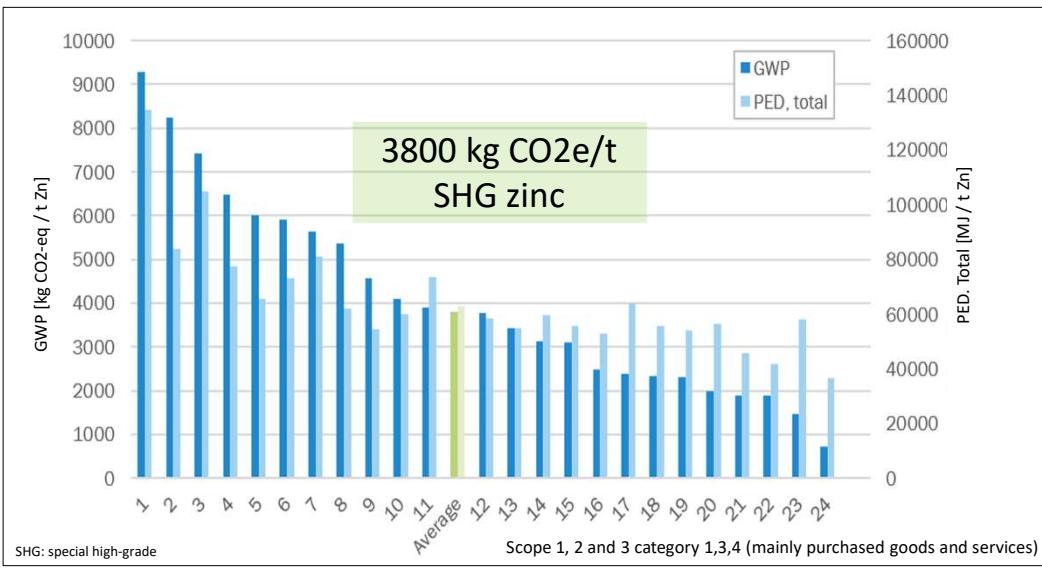
## Specific Versus Average Carbon Footprint

- Averages are used as default and in early design stages.
- High quality average data in relevant data bases ensure market access.

➤ **IZA provides global or regional averages based on anonymized industry data.**

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## Average Product Carbon Footprint for SHG Zinc



## What is “Low Carbon Zinc?”

1. Global Warming Potential for smelters taken from LCA
2. All data used (no separation)
  - RLE vs. ISF
  - Crude oxide use
  - Regions
3. Data transformed for linearized model
4. Percentiles reported for market comparisons
5. Regular updates managed by IZA

## Take Aways Zinc Carbon Footprint



### Different CFs for different purposes

- Product CF
- Company CF



### IZA guidance for harmonization and transparency

- Scope 3 reporting
- Product CF
- Average CFs



### There is no definition for "low carbon zinc"

- Companies can claim to be below the global average.

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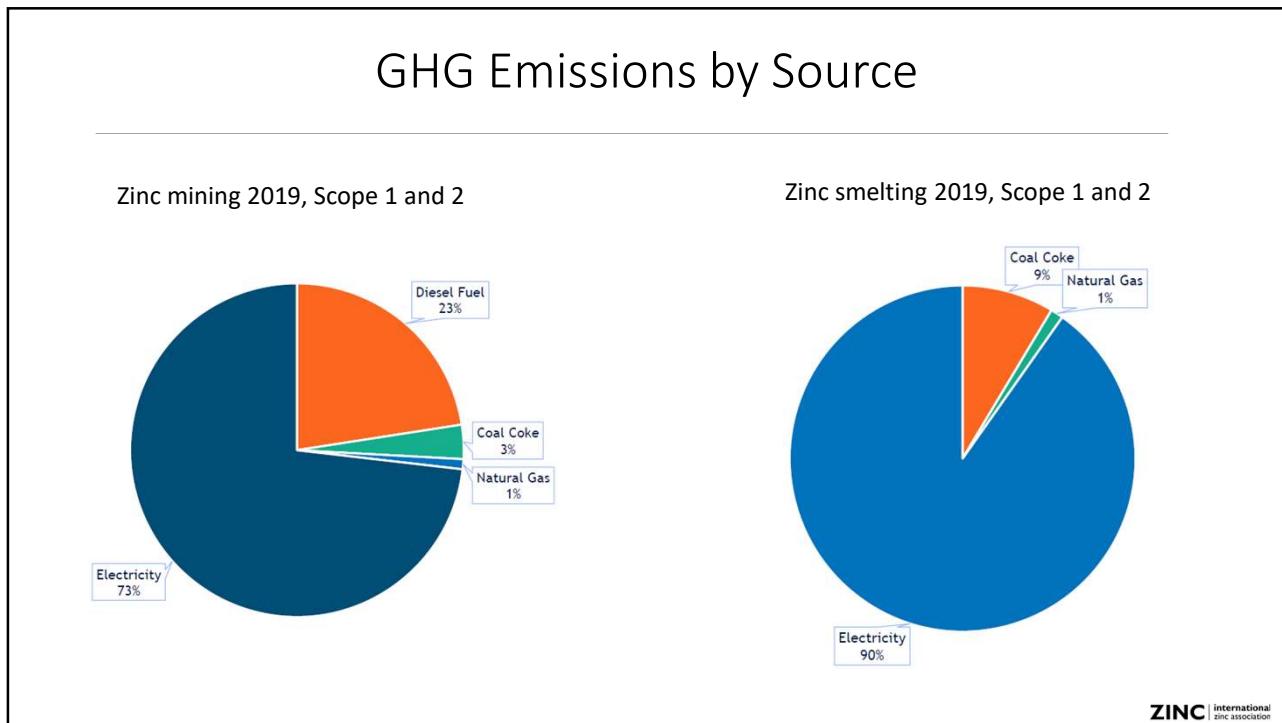
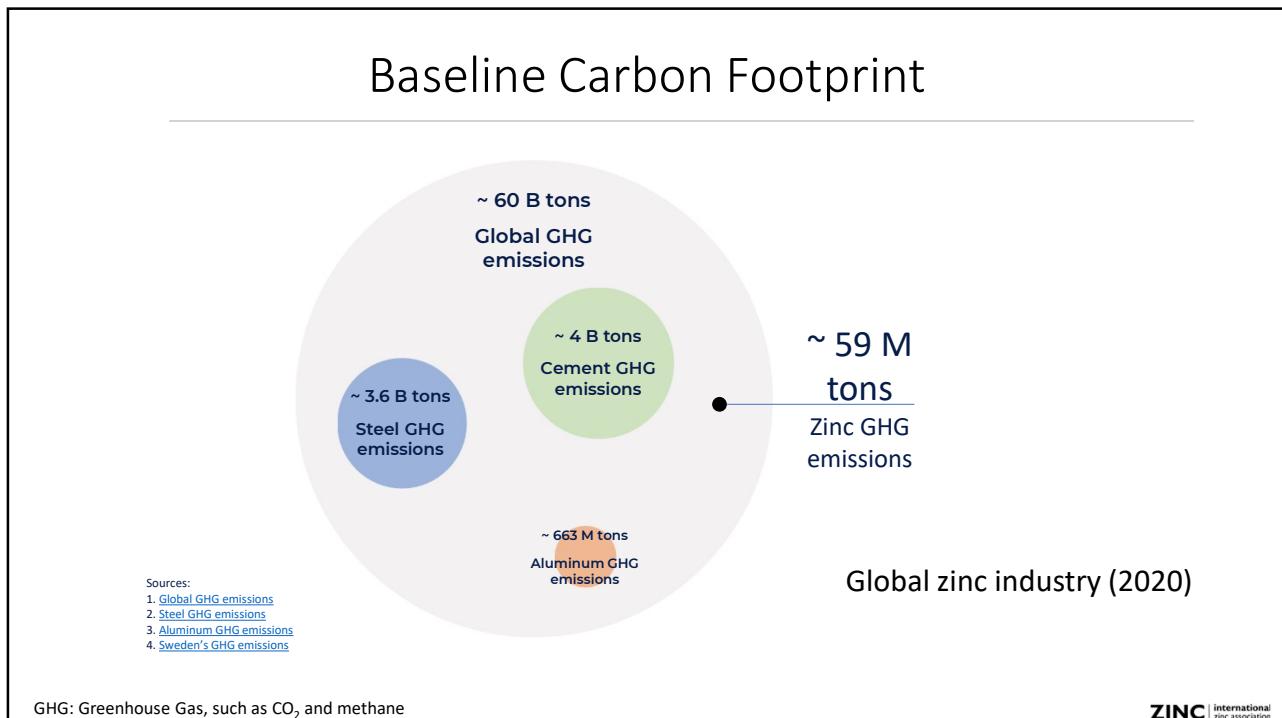
LCA: Life cycle Assessment

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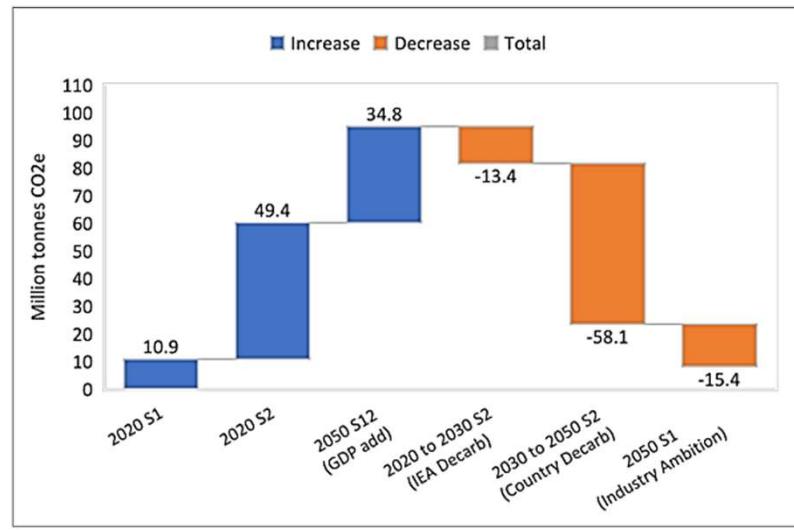
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## Global Carbon Footprint Context

- Idealized 2050 roadmap
- Scope 1 & 2
- Next Step: increase granularity and identify impact opportunities at regional, country, and site level



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## Summary

- Zinc is long-time available from mined and recycled sources.
  - It is a critical or strategical raw material in many jurisdictions.
- The zinc sector focuses on products and sites with low carbon footprints.
  - IZA provides guidance on calculation and reporting to ensure harmonization, transparency, and credibility.
- The Zinc sector is reducing its carbon footprint.
  - IZA supports member companies with the Decarbonization Roadmap.



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Thank you for your  
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