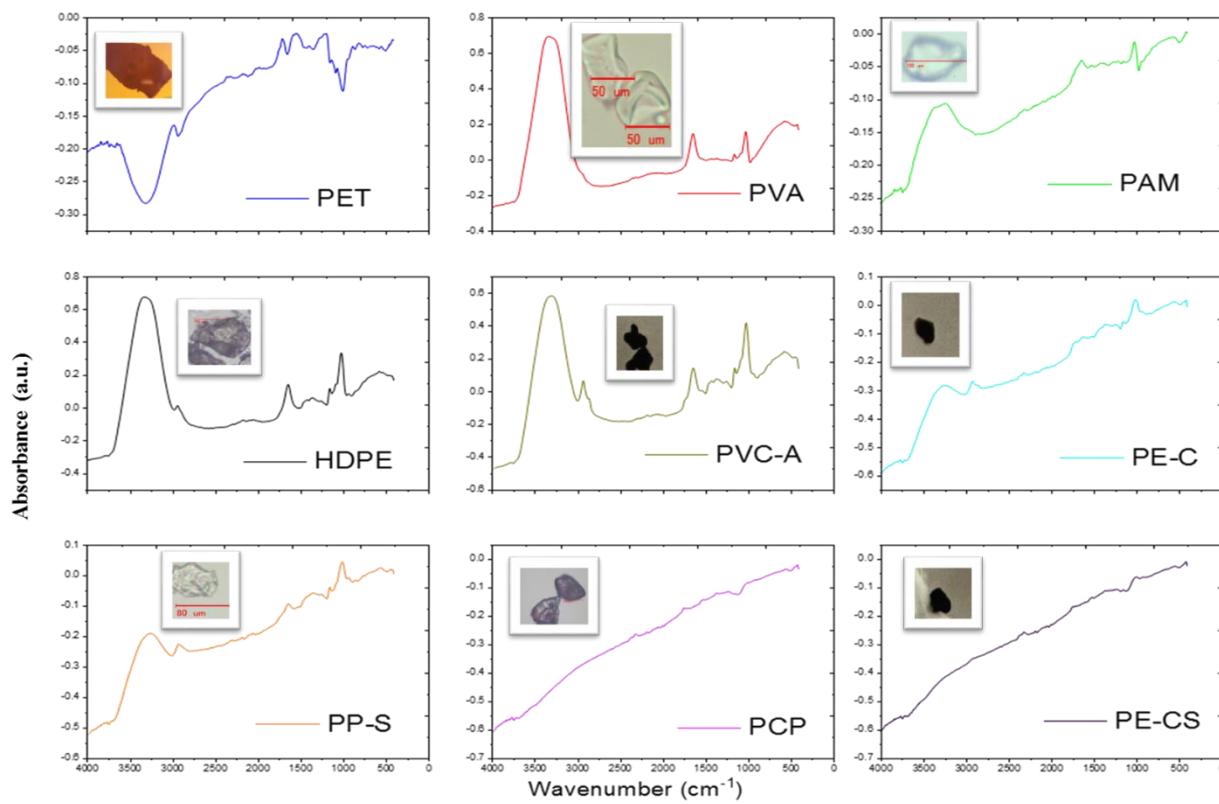


## Supplementary Material



**Figure S1.** Some photographs of the different MPs identified in the garri samples.

**Table S1.** Quantity of microparticles and microplastics in the garri samples

| Samples   | Microparticles |        |        |       |       | Microplastics |        |        |       |       |
|-----------|----------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|---------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
|           | Test 1         | Test 2 | Test 3 | MEAN  | SDV   | Test 1        | Test 2 | Test 3 | MEAN  | SDV   |
| S1        | 242            | 196    | 210    | 216   | 23.58 | 188           | 191    | 146    | 175   | 25.16 |
| S2        | 27             | 32     | 39     | 32.67 | 6.023 | 13            | 6      | 20     | 13    | 7     |
| S3        | 44             | 63     | 36     | 47.67 | 13.87 | 30            | 42     | 21     | 31    | 10.54 |
| S4        | 4              | 7      | 3      | 4.67  | 2.08  | 2             | 4      | 0      | 2     | 2     |
| S5        | 31             | 26     | 52     | 36.33 | 13.8  | 28            | 16     | 24     | 22.67 | 6.11  |
| CONTROL 1 | -              | -      | -      | -     | -     | -             | -      | -      | -     | -     |
| CONTROL 2 | -              | -      | -      | 3     | 1     | -             | -      | -      | -     | -     |

Water utilized in particle extraction (procedural blank, CONTROL 1) and water left open in the experimental lab for the duration of extraction (air blank, CONTROL 2) were employed as contamination controls.

**Table S2.** Shapes of microplastics in the garri sample

| Samples | Fragments |        |        |        |       | Rod/line |        |        |      |      | Film   |        |        |      |     |
|---------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|-------|----------|--------|--------|------|------|--------|--------|--------|------|-----|
|         | Test 1    | Test 2 | Test 3 | MEAN   | SDV   | Test 1   | Test 2 | Test 3 | MEAN | SDV  | Test 1 | Test 2 | Test 3 | MEAN | SDV |
| S1      | 180       | 189    | 140    | 169.67 | 26.08 | 8        | 2      | 6      | 5.33 | 3.06 | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0    | 0   |
| S2      | 13        | 6      | 18     | 13     | 6     | 0        | 0      | 0      | 0    | 0    | 0      | 2      | 0.67   | 1.15 | 0   |
| S3      | 28        | 42     | 16     | 28.67  | 13.01 | 2        | 0      | 5      | 2.33 | 2.52 | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0    | 0   |
| S4      | 2         | 4      | 0      | 2      | 2     | 0        | 0      | 0      | 0    | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0    | 0   |
| S5      | 24        | 16     | 23     | 21     | 4.36  | 4        | 0      | 1      | 1.67 | 2.08 | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0    | 0   |



**Table S3.** *Continued*

| MP type | Test 1 | Test 2 | Test 3 | mean     | SDV      | CV %     |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| PE-CS   | 14     | 2      | 6      | 7.333333 | 6.110101 | 83.31956 |
| PCP     | 10     | 10     | 4      | 8        | 3.464102 | 43.30127 |
| PP-S    | 2      | 3      | 9      | 4.666667 | 3.785939 | 81.12726 |
| HDPE    | 0      | 1      | 2      | 1        | 1        | 100      |
| PVC-A   | 2      | 0      | 3      | 1.666667 | 1.527525 | 91.65151 |

MPa- Microparticles; MPs-Microplastics; SDV-Standard deviation.

**Table S4.** Mean quantities of different MPs in garri samples

|       | S1    | S2   | S3   | S4   | S5    | MEAN  |
|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| PET   | 83    | 2    | 2.67 | 0    | 0     | 17.53 |
| PAM   | 18.33 | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 3.67  |
| PVA   | 14.33 | 1    | 0.67 | 0    | 0     | 3.2   |
| HDPE  | 36.33 | 2.33 | 2.67 | 0    | 1     | 8.47  |
| PVC-A | 23    | 1.67 | 5.33 | 0    | 1.667 | 6.33  |
| PP-S  | 0     | 4    | 3.67 | 0    | 4.67  | 2.47  |
| PE-C  | 0     | 2    | 5    | 0    | 0     | 1.4   |
| PCP   | 0     | 0    | 6    | 1.33 | 7.33  | 2.93  |
| PE-CS | 0     | 0    | 5    | 0.67 | 8     | 2.73  |

**Table S5.** Polymeric risk index for MPs

|         | S1     | S2     | S3      | S4   | S5     |
|---------|--------|--------|---------|------|--------|
| PET     | 1.89   | 0.62   | 0.34    | 0    | 0      |
| PAM     | 5.24   | 0      | 0       | 0    | 0      |
| HDPE    | 2.28   | 1.97   | 0.95    | 0    | 0.49   |
| PVC-A   | 914.35 | 891.92 | 1196.90 | 0    | 511.55 |
| PP-S    | 0      | 0.31   | 0.12    | 0    | 0.21   |
| PE-C    | 0      | 1.69   | 1.77    | 0    | 0      |
| PE-CS   | 0      | 0      | 1.77    | 3.67 | 3.88   |
| Overall | 12.00  | 3.55   | 2.29    | 3.67 | 3.75   |

**Table S6.** PTEs concentration in mg/g

| <b>Sample 1</b> | <b>Test 1</b> | <b>Test 2</b> | <b>Test 3</b> | <b>MEAN</b> | <b>SDV</b> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|------------|
| Cr              | 0.1           | 0.1           | 0             | 0.066667    | 0.057735   |
| Mn              | 0             | 0.1           | 0             | 0.033333    | 0.057735   |
| Fe              | 4.2           | 6.5           | 1.5           | 4.066667    | 2.502665   |
| Co              | 0.2           | 0.2           | 0.1           | 0.166667    | 0.057735   |
| Ni              | 0.6           | 2.4           | 0.2           | 1.066667    | 1.171893   |
| Cu              | 0.3           | 1.5           | 0.3           | 0.7         | 0.69282    |
| Zn              | 0.2           | 1.1           | 0.1           | 0.466667    | 0.550757   |
| <b>Sample 2</b> |               |               |               |             |            |
| Cr              | 0.1           | 0             | 0.1           | 0.066667    | 0.057735   |
| Mn              | 0.1           | 0             | 0.1           | 0.066667    | 0.057735   |
| Fe              | 7.2           | 2.1           | 3.3           | 4.2         | 2.666458   |
| Co              | 0.1           | 0.1           | 0.3           | 0.166667    | 0.11547    |
| Ni              | 0.6           | 0.1           | 2.4           | 1.033333    | 1.209683   |
| Cu              | 1             | 0.2           | 0.8           | 0.666667    | 0.416333   |
| Zn              | 0.5           | 0.1           | 0.8           | 0.466667    | 0.351188   |
| <b>Sample 3</b> |               |               |               |             |            |
| Cr              | 0.1           | 0             | 0             | 0.033333    | 0.057735   |
| Mn              | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0           | 0          |
| Fe              | 0.5           | 0.3           | 1.4           | 0.733333    | 0.585947   |
| Co              | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0           | 0          |
| Ni              | 0.4           | 0             | 0.3           | 0.233333    | 0.208167   |
| Cu              | 0.5           | 0             | 0.1           | 0.2         | 0.264575   |
| Zn              | 0.2           | 0             | 0.2           | 0.133333    | 0.11547    |
| <b>Sample 4</b> |               |               |               |             |            |
| Cr              | 0             | 0             | 0.1           | 0.033333    | 0.057735   |
| Mn              | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0           | 0          |
| Fe              | 2.4           | 0.8           | 8.4           | 3.866667    | 4.006661   |
| Co              | 0.2           | 0.3           | 1.2           | 0.566667    | 0.550757   |
| Ni              | 1.2           | 0.6           | 1.7           | 1.166667    | 0.550757   |
| Cu              | 0.6           | 0.4           | 0.7           | 0.566667    | 0.152753   |
| Zn              | 0.4           | 0.2           | 0.7           | 0.433333    | 0.251661   |
| <b>Sample 5</b> |               |               |               |             |            |
| Cr              | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0           | 0          |
| Mn              | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0           | 0          |
| Fe              | 15.1          | 1.1           | 0.7           | 5.633333    | 8.200813   |
| Co              | 0.2           | 0.2           | 0.1           | 0.166667    | 0.057735   |
| Ni              | 1.1           | 0.1           | 0.5           | 0.566667    | 0.503322   |
| Cu              | 4.2           | 0.2           | 0.2           | 1.533333    | 2.309401   |
| Zn              | 1.6           | 0.2           | 0.1           | 0.633333    | 0.83865    |

**Table S7.** Correlation matrix for PTEs and MPs

|          | Cr     | Mn     | Fe     | Co     | Ni     | Cu     | Zn     | PET    | PAM    | PVA    | HDPE   | PVC-A  | PP-S   | PE-C   | PCP    | PE-CS  | MP-total |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| Cr       | 1.000  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Mn       | 0.802  | 1.000  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Fe       | -0.177 | 0.212  | 1.000  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Co       | -0.066 | -0.186 | 0.371  | 1.000  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Ni       | 0.540  | 0.486  | 0.525  | 0.710  | 1.000  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Cu       | -0.550 | -0.095 | 0.868  | 0.054  | 0.038  | 1.000  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Zn       | -0.208 | 0.185  | 0.999  | 0.337  | 0.485  | 0.891  | 1.000  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| PET      | 0.551  | 0.263  | 0.089  | -0.147 | 0.341  | -0.060 | 0.098  | 1.000  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| PAM      | 0.535  | 0.250  | 0.114  | -0.124 | 0.356  | -0.038 | 0.123  | 0.999  | 1.000  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| PVA      | 0.581  | 0.302  | 0.084  | -0.163 | 0.349  | -0.074 | 0.092  | 0.999  | 0.998  | 1.000  |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| HDPE     | 0.559  | 0.279  | 0.076  | -0.184 | 0.319  | -0.065 | 0.086  | 0.999  | 0.998  | 0.999  | 1.000  |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| PVC-A    | 0.523  | 0.215  | -0.049 | -0.296 | 0.177  | -0.128 | -0.034 | 0.984  | 0.979  | 0.983  | 0.988  | 1.000  |        |        |        |        |          |
| PP-S     | -0.411 | 0.074  | 0.009  | -0.619 | -0.660 | 0.339  | 0.030  | -0.594 | -0.605 | -0.580 | -0.566 | -0.508 | 1.000  |        |        |        |          |
| PE-C     | 0.082  | -0.025 | -0.877 | -0.629 | -0.705 | -0.653 | -0.871 | -0.328 | -0.357 | -0.312 | -0.302 | -0.172 | 0.454  | 1.000  |        |        |          |
| PCP      | -0.881 | -0.706 | -0.136 | -0.393 | -0.868 | 0.359  | -0.093 | -0.473 | -0.471 | -0.494 | -0.464 | -0.367 | 0.631  | 0.310  | 1.000  |        |          |
| PE-CS    | -0.889 | -0.635 | 0.029  | -0.397 | -0.807 | 0.513  | 0.073  | -0.428 | -0.423 | -0.449 | -0.419 | -0.339 | 0.667  | 0.186  | 0.984  | 1.000  |          |
| MP-total | 0.488  | 0.214  | 0.044  | -0.262 | 0.214  | -0.039 | 0.060  | 0.991  | 0.988  | 0.989  | 0.993  | 0.995  | -0.506 | -0.256 | -0.362 | -0.319 | 1.000    |