

Notes:

Annual rainfall- the average amount of total rain that a place generally receives. The first three reservoirs in Singapore were MacRitchie Reservoir, Peirce Reservoir and Seletar Reservoir.

Since 2011, the water catchment area has increased from half to two-thirds of Singapore's land surface with the completion of the Marina, Punggol and Serangoon Reservoirs. This makes Singapore one of the few countries in the world to harvest urban stormwater on a large scale for potable consumption.

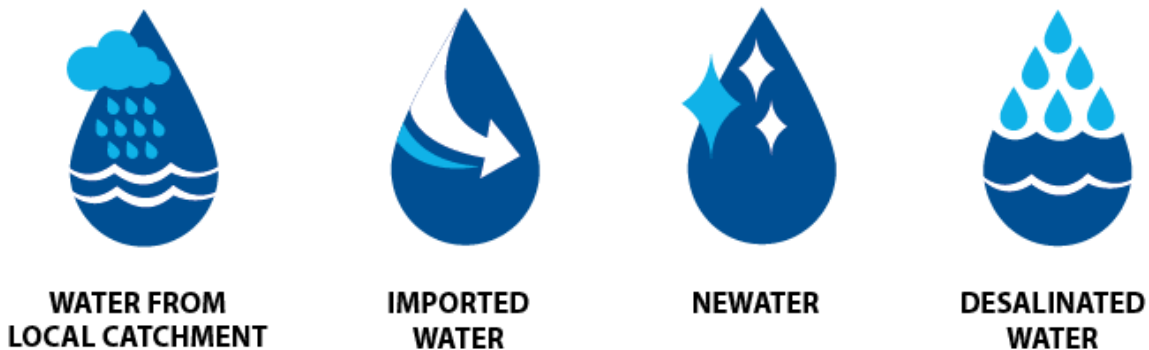
Relationship between water demand and population growth

As water demand **increases**, population growth **increases**

Population of Singapore has increased from 1.6 million in 1960 to 5.8 million in 2020. Water demand in Singapore has increased from 100 Mn³/year to 700 Mn³ in 2020

Thus, Singapore is at **risk of facing water shortage**

Singapore needs to address both **demand** and **supply** issues.



Desalination is the **removal of excessive salt and minerals** from **seawater** to **make it potable**

Singapore's first desalination plant is located in Tuas and can produce 30 million gallons of water per day, which is enough to fill about 55 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

Ministry of the Environment and resources -

<https://www.mewr.gov.sg/policy/managing-our-water>

PUB Four National taps - <https://www.pub.gov.sg/watersupply/fournationaltaps>

**Making sure that the nation's tap do not run dry -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZATjphmcwe4>**

Ministry of the Environment and resources -

Desalination - <https://www.mewr.gov.sg/topic/desalination>

Local catchment water - <https://www.mewr.gov.sg/topic/reservoirs>

(Look at the issue, challenge, efforts and progress updates)

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Photograph Annotation

Not about water
quality - irrelevant

Geylang River

Part on "shade for humans" - irrelevant

Old HDBs that
people live in

Trees to act as shade for the humans
carrying out their daily routines; filters
rainwater a bit more before it enters
water

Can hardly see
the rain garden

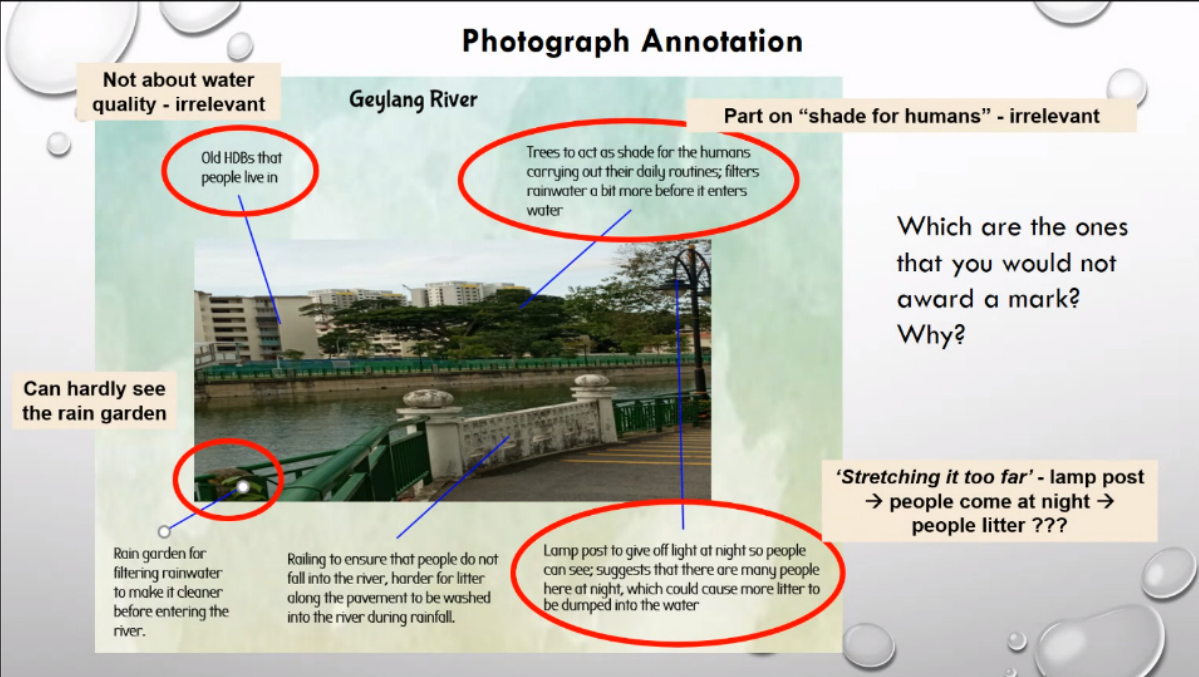
Rain garden for
filtering rainwater
to make it cleaner
before entering the
river.

Railing to ensure that people do not
fall into the river; harder for litter
along the pavement to be washed
into the river during rainfall.

Lamp post to give off light at night so people
can see; suggests that there are many people
here at night, which could cause more litter to
be dumped into the water

Which are the ones
that you would not
award a mark?
Why?

'Stretching it too far' - lamp post
→ people come at night →
people litter ???



Analysis and Conclusion

- Some groups had no/little analysis - note that analysis takes up 20% of total score.
- Describing data (e.g. water is odourless / turbidity is 40 JTU) → this is NOT analysis!
- Analysis → applying what you have learnt and what you have found out from secondary research to EXPLAIN possible reasons for the collected primary data (water quality test results)
- E.g. Water is colourless with no debris and smell. *This suggests that there is no foreign substance or pollutants in the water. However, there may be bacteria in the water which our basic water testing kit is unable to detect.*

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STRENGTHS OF PROJECT

- Collected both secondary and primary data for the project. The primary data supported what we found online for secondary research.
- Able to do observations for ourselves along Geylang River as it is near our school.
- Able to test water samples for ourselves, rather than relying on secondary sources.

Weakness

- However, this investigation does not completely test if the water is safe for drinking. One example would be the presence of bacteria and *Escherichia coli*. I think that one way that we could improve this investigation is to use a litmus paper test, also known as DipTest which can help to test for the presence of *Escherichia coli*. In addition, we could maybe also take some fishes from the water bodies and see if they carry any diseases that may have been caused by drinking the water from the water bodies.