Assessing River Water Quality in a Secondary School Environment

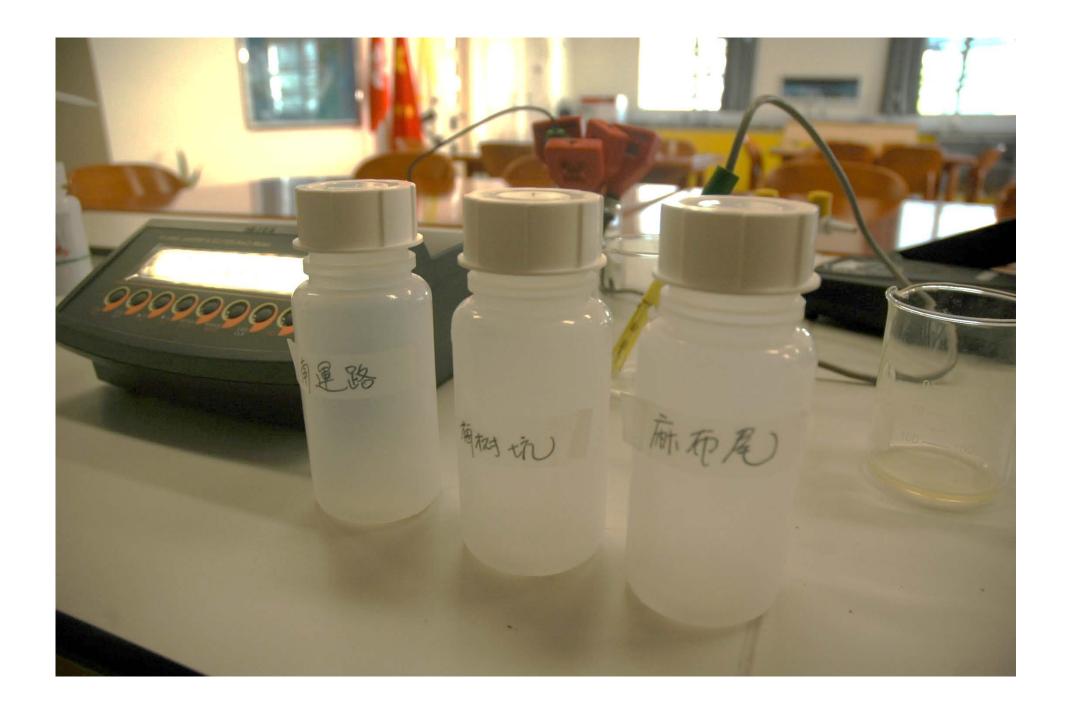
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What can you find in this bottle of water?

https://www.wsd.gov.hk/tc/core-businesses/water-quality/my-drinking-water-quality/index.html

	参數	原因/標準	
世衞參數(92個參數)	金屬 (12個參數)	世衞認為對飲用水衛生有重大影響	
	農藥 (33個參數)		
	消毒劑 (3個多數)		
	消毒副產品 (14個參數)		
	其他無機化學品 (3個參數)		
	其他有機化學品 (24個參數)		
	微生物 (1個多數)	細菌污染指標	
	輻射 (2個參數)	飲用水中放射性水平的篩選多數	
非世衞參數 (19個參數)	物理 (4個參數)	一般觀感、物理、化學及微生物等性質的指標	
	金屬 (5個參數)		
	其他無機化學品 (7個參數)		
	微生物 (3個參數)		





Temperature



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Dissolved Oxygen

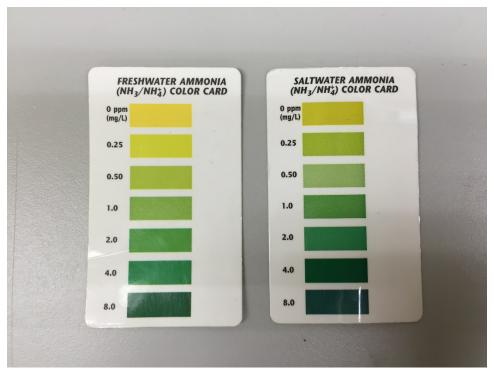


Ammonia / Nitrite / Nitrate









Salinity / Total Dissolved Solid (TDS) / Electrical conductivity



Multi-parameters benchtop meter



Turbidity / Nickel etc.

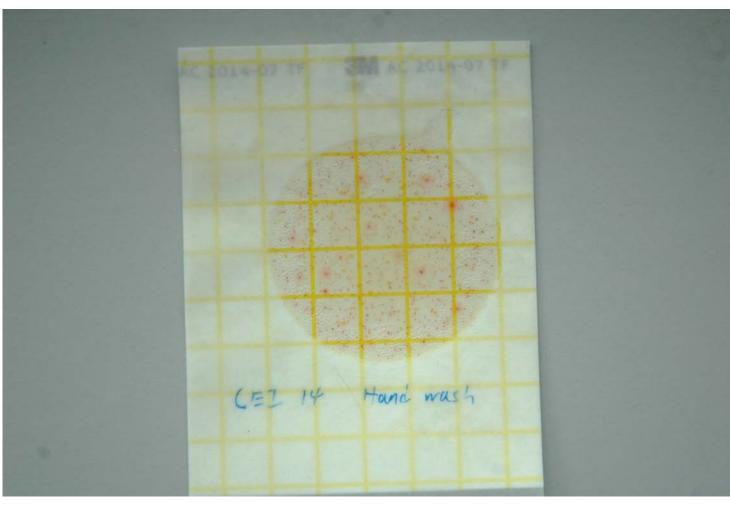
Spectrophotometers



Acid Demand	COD MR	Nitrite
Alkalinity P	COD HR	Nitrogen Total
Alkalinity Total M	Copper	Oxygen Saturation
Alkalinity	Cyanide	Ozone
Aluminium	Cyanuric Acid	pH Value
Ammonia	DEHA	Phenols
Ammonia LR	Fluoride	Phosphate Total
Ammonia HR	Hardness Total	Phosphate
Arsenic	Hazen	Phosphonate
Boron	Hydrazine	Potassium
Bromine	Hydrogen Peroxide	Silica
Cadmium	lodine	Sulphate
Absorbance	Iron	Sulphide
Monochloramine	Formaldehyde	Sulphite
Chloride	Iron TPTZ	Detergents
Chlorine	Lead	Suspended Solids
Chlorine (total)	Manganese	TOC
Chlorine Dioxide	Molybdate	Turbidity
Chromium	Nickel	Urea
COD LR	Nitrate	Zinc

Escherichia coli / Total bacteria

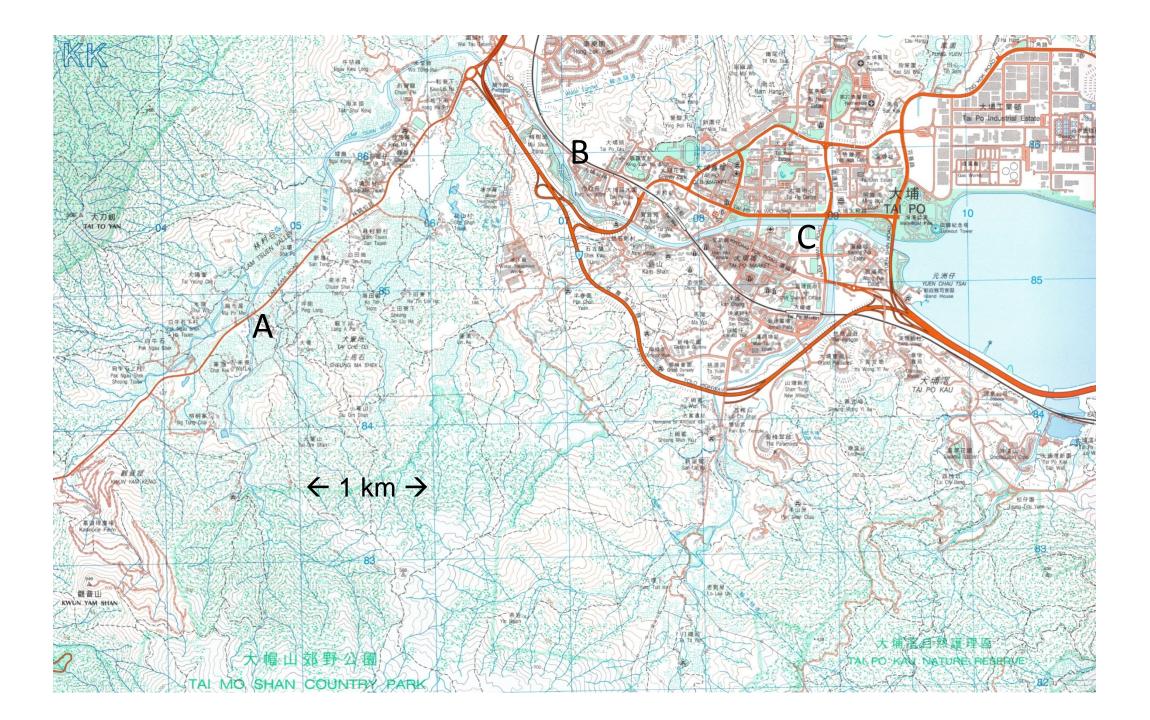












	Site	Site	Site
	Α	В	С
Water temperature (°C)	17.85	18.50	19.36
рН	9.13 *	7.10	7.67
Turbidity (FAU)	1.57 *	4.29 *	3.57 *
Dissolved oxygen (mg/L)	10.00	8.50	8.17
Total Dissolved Solid (ppm)	31.85	94.61	5,545.57 *
Ammonia (mg/L)	0.02	3.25	0.82
Nitrite (mg/L)	0.00	0.15	0.09
Nitrate (mg/L)	0.09	11.36	2.36
Nickel (mg/L)	0.00	0.01	0.02

^{*} Exceed the recommendation of World Health Organization (2011)

Unit: colonies/ 1 ml

Site	Our results	Data from the Government
A	4.64	7.10
В	21.82	20.00
С	428,595.30	500.00

- Temperature
- Salinity
- pH
- Dissolved Oxygen
- Escherichia coli
- Total bacteria
- Ammonia
- Nitrate
- Total Dissolved Solid
- Electric conductivity
- Turbidity
- Nitrite
- Nickel
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In the geography education of secondary schools:

- Investigating whether the river is clean/ potable is meaningless
- Learning happens in
 - Deciding the methodology & sampling sites
 - Testing processes
 - In analyzing the results
- No. of parameters tested depends on:
 - Needs
 - Time & Cost
 - Student ability etc.