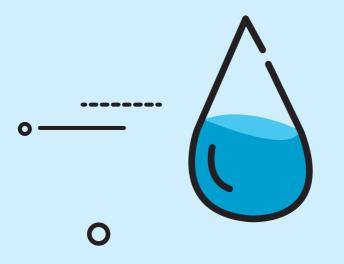


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Eco-Schools Programme
Starter Kit





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# WHAT IS ECO-SCHOOLS STARTER KIT?

The Starter Kit is a handbook for both students and teachers which provides them with a series of ideas to organise and carry out Action Plans and activities related to the ten Eco-Schools themes. By using the starter kit as a guide, students will be able to combine creativity and problem-solving elements to engage their school community in protecting the environment.

Remember, this starter kit is just a guideline! We encourage students to come up with their own initiatives and ideas based on the Seven Steps Methodology and Eco-Themes.

The Seven Steps Methodology will also help your school to implement the eco-projects smoothly.



### WATER

Provides an introduction on the importance of water both locally and globally and raises awareness of how simple actions can substantially cut down water wastage.





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## DEFINITIONS

#### Problem(s):

The environmental issue(s) your school is facing. (Ex: To reduce 10% of the water bill by July 2019)

#### Goal:

The problem(s) which you want to solve at your school. (Ex: To increase awareness)

#### Target Audience:

A group of individuals/people specifically identified to carry out certain activities.

(Ex: Eco-committee/canteen operator/gardener)

#### Measure of Success:

Methods to determine the success of the activities. (Ex: Measurement using water bill/electricity bill)

#### **Collaborators:**

Individuals/organisations/city councils that you may want to work with to achieve your goal.
(Ex: Engage with an environmental NGO (Non-Governmental Organisation) to present water conservation to students & teachers)

#### **Resource Streams:**

Source of funding to run your activities. (Ex: Fundraising/In-kind donation)

#### Cost:

The estimated amount of money needed to carry out the entire activity.



# SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

FORWATER

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To achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 6.



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For more info,
please visit sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300
For additional resources on the SDGs,
check out worldslargestlesson.globalgoals.org/

### LABELS & TIPS



#### Communicating about water conservation

- Label all water taps in school & put water conserving tips & reminders around the school.

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#### DID YOU KNOW?

A dripping tap can waste up to 60 litres of water per day.







#### Problem(s)?

Lack of awareness among school community leads to high amount of water wastage.

#### Goal?

Reduction of water wastage among school community.

#### Target Audience?

School community.

#### Measure of Success?

Reduce in water bill.

#### Collaborators?

Environmental oriented club, science club and art class.

#### **Resource Streams?**

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Parent-Teacher Association (PTA).





# DALY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let's avoid wasting water by turning off the water tap when not in use.



Make regular announcements as a reminder to avoid wasting water as much as possible.

#### TIPS:

To grab your audience's attention, you can use visual effects, an emotional response, humour or the element of surprise to attract your target audience.

# HOWCANWE

#### Problem(s)?

The school community is not aware of the importance of water to the environment and why we need to conserve it.

#### Goal?

School community has started activities to conserve water.

#### Target Audience?

School community.

#### Measure of Success?

Survey on how much they know about the importance of conserving water and what they have done to conserve it.

#### Collaborators?

Environmental oriented club.

#### **Resource Streams?**

None.

Cost?

<RM100



### D. V. CRAFTS



Raise funds for your water conservation activities by making these cute DIY crafts.



#### TIPS

- Crafts like fans, calendars, bookmark & stickers.
  - You can use them for fundraising.
- Get your art teacher and creative friends to help!
- Use recycled or sustainably-sourced paper such as those certified by Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) to do this.

# HOWCANWE

#### Problem(s)?

Lack of funding to run water conservation activities.

#### Goal?

To raise awareness among school community and to raise funds at the same time to run water conservation activities.

#### Target Audience?

School community.

#### Measure of Success?

Amount of funds raised and actions taken by the school community to conserve water.

#### Collaborators?

Art class, environmental oriented club.



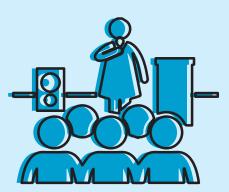
#### **Resource Streams?**

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA).

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# TALK DURING SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



#### IDEAS:

- Tips for saving water
- Water footprint of items used daily
- Remind students to report leaks
- Play documentary related to water conservation
- Fun facts of water

#### TIPS:

Invite your parents to any of the sharing session too!
Get your Eco-Coordinator to share as well!



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## HOW CAN WE DOIT?

#### Problem(s)?

The school community is not aware of the importance of water to the environment and why we need to conserve it.

#### Goal?

The school community can understand the importance of water and increase in water conservation practices.

#### **Target Audience?**

School community.

#### Measure of Success?

Increase in the number of students and non-teaching staff that engage in water saving practices.

#### Collaborators?

Environmental oriented club, NGOs, teachers.

#### **Resource Streams?**

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA).



# DIY RAIN WATER HARVESTING





Use a water tank to harvest rainwater.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The average 25ft x 40ft roof releases about 2270 litres of water in one hour of moderate rainfall! That's enough to fill over 15 bathtubs!

## HOW CAN WE DOIT?

#### Problem(s)?

Limited supply of clean water for domestic use.

#### Goal?

To reduce usage of clean water for watering plants and washing drain.

#### **Target Audience?**

Gardeners and cleaners.

#### Measure of Success?

Reduce in water bill.

#### Collaborators?

Landscape teachers, Life Skill (Kemahiran Hidup, KH) teachers, Technology Design (Reka Bentuk Teknologi, RBT) teachers, NGOs.

#### **Resource Streams?**

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), local council and fundraising.



# AIR CONDITIONER WATERHARVESTING



Harvest the water produced by the air conditioners in school.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Water from an air conditioner outlet is considered as safe as rain water since it is also formed by condensation process.





# HOW CAN WE

#### Problem(s)?

Limited supply of clean water for domestic use.

#### Goal?

To reduce usage of clean water for watering plants and washing drain.

#### **Target Audience?**

Students.

#### Measure of Success?

Reduce water bill amount & increase the practice of collecting rain/air conditioner water.

#### Collaborators?

Landscape teachers, Life Skill (Kemahiran Hidup, KH) teachers, Technology Design (Reka Bentuk Teknologi, RBT) teachers, gardeners and cleaners.

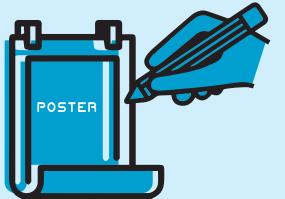
#### Resource Streams?

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and fundraising (if needed), air conditioner outlets, buckets/pails.

#### Cost?

RM100-RM300

## POSTER COMPETITION



Organise poster competition to raise awareness about saving water.

#### TIPS:

- Red text can be used to draw attention, but avoid blue and yellow, which are hard to read.
  - Try to use cartoons or infographic to illustrate your messages.

# HOW CAN WE DOIT?

#### Problem(s)?

High wastage of water and less awareness about saving water.

#### Goal?

Increase awareness among students and non-teaching staff to be more conscious towards water usage.

#### Target Audience?

Students, non-teaching staff.

#### Measure of Success?

Reduce amount in water bill and positive actions toward water saving practices.

#### Collaborators?

Art class, environmental oriented club.

#### **Resource Streams?**

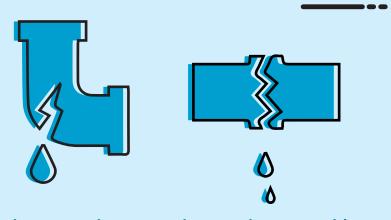
Art supplies.

#### Cost?

RM100-RM300



# DDE MONITORING



Remind your students, teachers and non-teaching staff to ensure that all pipes in your school compound are not leaking. If there are any leakages, do you know who to report to?



#### DID YOU KNOW?

Attaching an aerator to the tap can reduce water flow by 30%!



#### Problem(s)?

Many leaking pipes are left unrepaired and causes water wastage.

#### Goal?

Reduce water wastage by fixing the leaking pipes.

#### Target Audience?

Students, teachers and non-teaching staff.

#### Measure of Success?

Reduce the cost of water bill.

#### Collaborators?

Environmental oriented club and maintenance department.

#### Resource Streams?

School fund.



Cost?

>RM300







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# WATER CAMPAIGN







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igh water usage among the school community.

#### Goal?

Reduce water consumption in the school.

#### Target Audience?

School community.

#### Measure of Success?

Reduce the cost of water bill.

#### Collaborators?

NGOs, Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), school administration, environmental oriented club, science club.

#### Resource Streams?

NGOs, Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), local council.





Start a campaign to encourage individuals to use water wisely and to remind them the benefits of saving water.

#### WORLD WATER DAY

Organise a Water Saving Week as part of the World Water Day celebration.

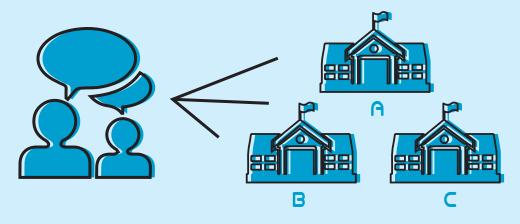
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#### DID YOU KNOW?

A person can live 3 weeks without food, but only 3 days without water.

# + SCHOOL ° COMMUNITY +--



Invite other schools to attend the forum/seminar on water conservation.

#### TIPS:

- Invite other Eco-Schools from other states/countries to share about their water theme project.
  - Invite water expert to share about importance of water conservation.

# HOW CAN WE DOITE

#### Problem(s)?

Neighbouring schools are not aware of the importance of water to them and the environment and why we need to conserve it.

#### Goal?

Increase awareness through knowledge sharing session.

#### **Target Audience?**

Neighbouring schools.

#### Measure of Success?

More schools adopting water saving practices.

#### Collaborators?

NGOs, local council.



#### **Resource Streams?**

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), local council, fundraising.

Cost?

>RM300



# RIVER CLEANING PROJECT



#### 1. Mud Balls Making Workshop

- Organise mud balls making workshop and cleaning the drains and rivers using the mud balls.



#### 2. Monthly River Cleaning

- Collect, separate and weigh the garbage collected, and see if there is a decrease in rubbish collected over time due to river conservation campaigns.



#### 3. River Adoption Project

- Join hands with other schools/tertiary institutions/organisation and adopt a river situated near your school.

Additional Tips for Teachers: Involve your students in citizen science projects by participating in public scientific researches.

Example: http://umwaterwarriors.wixsite.com/tasek/sains-rakyat

#### DID YOU KNOW?

90% of our water supply comes from the rivers and streams. So, it's important to keep our rivers clean!



#### Problem(s)?

Lack of awareness on river pollution.

#### Goal?

School community to be more aware on the cause of river pollution.

#### Target Audience?

The public or school located near rivers.

#### Measure of Success?

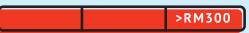
Improved quality of the river.

#### Collaborators?

NGOs, environmental oriented club, local council.

#### **Resource Streams?**

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), local council, NGOs, environmental oriented club.





### QUICK FACTS

### PLEASE

People in Malaysia consume



litres of water per person per day.





USE A
LOW-FLOW
SHOWER HEAD



TAKE
SHORTER
SHOWER



TURN OFF THE TAP



It is still far beyond the water usage recommended by United Nation, which is



litres per day.



REGULARLY CHECK
FOR ANY LEAKING

However, there is only



that is used for actual consumption such as cooking and drinking, while the rest of it is just used for utilities like washing cars, washing pools and washing clothes.



COLLECT RAIN WATER

FOR WASHING YOUR CAR OR WATERING THE GRASS

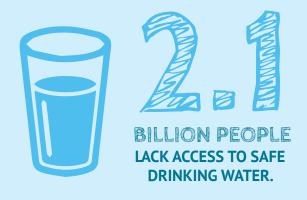
#### YOUR WATER DOES NOT COME FROM A TAP,

IT COMES FROM THE RIVERS, LAKES, WETLANDS, AND STREAMS.

OF FRESHWATER IS FROZEN IN GLACIERS,

IS IN GROUNDWATER OFTEN
DEEP BELOW THE EARTH'S SURFACE

THERE ARE 7.6 BILLION PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD.







**BILLION PEOPLE** 

HAVE NO ACCESS TO ADEQUATE SANITATION.

IS IN LAKES, STREAMS, AND RIVERS.



OF OUR RIVER ECOSYSTEM IS UNDER THREAT.



THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO SPEND ABOUT

BHOURS

FETCHING WATER EVERY DAY, JUST FOR THEIR BASIC EVERYDAY USE SUCH AS SHOWER, DRINKING AND COOKING.



WE HAVE TO RETHINK HOW WE USE OUR WATER RESOURCES.

USEITWISELY

BE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE.

DON'T TAKE WATER FOR GRANTED.



# WATER COVERS 2/3 OF THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH

# BUT ONLY 0.002% IS DRINKABLE. TREASURE WATER.

