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## Research News

### Asian irrigation systems need updating to meet future food supply challenges



A new joint report from the [International Water Management Institute \(IWMI\)](#) and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), presented at the World Water Week Conference in Sweden on 18 August, warns that Asian irrigation systems need to be updated to meet the challenge of feeding an extra 1.5 billion people by 2050.

Without improvements in irrigation, developing countries in Asia may need to import more than a quarter of the rice, wheat and maize needed to feed their populations.

Read more about the report in the [article on SciDev.Net](#).

#### More information

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