# Comparison of water quality and plant diversity in natural canals in Yan Ta Khao and irrigation canals in Na Po

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**Abstract**

This study aimed to compare water quality and plant diversity in natural canals at Yan Ta Khao and irrigation canals at Na Po, Trang Province, Thailand. The instruments used included water transparency measurement using a Transparency Tube in centimeters ( cm) , comparison of dissolved oxygen levels using a Dissolved Oxygen (DO) kit, and comparison of water temperatures using a thermometer and a pH paper device to measure pH. The results of the study found that:
The results of the study of water from both sources at the natural canal in Yan Ta Khao Sub-district, Yan Ta Khao District, Trang Province, Thailand and the irrigation canal at Ban Na Po, Khuan Pring Sub-district, Mueang District, Trang Province, Thailand were slightly different, namely, the transparency of water at the natural canal and the irrigation canal had an average of 73 cm and the measurement of oxygen content in the water from both sources had an average of 7.2 mg/L and the temperature measurement in the water from both sources were different, the natural canal had an average of 28.3 °C and the irrigation canal 28.7 °C and the acid-base measurement of the water from both sources had different averages, the natural canal had an average of 6 and the irrigation canal had an average of 7 and the aquatic plants in the natural canal were as follows: stevia and the irrigation canal were as follows: algae

## Introduction

Background and significance of the problem
People nowadays have different behaviors in using water resources in their daily lives, which causes the water to be dirty or rotten. Therefore, they want to know the amount, pH value of water in each area, how much it differs and what kind of aquatic plants there are in each area. Therefore, a project was created to compare the water quality and diversity of plants in natural canals in Yan Ta Khao and irrigation canals in Na Po. The Yan Ta Khao canal is located in Yan Ta Khao Subdistrict, Yan Ta Khao District, Trang Province, Thailand. It is a flowing water with aquatic plants and aquatic animals. Villagers also use the water in that area for their daily lives, including fishing and consumption. The irrigation canal in Na Po is located in Khuan Pring Subdistrict, Mueang District, Trang Province, Thailand. It is used to irrigate and drain water, to help agricultural crops grow, maintain the landscape, and to rehabilitate soil in arid areas during insufficient rainfall.

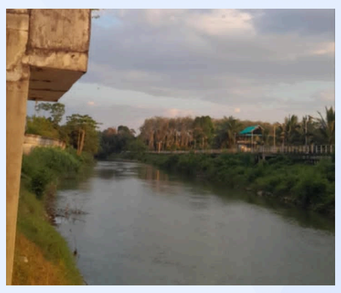
## Research Question

1. Water quality, pH value of water, oxygen value of water, temperature value and transparency value of water in natural canals and irrigation canals are different.
2. The types of aquatic plants in the natural canal at Yan Ta Khao Subdistrict, Yan Ta Khao District, Trang Province, Thailand and the irrigation canal at Ban Na Po, Khuan Pring Subdistrict, Mueang District, Trang Province, Thailand are different

## Hypothesis

Hypothesis 1 : The water quality characteristics of natural canals and irrigation canals, water pH , water oxygen, water temperature and water transparency are different.
Independent variables : natural canals, irrigation canals
Dependent variable: Water quality
Controlled variables : Measurement method, Measurement time
Hypothesis 2 : The aquatic plant species in the natural canal at Yan Ta Khao Subdistrict, Yan Ta Khao District, Trang Province, Thailand and the irrigation canal at Ban Na Po, Khuan Pring Subdistrict, Mueang District, Trang Province, Thailand are different.

## Research Area



Natural Canal Water in the Takhao Area

Irrigation Canal Water in Na Po

## Materials

Thermometer

Dissolved Oxygen (DO) Test Kit

Transparency Tube

pH Test Strips

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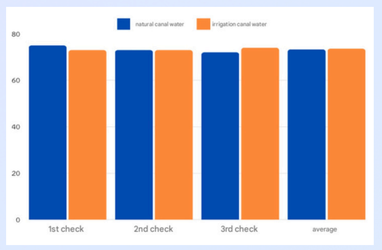
## How to conduct research

Step 1: Collect water samples from both sources: the natural canal in the Takhao area and the irrigation canal in Na Po.
Step 2: Measure the water transparency of both samples, compare the dissolved oxygen levels in the water, compare the water temperature, compare the water pH levels, and identify the aquatic plants found in the water.Conduct the experiment three times.
Step 3: Record the results of the experiment and calculate the average for comparison.

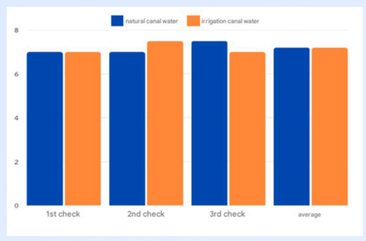
## Research Results

**Figure 1. Bar chart showing Shows a comparison of the transparency of water in a natural canal in Yan Ta Khao Subdistrict, Yan Ta Khao District, Trang Province, Thailand and an irrigation canal in Ban Na Po, Khuan Pring Subdistrict, Mueang District, Trang Province, Thailand.**



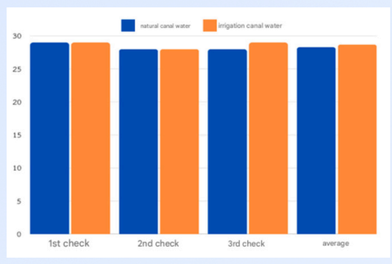

From the bar chart, it can be seen that the natural canal water in Yan Ta is clearer than the irrigation canal water.

**Figure 2. Bar chart showing the comparison of the amount of oxygen dissolved in water from the natural canal in Tambon Yan Ta Khao, Amphoe Yan Ta Khao, Trang Province, Thailand and the irrigation canal at Ban Na Po, Tambon Khuan Pring, Mueang District, Trang Province, Thailand.**




From the bar chart, it can be seen that both water and oxygen sources contain equal amounts of oxygen.

**Figure 3. Bar chart showing comparison of water temperature measurements ( Temperature) at the natural canal in Tambon Yan Ta Khao, Amphoe Yan Ta Khao, Trang Province, Thailand and the irrigation canal at Ban Na Po, Tambon Khuan Pring, Mueang District, Trang Province, Thailand.**




From the bar chart, it can be seen that the water level of the irrigation canal is higher than that of the natural canal.

**Figure 4. Bar chart showing the comparison of pH of water at natural canals in Yan Ta Khao Subdistrict, Yan Ta Khao District, Trang Province, Thailand and irrigation canals at Ban Na Po, Khuan Pring Subdistrict, Mueang District, Trang Province, Thailand.**
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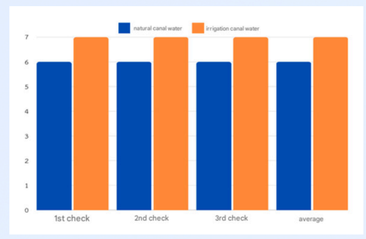


From the bar chart, it can be seen that the water in the irrigation canal has a higher pH value than the water in the natural canal.

**Table 5 shows aquatic plants found in natural canals in Yan Ta Khao Subdistrict, Yan Ta Khao District, Trang Province, Thailand.**

| at | Plant type | nature | photo |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Stevia | Stevia is a dicotyledonous plant with single leaves arranged oppositely in pairs along the stem and branches. Above the leaf axils, short shoots on both sides emerge. Each leaf is lanceolate. |  |
| 2 | Grass | Hair grass is an annual grass with stalks that grow upright or creeping along the ground. |  |

**Table 6 shows aquatic plants found in the irrigation canal at Ban Na Po, Tambon Khuan Pring, Mueang District, Trang Province, Thailand**

| at | Plant type | nature | photo |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Moss grass | It is a small green single-celled plant, the same species as algae, that grows in groups and thrives in freshwater sources with abundant water, air, and sunlight. |  |
| 2 | The Kapanghom tree | A perennial, climbing herbaceous plant. The stem and branches are rounded, light green, covered with fine, white or brown hairs. The leaves are solitary. |  |

## Summary and discussion of research results

From a comparative study of water quality and plant diversity in natural canals in Yan Ta Khao and irrigation canals in Na Pho
The results can be discussed as follows:
1. The water from both natural canal at Yan Ta Khao Sub-district, Yan Ta Khao District, Trang Province, Thailand and irrigation canal at Ban Na Po, Khuan Pring Sub-district, Mueang District, Trang Province, Thailand are slightly different, namely, the transparency of water at natural canal and irrigation canal has an average of 73 cm and the measurement of oxygen content in water from both sources has an average of 7.2 mg/L and the temperature measurement in water from both sources is different, the natural canal has an average of 28.3 °C and the irrigation canal has an average of 28.7 °C and the acid-base measurement of water from both sources has an average difference, the natural canal has an average of 6 and the irrigation canal has an average of 7 and the aquatic plants in natural canal are as follows: Stevia and irrigation canal are as follows: Moss

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