

**Table 1 Cost and options for enhancing water resources**

<b>Option for enhancing water resources</b>	<b>Estimated costs (in US cents/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>
Reducing end-user demand (recirculation, low-water use technology and leakage repair)	5–50
Rain water harvesting and cloud harvesting	Variable
Secondary treatment of wastewater for irrigation	16–60
Tertiary treatment of wastewater for irrigation	32–100
Greywater reuse for toilet flushing and landscape irrigation	11 <sup>a</sup>
Desalination of brackish water	45–70
Desalination of sea water	50–100
Water conveyance by pipelines	10–1500 <sup>b</sup>
Transport of water by marine vessels	0.5–1500 <sup>b</sup>
Transport of giant floating bags by sea, not including the costs of terminals, inland transport or purification	15–35 <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Initial cost for combined wastewater treatment and recycling systems in larger commercial and industrial facilities/gross m<sup>2</sup> [3].

<sup>b</sup>The price of the water itself is not included. The cost depends mainly on the distance [4].