

# Kuwait's the highest water consumption per capita rate in the world -- KISR

**KUWAIT, April 24 (KUNA) --** Kuwait recorded the highest consumption on a global scale with around 500 liters per capita, said an official at [Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research \(KISR\)](#) on Sunday.

Head of Water Science Department at [KISR](#) Dr. Khaled Al-Barak told KUNA that such level of consumption was irrational, and comes despite the government's efforts to prevent such abuse of valuable resources.

He noted that saving around five percent of overall consumption would help secure a huge amount of water which would equal the production of Shuwaikh Desalination Plant, which comes to around 18 million gallons on an annual basis.

Al-Barak said that citizens had a huge responsibility to lower the consumption of water. Noting that there were projects to erect more plants in the future to meet demand, the official stressed such plans did not mean that the consumption could go much higher without great risk.

People should start reducing their individual consumption of water, said Al-Barak, adding that any emergency water plan should be based on self awareness rather than just storing of water.

He also indicated that finding alternative methods to reduce consumption and also increase reserves would also benefit Kuwait, affirming that such strategies were sought by [KISR](#) personnel.