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Paper 1

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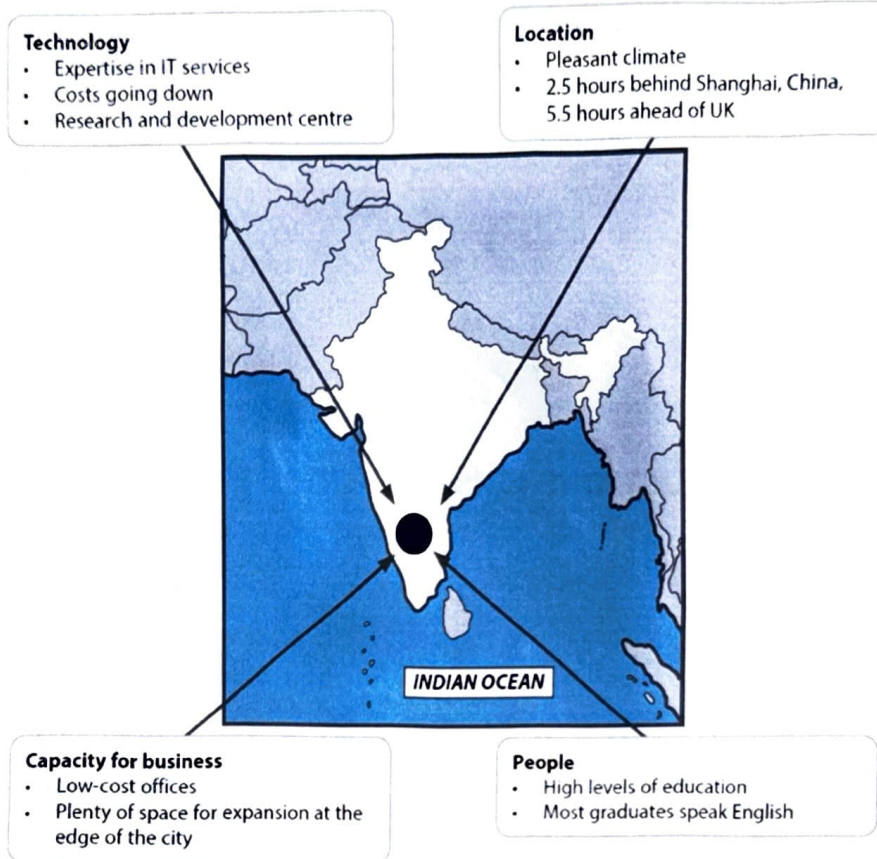
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Resource 1A for Question 1

Attractions of Bengaluru to IT TNCs

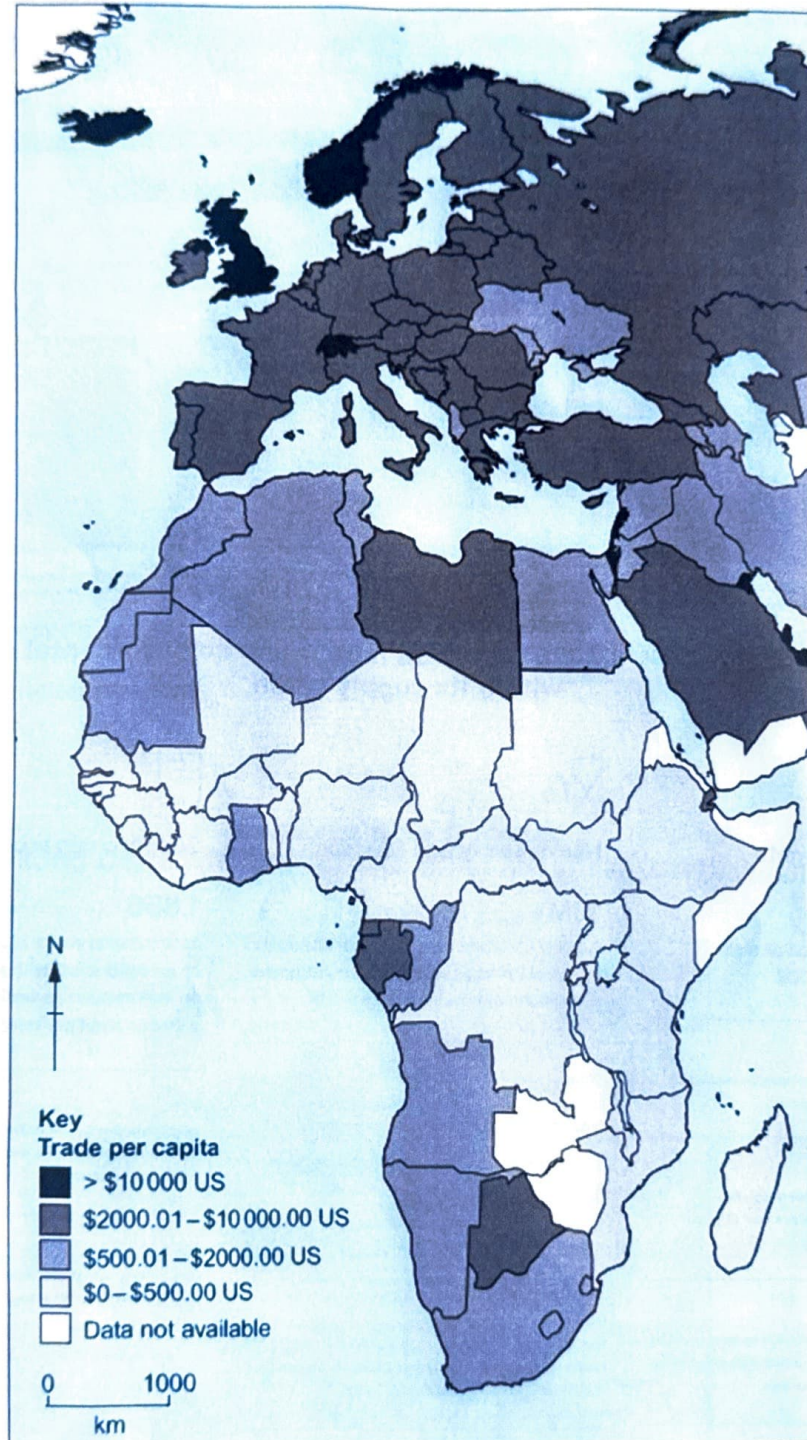


Resource 1B for Question 1

Opinions about costs and benefits of offshoring and outsourcing industry to Bengaluru

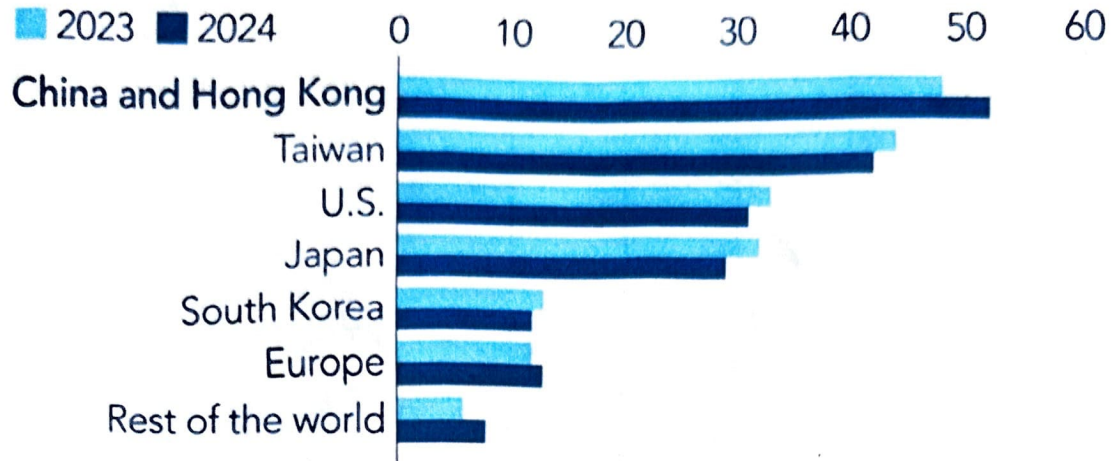
Indian business owner	New resident	Environmental activist
Costs for internet and recruitment fees, office rents and salaries are relatively low.	We migrated here from our family home in the countryside for call centre jobs. Wages are good with prospects for promotion.	Up to 40% of the city's sewage flows untreated into local Lake Bellandur.
We ensure good working conditions throughout the supply chain. We pay well and expect employees to work hard for us.	Work is repetitive, and hours are long, including overnight shifts due to time differences.	Domestic rubbish and industrial chemicals from outsourced industries are discharged into local rivers. The lake has caught fire regularly since 2015.
Water shortages and lack of suitable housing for employees are the main challenges for us in Bengaluru.	We are treated as outsiders by local people and miss our family.	Kingfishers and monitor lizards were once common, but no longer. 62% of natural vegetation has been removed since 2010.
Central city streets are being pedestrianised and use energy-efficient lights, which fits the sustainable image we want.	We have a sought-after house with a view over the lake, but the pollution levels make my daughter's asthma worse. Power cuts cause us real problems.	The authorities are not coping with the growth of the city, the infrastructure is overwhelmed and the natural environment is suffering.

Resource 2 for Question 1
Value of international trade per capita (in US\$) across selected countries in 2019



Value of international trade in US\$ per capita = value of total trade (exports and imports) of goods and commercial services of a country in US\$ divided by total population.

Resource 3 for Question 1
Number of Apple suppliers by region in 2023 and 2024



Resource 4 for Question 1
An extract from Apple's 2026 report on labour and environmental conditions within its supply chain



Labor and human rights

33M+

supplier employees trained on their workplace rights since 2008

655K+

supplier employees engaged about their workplace experience through interviews and anonymous surveys

\$34.5M+

in recruitment fees paid back by suppliers to more than 37,700 supplier employees since 2008 as a result of Apple's zero-fees policy

1.4M+

supplier employees whose working hours were reviewed weekly to verify they do not work over 60 hours per week (including overtime), and have at least one day off every seven days

50+

human rights and environmental defenders and organizations supported by Apple



Health, safety, and education

10M+

supplier employees that have participated in technical training, professional development, and enrichment courses since 2008

9M+

education and training sessions delivered as part of the Supplier Employee Development Fund since launching in 2022

8M+

supplier employees reached by our health and wellness education programs since 2017

49K+

supplier employees reached by our Vocational Education for Persons with Disabilities program since 2022, including more than 12,000 that were offered employment as a result

108K+

participants in Apple's Swift coding program since 2017, five apps developed and launched by supplier employees on the App Store in 2025



Supply chain accountability

1,856

assessments and audits of our supply chain conducted, with sites selected based on factors such as worker sentiment and previous audit performance

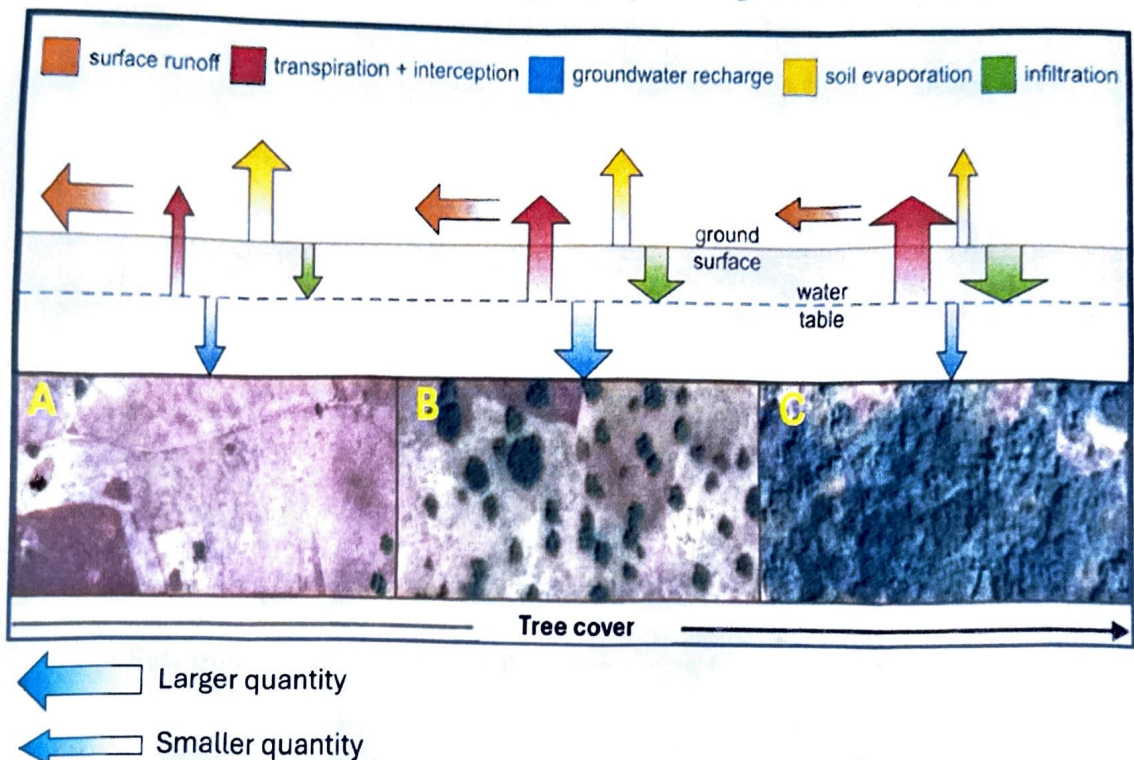
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new or expanding supplier facilities assessed for compliance with our strict labor, human rights, and environmental standards prior to entering our supply chain

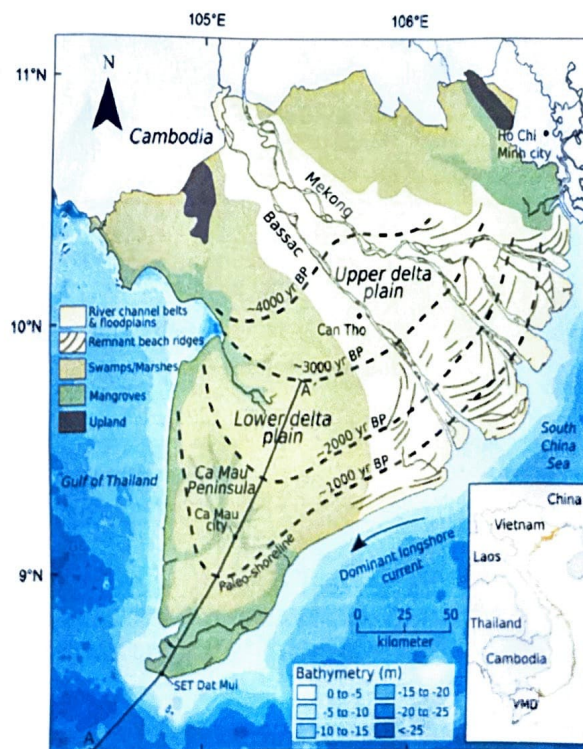
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manufacturing supplier facilities removed from our supply chain since 2009 for failing to meet our standards

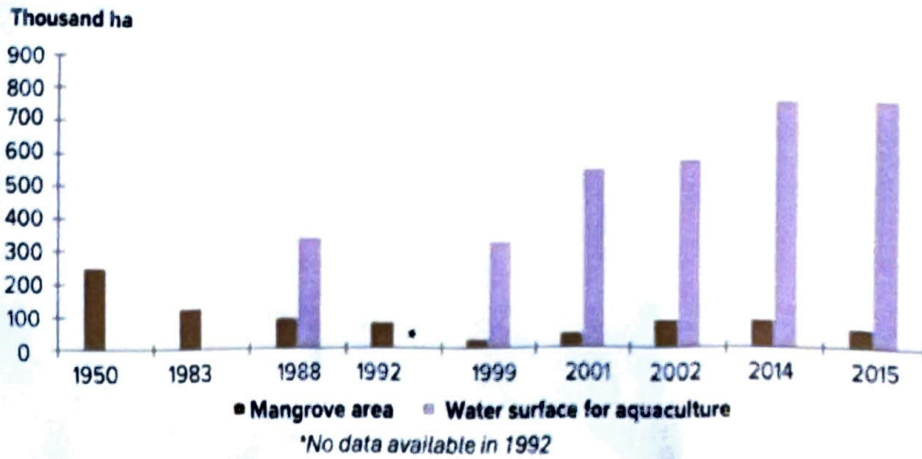
Resource 5 for Question 2
Variation in hydrological outputs and pathways among different tree cover extents



Resource 6 for Question 2
Map of Mekong Delta with indications of the historical coastlines of the delta



Resource 7 for Question 2
Changes in mangrove areas and water surfaces for aquaculture in the Mekong Delta between 1950 and 2015



Resource 8 for Question 2
Primary environmental pressures on the Vietnamese Mekong Delta

