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**Tweet:** Changes in weather patterns are adding stress to China's water supply. With 20% of the global population, China has only 6% of the world's freshwater.

**Summary:** With just 6% of the world's freshwater China must quench the thirst of 20% of the world's people. The uneven distribution of the country's water adds to the challenge. Chinese leaders past and present have relied on big infrastructure projects to move it from wetter to drier places. But now climate change is testing the entire country. Northern China has long been parched. Most of the provinces in the region, where 40% of the population lives, fall below the threshold for "water scarcity" set by the UN. Another trend is hitting western China. Glaciers high in the Himalayas, which feed the country's great rivers are retreating. 1/5 of their ice cover has melted since the 1950s. For the moment, that is making parts of China wetter. Oases in western deserts are blooming. But around mid-century, the meltwater runoff is expected to start decreasing.

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