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SINGAPORE: People, Food Waste & Insecurity



- 6 million resident population
- 370kg of food per person
- Average of 390 eggs, 100 kg of vegetables, 76 kg of fruits and 84 kg of seafood and meat





- Food waste of755,000 tonnes
- 11% of total waste

- 90% imported food
- Top consumed food:
 Eggs, Chicken and
 Pork



Food Insecurity & Wastage





10%

Singaporean individuals and households reported of not having or not confident in having access to food for a healthy balanced diet.

Food wastage: discarding of food that is appropriate for human consumption.



Vulnerable individuals

- Elderly poor
- Families with limited resources
- Single-parent households

Causes:

- Overpreparation of food
- Excessive purchase
- Improper storage













Campaigns



Government's **campaigns** and **partnerships** to **educate** and **spread awareness** on food wastage.

Existing Campaigns:

- The Clean Plate (SG)
- Say YES to Waste Less (SG)
- Love Food Hate Waste (UK)



Encourage the public and various communities to buy and order only the amount of food consumed and saying no to side dishes that can't be finished.







Good Samaritan Food Donation Bill



Singapore's law that provides **liability protection** for **food donors**.

Existing programs:

- Bread Run
- Marketplace

Notable Organizations:

- Food from the Heart
- The Food Bank Singapore



Faciliates food donation and **encourages donation** of **surplus** food, reducing food wastage.







Redistribution; Food Rescuers



Existing Initiatives:

- Food Rescue Facebook Groups: Platform for users to redistribute their excess buffet & event food to the needy.
- Little India Veggie Collection: Unsellable vegetables that would otherwise be thrown away are and distributed for food rescuers' consumption.



Donate their unsold and excess food to food distribution organisations

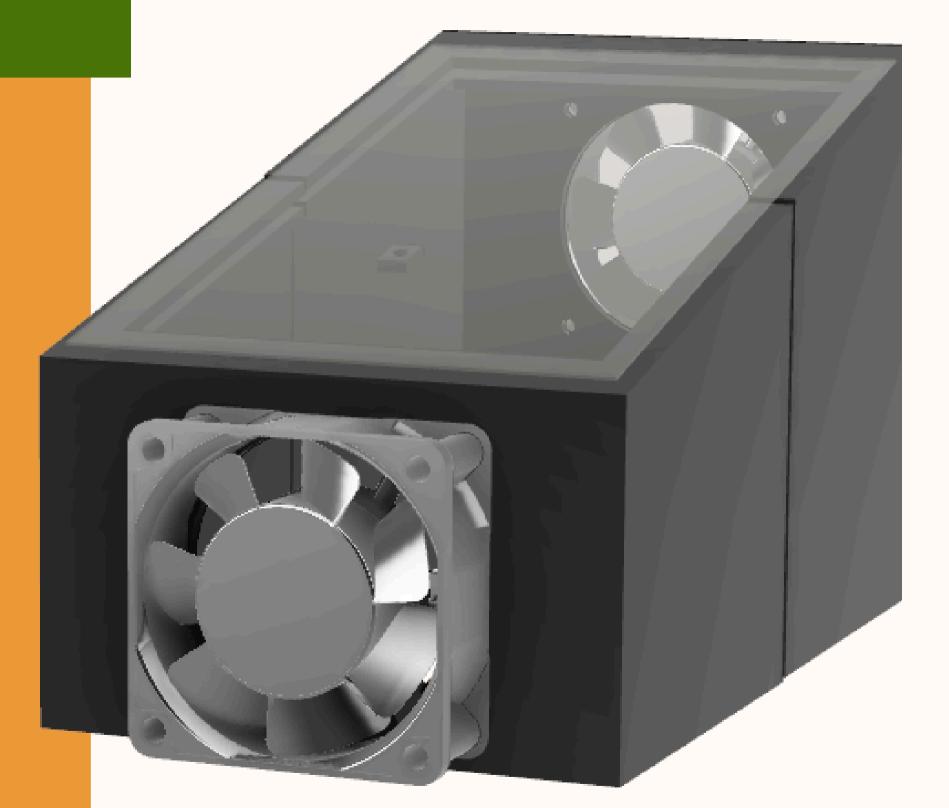


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FOODRIE:

A Convection Chamber that utilises solar power and convection concepts to dry food

Our Solution: Food RIE

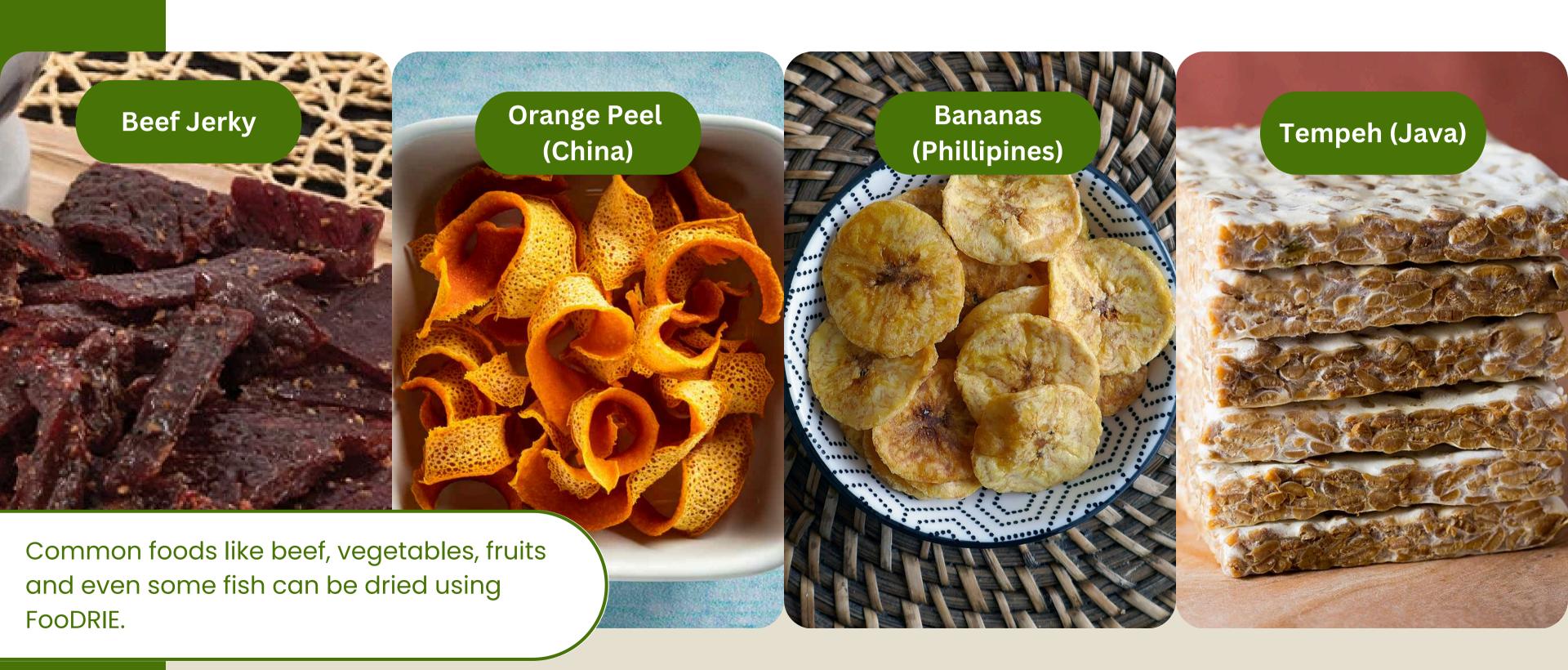
FooDRIE uses heat and airflow to remove retained moisture in food. This inhibits bacteria, yeast and mould growth, prolonging food "shelf-life".

Our preservation solution turns **leftovers** into mealprep for the **next meal**, "**ugly**" **ingredients** into next **meal ingredients**.

This **prolonging of shelf life** reduces food wastage at the **consumer-level**

FOODRIE x FOOD





Opportunity Cost: Food Drying vs Refrigeration

Build Cost: >\$1200





Build Cost: <\$118

Yearly Energy Consumption: ~369 kWh/year

Expected cost of energy refrigeration: \$118/year

Capacity: ~150L - 700L

Yearly Energy Consumption: ~20 kWh/year

Expected cost of energy refrigeration: \$1.8/year

Capacity: ~5L (variable)





Benefits

Preservation

- Extending shelf life of perishables
- Reduce frequency of food purchases
- Preserves essential nutrients to an extent

Easy to Build and Assemble

- Schematics can be made <u>open source</u> (<u>democratised</u>)
- Parts can be repurposed (i.e solar PV, wood etc.)

Self-Sufficiency (自给自足的田园生活):

• <u>Decreased dependence</u> on fresh food



Aiding the work of Food Rescuers temporarily extending the shelf life



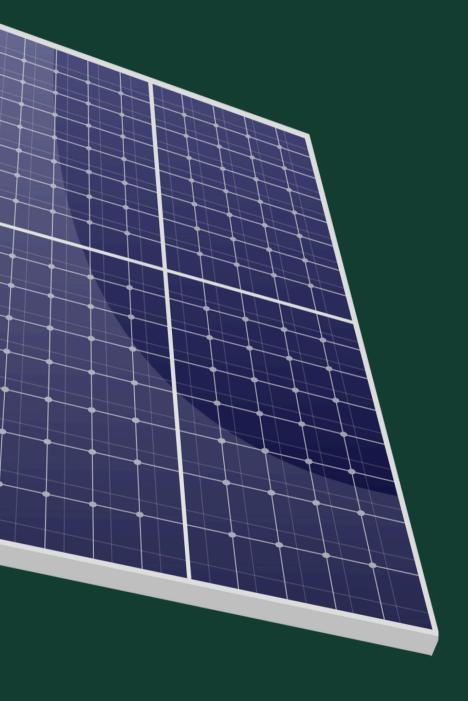
Lower-Income Households
whom typically receive large food
handouts

Fitting to existing practices



Food Waste Biomass Minimisation (not for Singapore)

Technical Limitations



• Energy Dependence

Humidity Variation

• Temperature Control

• Flavour, Texture and Nutrition

Limited Food Types



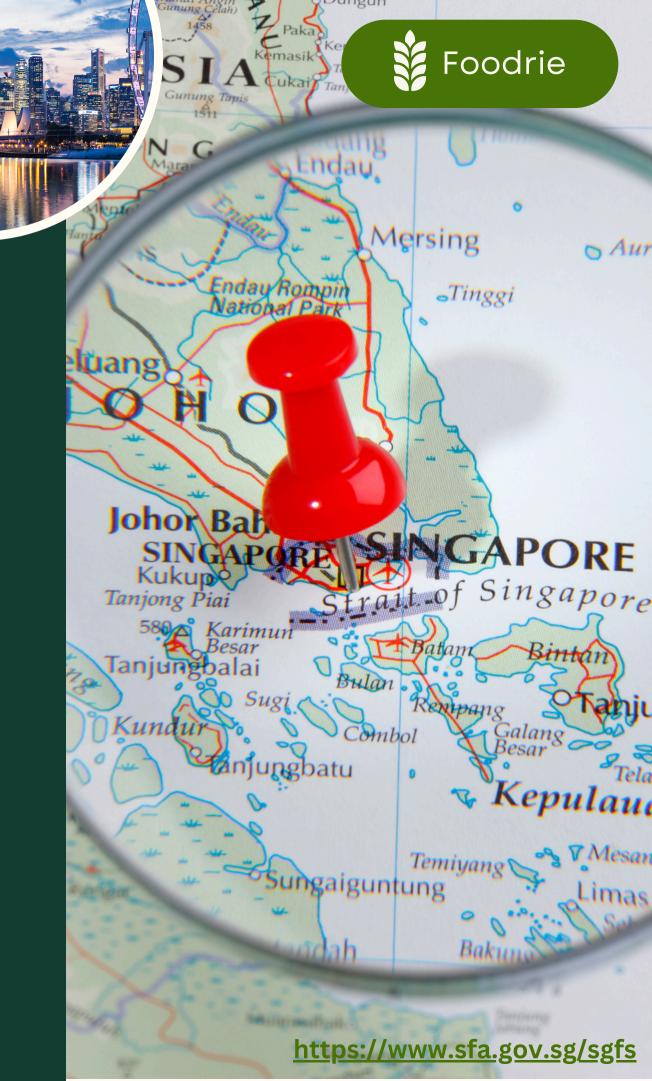
Social, Geographical and Cultural Limitations



Cultural Acceptance

• Geographical Limitation

• Limitations in Singapore











FoodDRIE – Beyond Singapore

- Minimal Environmental Impact
- Prolonging life span of food for places with no access to electricity
- Natural Disasters (Humanitarian aid)



Us – The Future

"We utilize our resources with grace, we work towards equality in making various food options easily available to all. Reducing food scarcity ensuring equity and justice to all, preventing food price discrimination towards the vulnerable, less fortunate and to society. This is our Utopia inspired by Thomas More."







Summary

- Food waste is an issue in Singapore
- Foodrie aim to reduce food waste by increasing the lifespan of food
- Aim to allow everyone to have access to food



Thank You!

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