



Exploring the great waterways of the world

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| 1. water distribution | how the water of the earth is distributed |
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| 2. abundance | a great amount |
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| 3. glacier | a large mass of moving ice and snow on land |
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| 4. freshwater | water without salt |
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| 5. groundwater | the water that is beneath Earth's surface |
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| 6. fishery | a commercially harvestable population of fish within a particular ecological region |
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| 7. urban water supply | infrastructure including surface water diversions, wells, pumps, transmission pipes and canals, treatment and storage facilities |
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| 8. irrigation | supplying land with water through a network of canals |
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| 9. basin | the land that surrounds a river or water body and the streams that flow into it. |
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| 10. delta | an area of low, flat land, sometimes shaped like a triangle, where a river divides into several smaller rivers before flowing into the sea |
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| 11. estuary | a habitat in which the fresh water of a river meets the salt water of the ocean. |
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| 12. wastewater | water that contains waste from homes or industry |
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| 13. sewage | the water and human wastes that are washed down sinks, toilets, and showers |
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| 14. industrial waste | waste that comes from the production of consumer goods, mining, agriculture, and petroleum extraction and refining |
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| 15. agricultural holding | the economic unit under a single management engaged in agricultural production activities. |
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16. acid rain	rain containing high amounts of chemical pollutants
17. pesticides	chemicals that kill crop-destroying organisms
18. fertilizers	a chemical or natural substance added to soil or land to increase its fertility
19. livestock	domesticated animals that are raised to be used on a farm or ranch or to be sold for profit
20. contaminants (water)	any physical, chemical, biological or radiological substance or matter in water
21. biodiversity	the variety of life in the world or in a particular habitat or ecosystem.
22. wastewater treatment	the process of removing contaminants from wastewater to make it safe enough to release into the environment
23. legislation	the act of making or enacting laws
24. river mouth	the point where a river enters a lake or sea
