LISTEN # 1

Most of world's rivers damaged by humans

A new study shows that 86 per cent of the world's rivers have been damaged by human [ ]. The study was conducted by researchers from a university in Toulouse, France. They examined [ ] on over 2,500 rivers around the world. They did not look at rivers in the polar regions of the Arctic and Antarctica or in deserts. The scientists looked into changes to [ ] over the past 200 years. They discovered that biodiversity in over half of rivers has been [ ] damaged by humans. The researchers said there were many reasons for this damage. A big reason is the introduction of new [ ] of fish into rivers. Other [ ] include pollution, dams, [ ], farming and climate change.

1 seriously
2 species
3 activity
4 biodiversity
5 activity
6 overfishing
7 data
8 reasons

The researchers say the worst-hit rivers are in [ ] Europe and North America. This is because these [ ] have large and rich towns and cities. The [ ] researcher said: "Rivers which have the most economic development around them, like the Mississippi River, are the most [ ] impacted." The River Thames in London was one of the worst affected rivers in the [ ]. The least-impacted rivers are in Africa and Australia. The researcher said: "This is probably [ ] to a slower rate of industrialization in Africa and low population [ ] around rivers in Australia." He added that rivers in many rich nations are unrecognizable [ ] with how they were 200 years ago.

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3 density
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