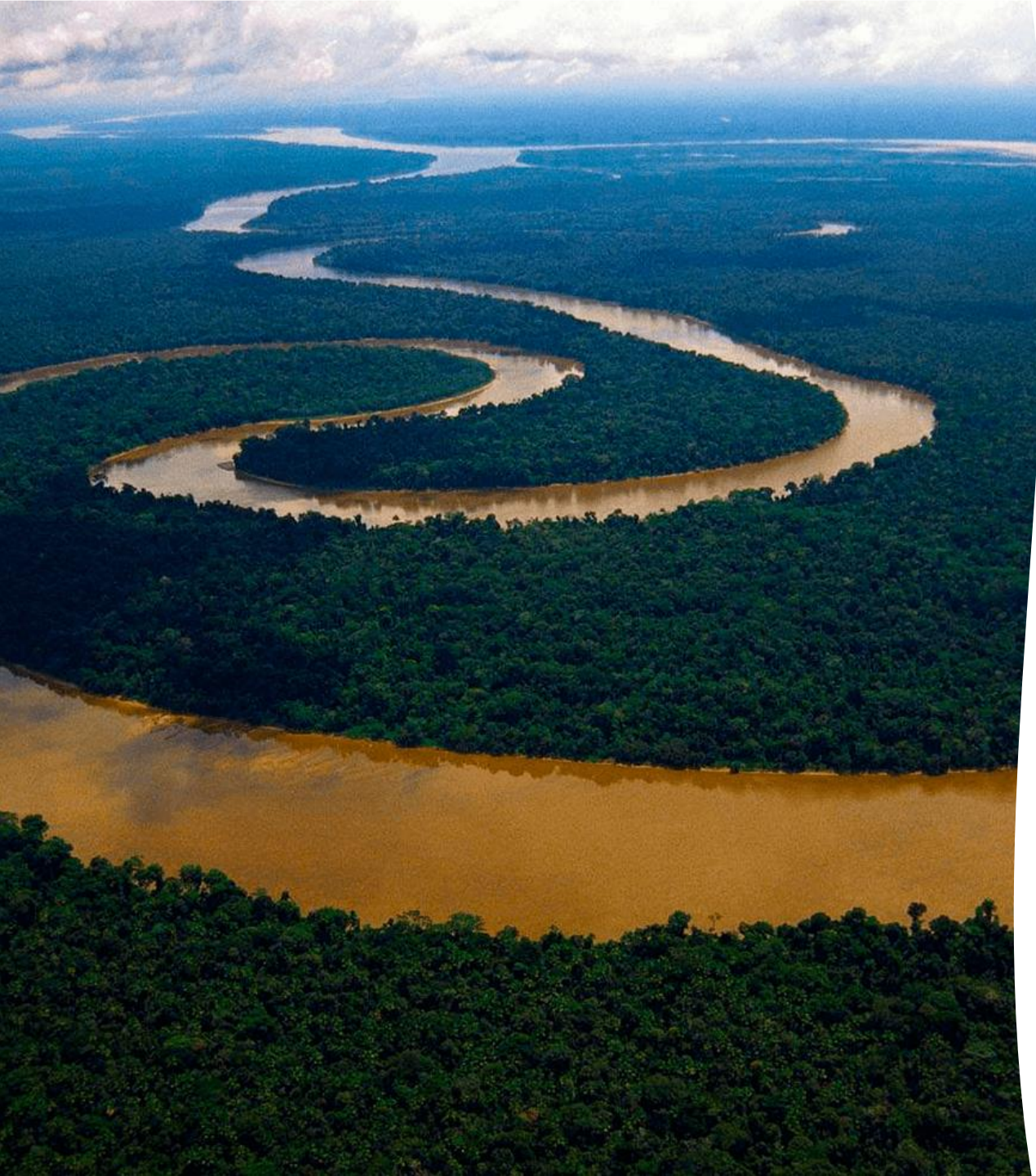


The five largest rivers in the world



The Nile

- The River Nile is the largest river in the world and runs through the continent of Africa.
- It is 6650km long, which is about 4,160 miles!!
- The Nile flows into the Mediterranean Sea.
- Its average discharge is 3.1 million litres per second.
- The Nile basin is huge and includes parts of Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, Congo (Kinshasa), Kenya.
- The Nile receives its name from the Greek Neilos, which means a valley or river valley.
- The Ancient Egyptians used the river to source food, water and even clothing!



The Amazon

- The Amazon river runs through the continent of South America
- It is the second largest river in the world at 6400km long!
- The most distant source is found in the mountains of Peru. It is fed by melting glaciers.
- The mouth or mouths of the river are found on the East coast of Brazil where the Amazon flows into the Atlantic Ocean.
- The river flows through Peru and Brazil, but its tributaries (smaller rivers that merge into it) drain vast areas of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Bolivia too.



The Yangtze

- The Yangtze river flows through the continent of Asia- China
- It is the third longest river in the world at 6300km long!
- It is fed by glaciers in the Tanggula Mountain Range, in Qinhai Province, in the west of China.
- The mouth to the river is at the East China Sea when it reaches Shanghai.
- This gigantic river drains an area of land equivalent to one fifth of the total land area of China, where one in three of the population lives – and in China that's quite a few people!



The Mississippi

- The Mississippi river flows through North America.
- It is the fourth largest river in the world at 3730km long.
- At its widest point, is over 11km (7 miles) wide.
- For a drop of water to travel the entire length, it takes 90 days. That's about three months!
- 326 species of birds, 145 species of amphibians, and 50 species of mammals live in the river.



The Yenisei

- The river Yenisei flows through the continent of Asia- Mongolia and Russia.
- It is the fifth largest river in the world at 3487km long.
- Its streams form on the eastern slopes of the Khangai mountain range in central Mongolia.
- The river widens to a 50 km (31 miles) estuary for the final 250 km (155 miles) of its journey before emptying into the Kara Sea, a region of the Arctic Ocean.