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Okavango Delta

- **Okavango Delta** is a vast inland delta in **Botswana**, formed where the Okavango River reaches a tectonic trough at 930–1,000 m elevation.
- It is part of the **endorheic Kalahari Basin**, with water that does not flow into any sea or ocean.
- The delta covers an area of approximately **6,000–15,000 km²**, receiving about 11 km³ of water annually.
- Some floodwaters from the delta drain into **Lake Ngami**, while most water evaporates or transpires.
- The region was formerly part of **Lake Makgadikgadi**, an ancient lake that largely dried up by the early Holocene.
- The **Moremi Game Reserve** lies on the eastern side of the delta, providing habitat for diverse wildlife.
- Okavango Delta is recognized as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and was the 1000th site inscribed on 22 June 2014.
- It was also named one of the **Seven Natural Wonders of Africa** on 11 February 2013 in Arusha, Tanzania.
- The delta is produced by **seasonal flooding** from summer rainfall in the Angola highlands (January–February).
- Okavango supports a rich **wetland ecosystem**, including swamps, grasslands, and channels that sustain biodiversity.
- Its hydrology is unique because all inflows are contained within the delta, with **no outflow to oceans**.

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Sone River

- **Sone River** is a **perennial river** originating from the Amarkantak Plateau near Pendra in Chhattisgarh and flowing into the Ganga near Maner in Bihar.
- It is the **second-largest tributary** of the Ganga after the Yamuna and has a total length of about 784 km.
- The river flows through **Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar** while maintaining a north-northwest to eastward course.
- Its valley shows geological linkage with the **Narmada Valley** and runs parallel to the Vindhyas.
- Major tributaries include **Rihand, Kanhar, North Koel** contributing to its drainage system and seasonal discharge.
- Historically, the river showed **frequent course shifts** (more than 5 times), now controlled by Indrapuri Barrage and canal systems.
- The river forms a cultural divide between **Bhojpuri-speaking** and Magahi-speaking regions in Bihar.
- In ancient texts, it is referred as **Shona River** and appears in Valmiki Ramayana during Sangam literature (Kuruntokai) mentions it as **SoNai**, indicating early historical recognition.
- The first major structure was **Dehri Anicut (1873–74)** followed by Indrapuri Barrage (1968) for irrigation control.
- The **Bansagar Dam (2008)** in Madhya Pradesh supports irrigation and hydroelectric generation.
- The historic **Koilwar Bridge (1862)** connects Arrah and Patna and was once India's longest bridge.

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