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Our fragmented rivers—mapping human-made river obstructions around the globe

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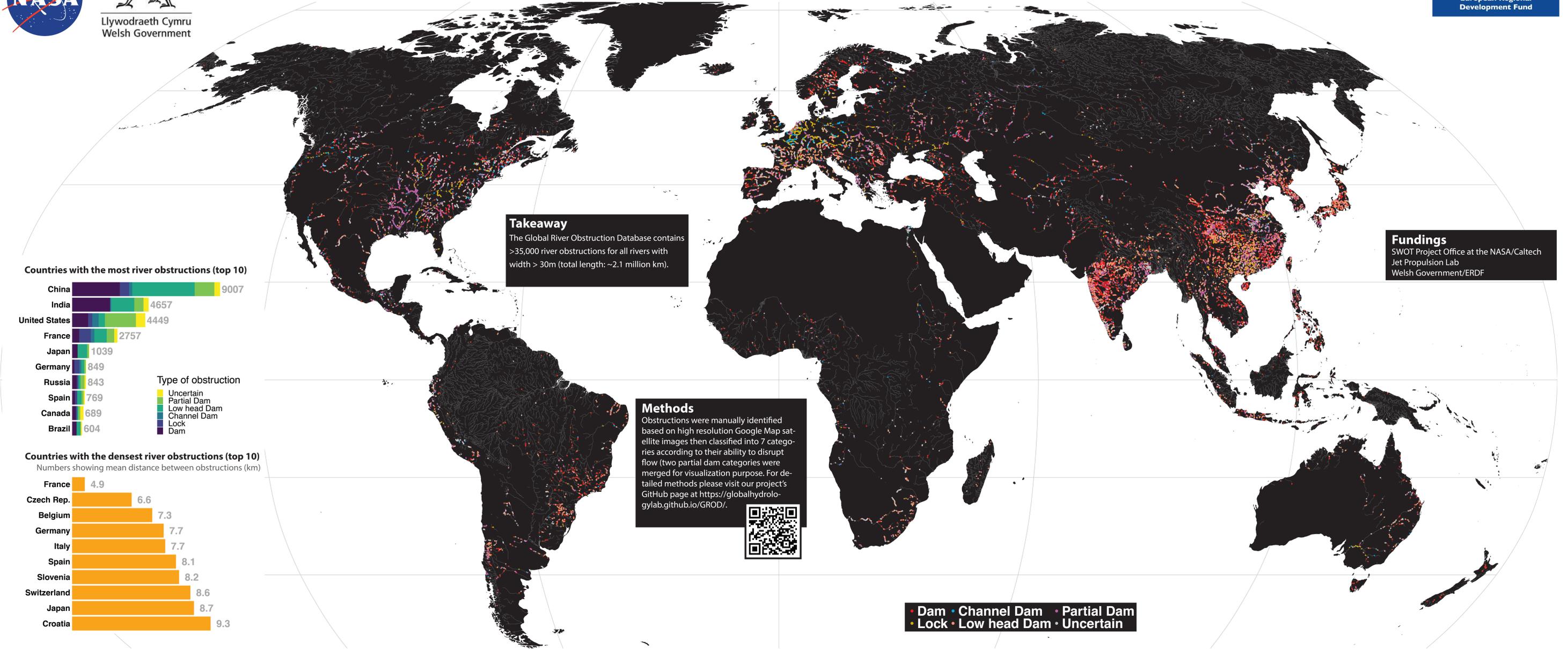
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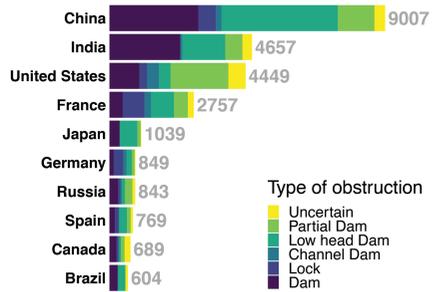
Takeaway
The Global River Obstruction Database contains >35,000 river obstructions for all rivers with width > 30m (total length: ~2.1 million km).

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Methods
Obstructions were manually identified based on high resolution Google Map satellite images then classified into 7 categories according to their ability to disrupt flow (two partial dam categories were merged for visualization purpose. For detailed methods please visit our project's GitHub page at <https://globalhydrology.github.io/GROD/>.

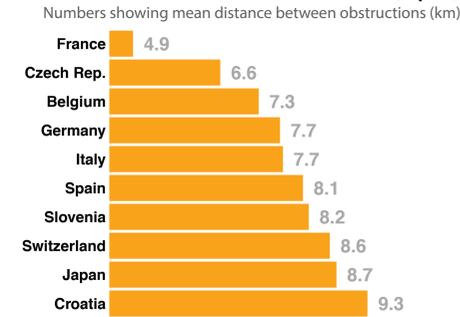


Countries with the most river obstructions (top 10)



Type of obstruction
 Uncertain
 Partial Dam
 Low head Dam
 Channel Dam
 Lock
 Dam

Countries with the densest river obstructions (top 10)



• Dam • Channel Dam • Partial Dam
• Lock • Low head Dam • Uncertain

