Why the

M E K O N G

River matters

97°00'N 104°08'E

A lifeline for Southeast Asia

Connecting Communities, Economies, and Ecosystems

The Mekong River spans 4,909 km from the Tibetan Plateau to the South China Sea. Supporting over 70 million people across the six countries China, Myanmar, Lao PDR, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam, it's at the heart of regional development, culture, and ecology.

Population
>70 million

Basin Area
795,000 km²

Length
4,909 km

Kunming
Lancang
Mekong
Chiang Rai
Chiang Mai
Mae Hong Son
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Vientiane
Nakhon Phanom
Ubon Ratchathani
Pakse
Stung Treng
Kratie
Phnom Penh
Tonle Sap
Ho Chi Minh City
Mekong Delta
Tonle Sap Lake
Tonle Sap River
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