River Basin	discharge (m³/s)	peak discharge (m³/s)	Area (x 1000 km²)	Protected area (km²)	Popu-lation	fish catch (tonnes/y)	agricultural area (km²)	potential hydro-power (MW)	installed hydro-power (MW)	GDP 2010 (US$ x10⁹)	UNDP HDI Index
Amazon	209 000[1]	370 000 (1953)[1]	7 050 [1]	1,029,003 * (2010)[4]	28 M [6] (2010)	450 000 [9]	700 000 [12]	74 205 [15]	16 097 (2016)[15]	60 [18]	0.59 [21]
Congo	41 200[1]	80 830 (1961)[1]	4 014 [1]	244,772 (2010)[4]	81 M [7] (2008)	119 500 [10]	2 850 [13]	39 000 [10]	2 472 (2014)[16]	37 [19]	0.43 [22]
Mekong	14 500[2]	31 400 (1966)[1]	795 [3]	262,621 (2014)[5]	60 M [8] (2008)	4.4 M [11]	1 000 [14]	30 000 [3]	6 400 (2016)[17]	17 [20]	<0.65 [23]

Table S1. Comparative statistics for the Amazon, Congo, and Mekong basins.
* 47% of the Amazon is protected if one considers indigenous lands.

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