

Our Country's Major Rivers: Chang Jiang, Huang He, Zhujiang

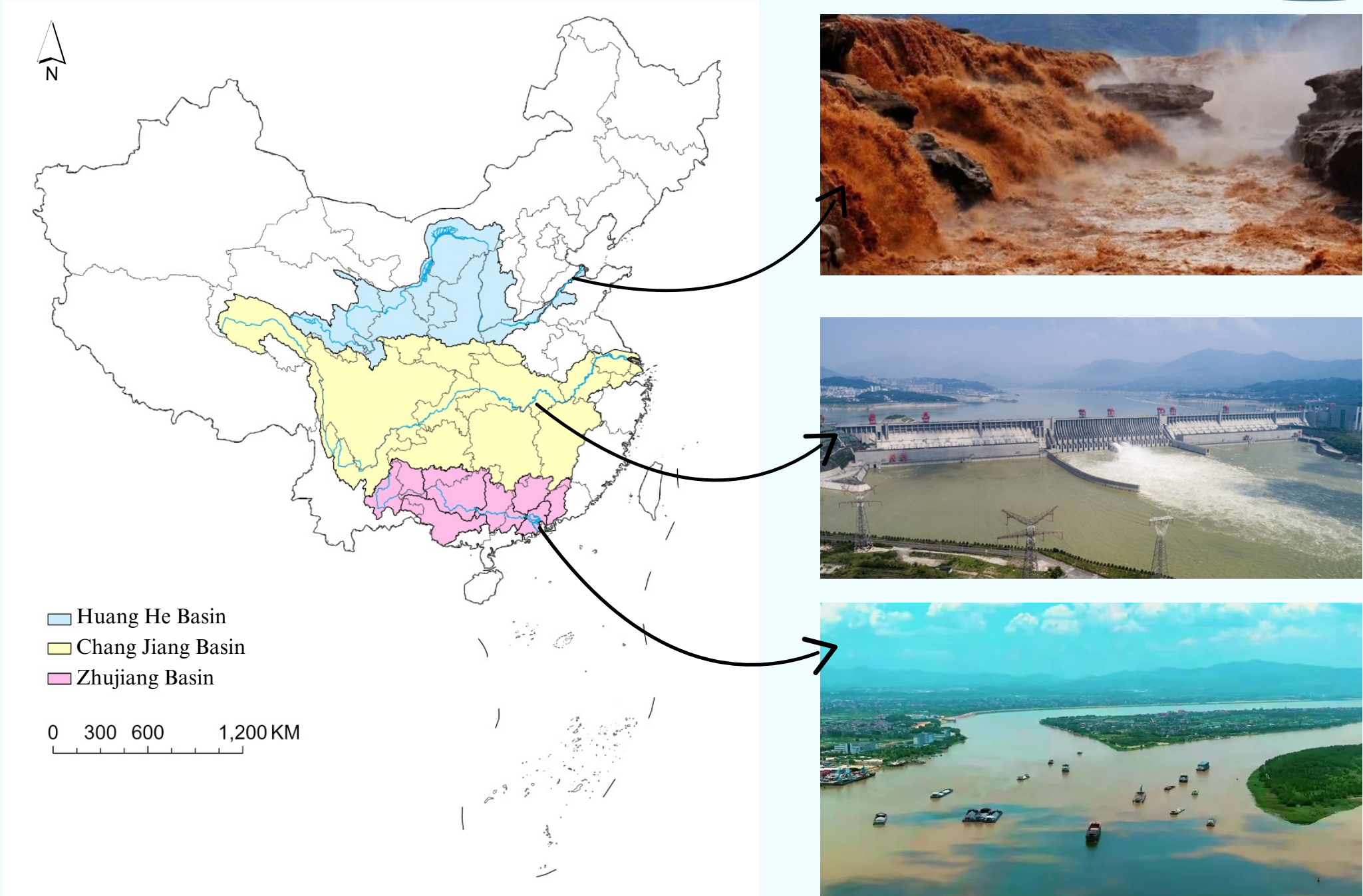


Figure 1 Drainage basins of major rivers in our country¹

Major Rivers	Basin Map	Rank	Geographic Coverage	Features
Huang He		The second longest river in our country and the fifth longest in the world.	Flowing through Qinghai, Sichuan, Gansu, Ningxia, Nei Mongol, Shaanxi, Shanxi, Henan, and Shandong, it empties into the Bohai Sea.	• Ranks first globally in terms of sediment load and sediment concentration. • Rich in hydropower resources, ranking second in our country. • Rich in aquatic products and mineral resources. • “Cradle of Chinese Civilisation”
Chang Jiang		The longest river in our country and the third longest in the world.	The river flows through Qinghai, Xizang, Sichuan, Chongqing, Yunnan, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangxi, Anhui, Jiangsu, and Shanghai, before emptying into the East China Sea.	• Rich in hydropower resources, accounting for 53.4% of our country’s total exploitable hydropower resources. • Most important inland waterway
Zhujiang			Zhujiang Basin spans across the provinces / autonomous region of Yunnan, Guizhou, Guangdong, Guangxi, Jiangxi, and Hunan.	• The second-largest river system in our country in terms of water volume. • Rich in mineral resources and economic crops.

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