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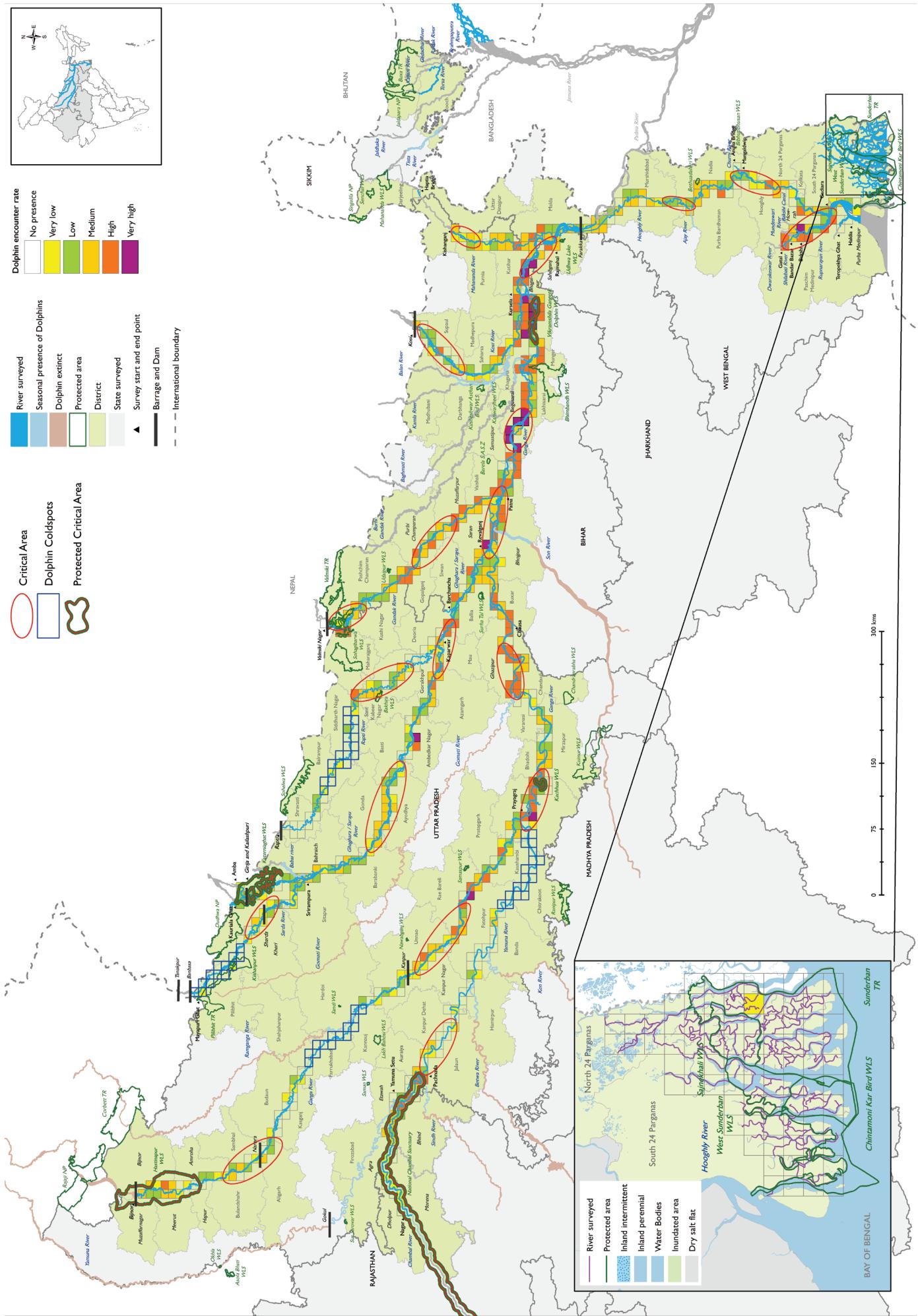
# RIVER DOLPHINS

IN INDIA

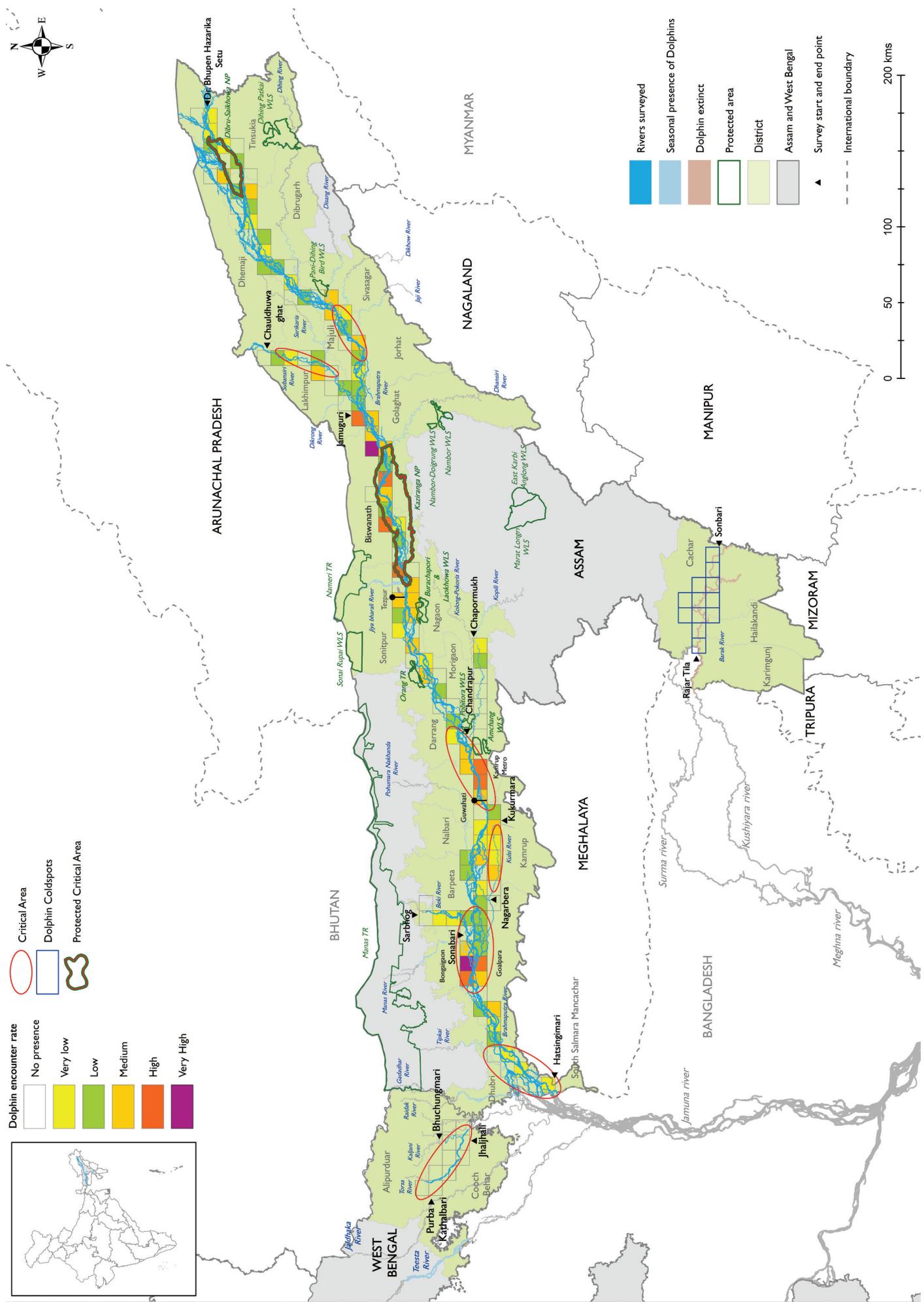


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# GANGA - MAINSTREAM AND TRIBUTARIES

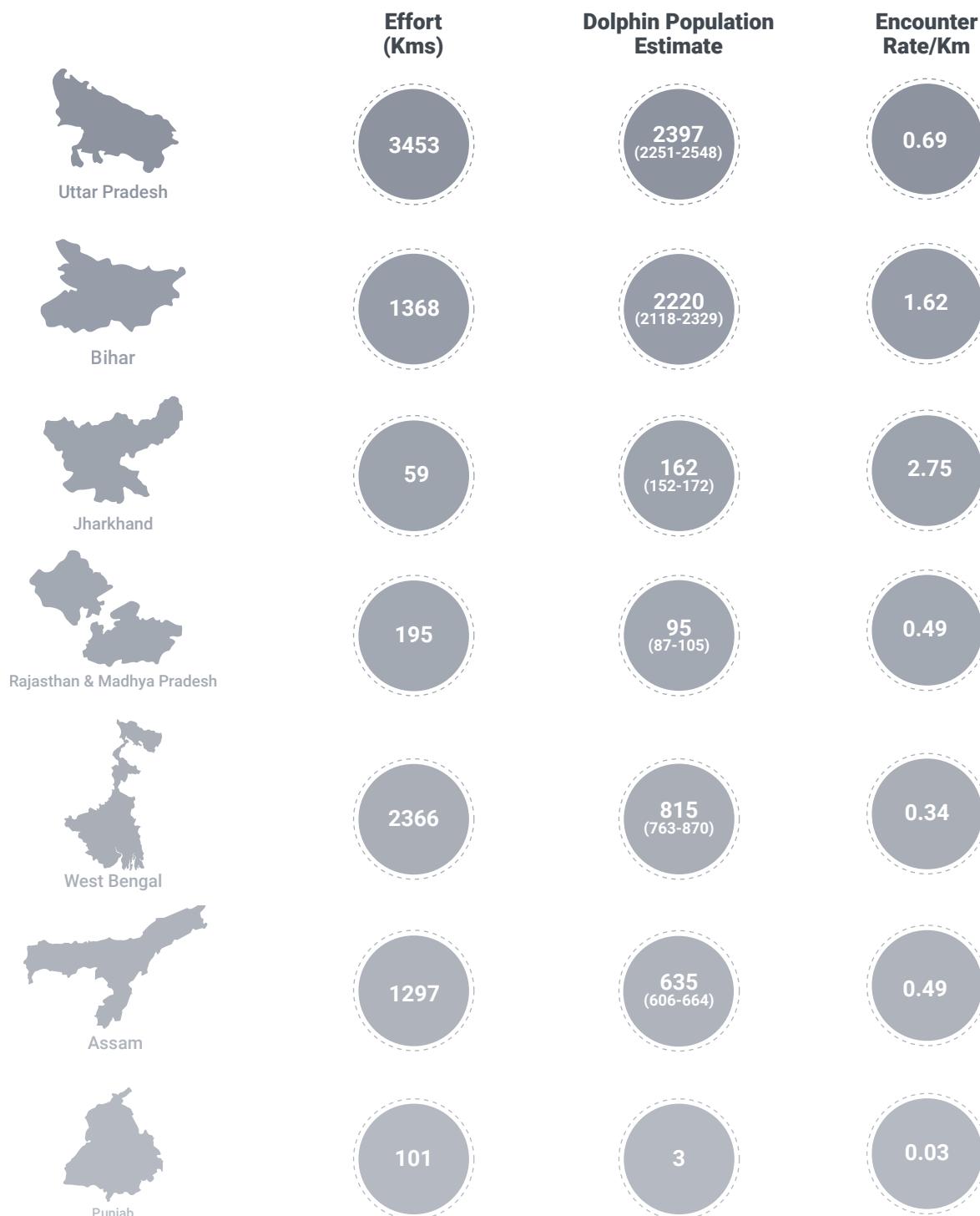


# BRAHMAPUTRA – MAINSTREAM AND TRIBUTARIES



# STATE-WISE STATUS

**Total : Ganges River Dolphin (6324) & Indus River dolphins (3)**  
**= 6327 (5980-6691)**



# RIVER-WISE STATUS

RIVER	NUMBER OF KILOMETRES SURVEYED	POPULATION ESTIMATE
Ganga mainstream	2422	3275 (3108-3445)
Ganga tributaries	4687	2414 (2263-2579)
Brahmaputra mainstream	885	584 (558-610)
Brahmaputra tributaries	412	51 (48-54)
Beas	101	3

The Prime minister announced Project Dolphin, focusing on both river and marine dolphins. This will contribute in “strengthening biodiversity, creating employment opportunities and attracting tourism”.

- Honourable Prime Minister  
Shri Narendra Modi



## SURVEY EFFORT

DISTANCE  
**8507 KMS**

MAN DAYS  
**3150 DAYS**

MAN HOURS  
**18900 HOURS**

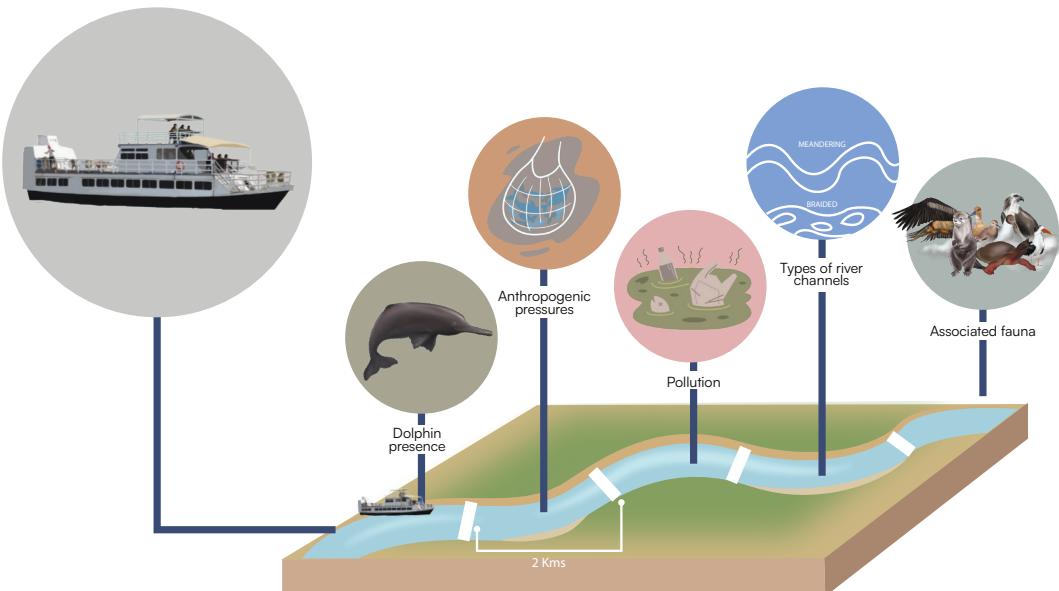
Number of rivers surveyed

**28**

Secondary Survey For Seasonal Dolphin Presence

**30**

## METHODOLOGY



During the survey, data on dolphin abundance, habitat quality, anthropogenic pressure, and associated fauna were collected. To address observer and availability biases, active boat-based surveys employed the independent double observer method and underwater acoustic hydrophones, with data analyzed using Lincoln-Peterson's Chapman's corrected formula and the Huggins method to estimate dolphin abundance.



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