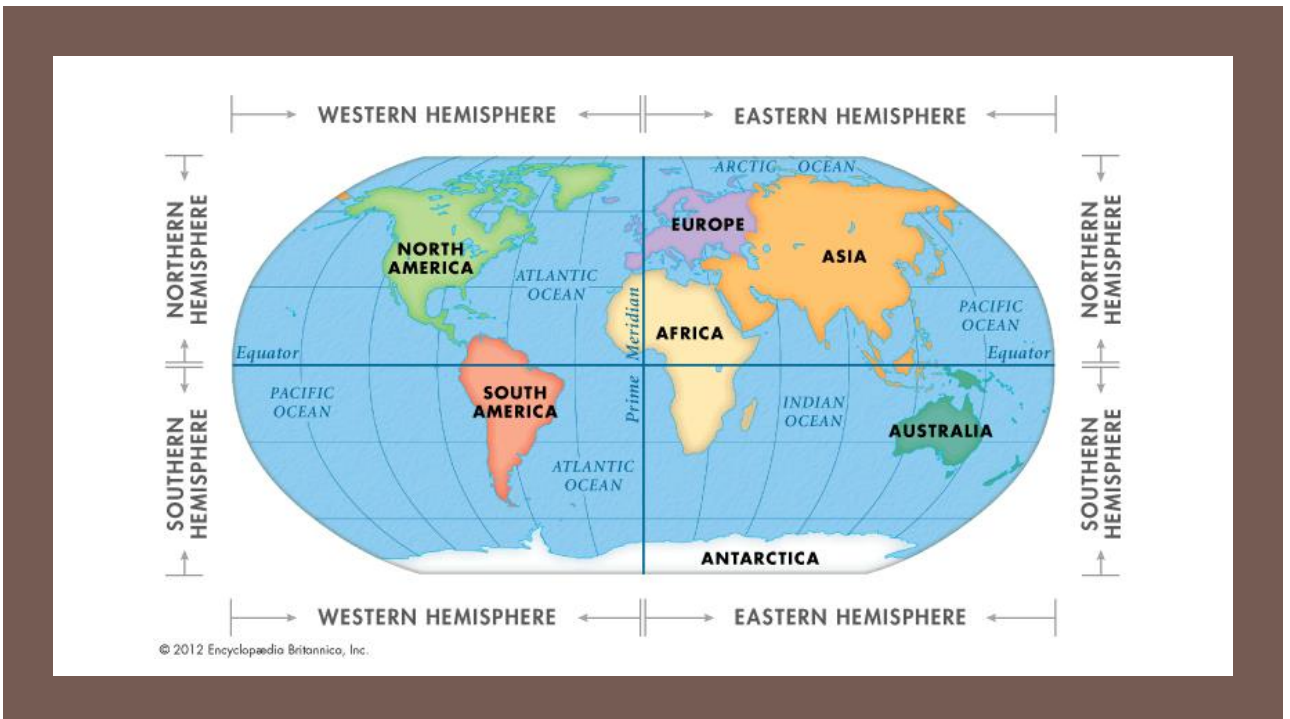


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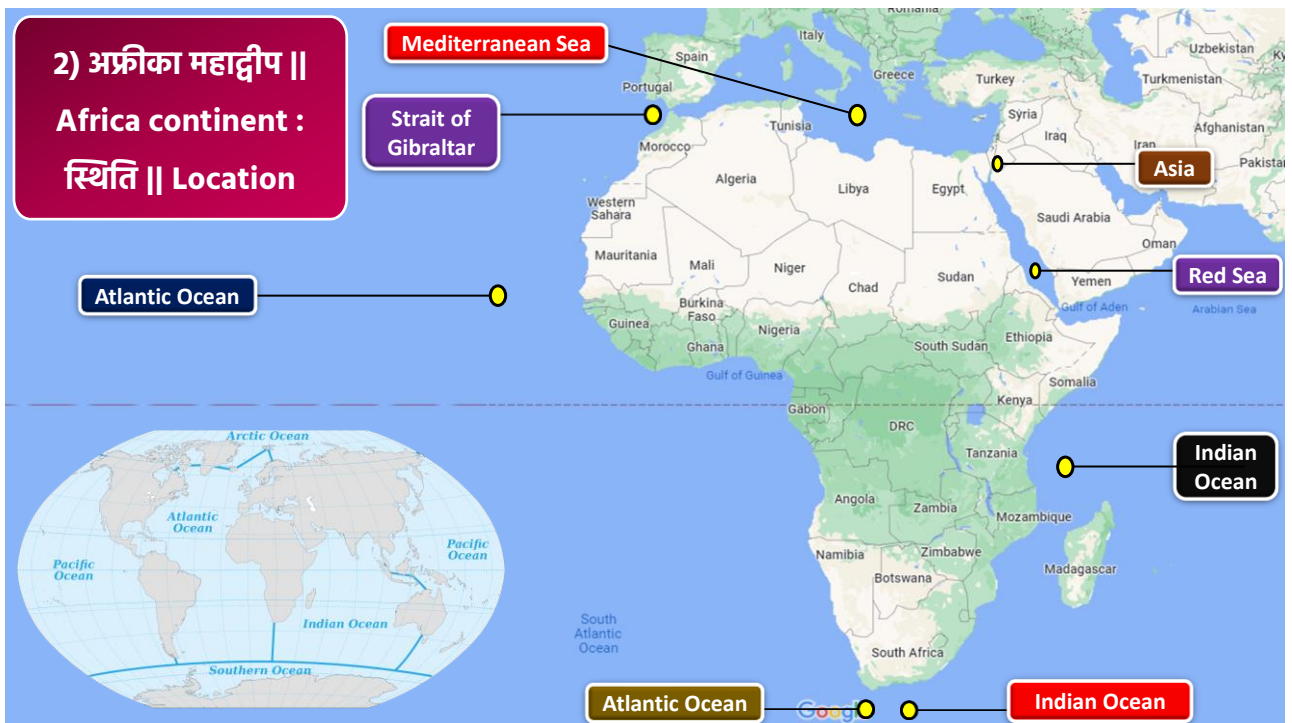
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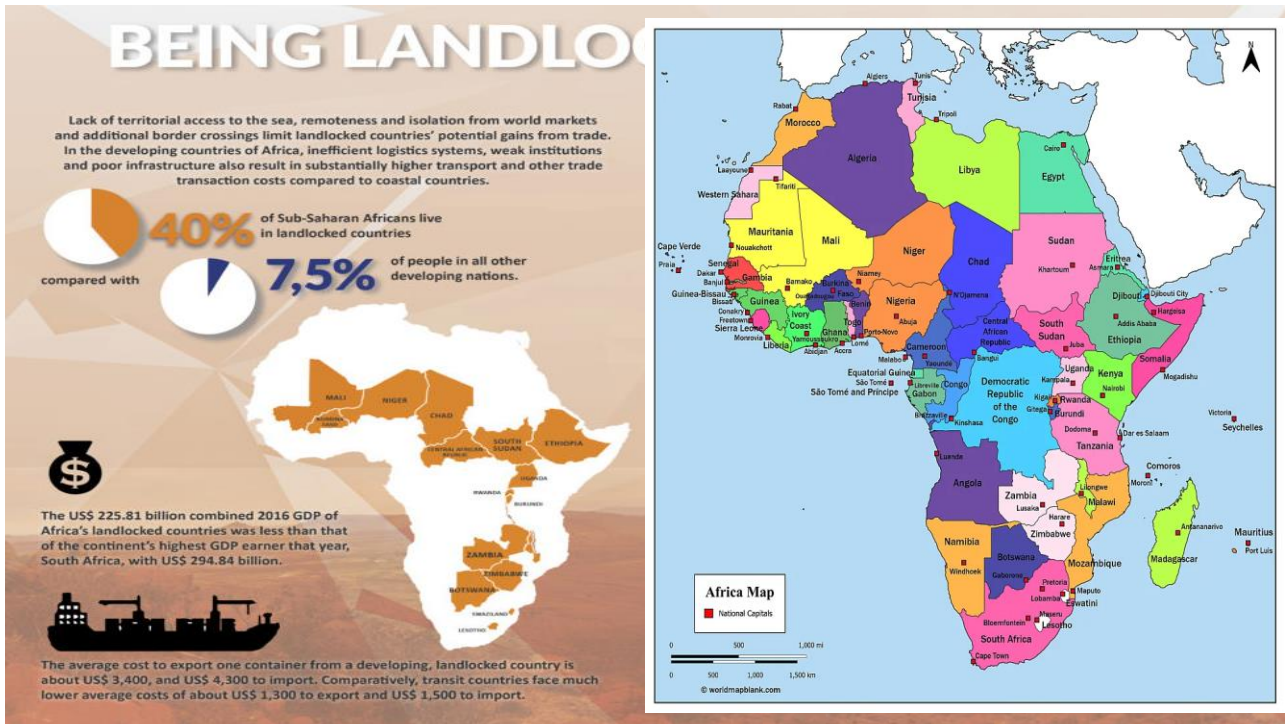
- 1) Second largest continent based on population and area
- 2) The only continent in all four hemispheres
- 3) The only continent through which the **Tropic of Cancer, Capricorn, Equator and Prime Meridian** passes
- 4) **Other names :-**
 - ↳ Dark continent - Limited information
 - ↳ Mother of Mankind
 - ↳ Garden of Eden
 - ↳ Land of KESH or CUSH
 - ↳ Kingdom in the sky
- 5) **Key Facts :-**
 - ↳ 54 countries
 - ↳ **Landlocked Countries** - 16 (Most)
 - ↳ **Largest country** - Algeria
- 6) **Other facts :-**
 - ↳ **Smallest country** - Seychelles
 - ↳ **Highest peak** - Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania
 - ↳ **Lowland** - Assal Lake, Djibouti
 - ↳ **Highest Temperature** - Al-Aziziya, Libya
 - ↳ **Largest island** - Madagascar
 - ↳ **Largest lake** - Victoria
 - ↳ **Longest river** - Nile River
 - ↳ **South Point** - Agulhas
 - ↳ **Major primitive tribes** - Bushman (Kalahari), Pygmy (Congo Basin), Baddu (Sahara Desert)
 - ↳ **Tuareg tribe (Sahara)** - Guide work for foreign tourists

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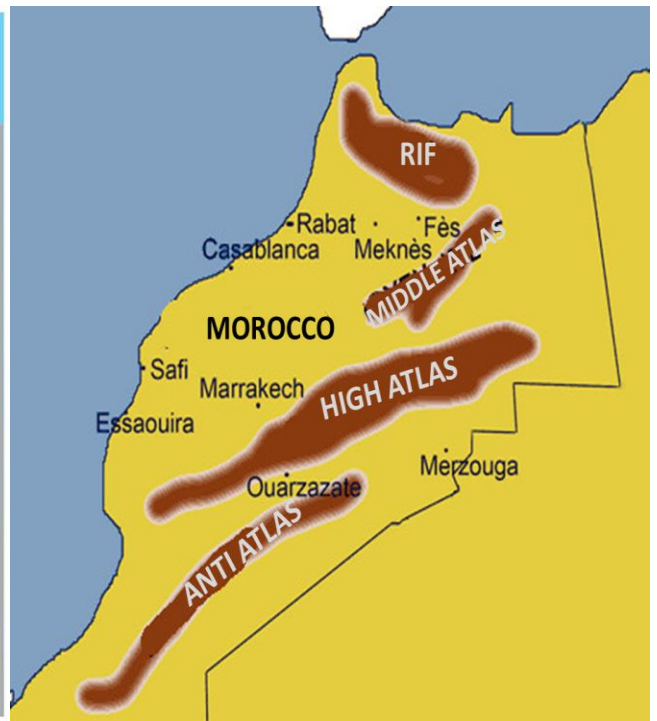


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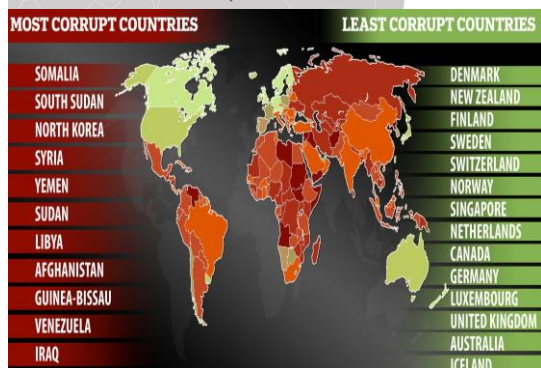


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3) Africa : Countries and Capital

Country	Capital	Fact
1) Egypt	Cairo (Nile River)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Great Pyramid of Giza ☺ Alexandria - Port (cotton) ☺ Port Said - Northern end of the Suez Canal ☺ Aswan dam (Nile) and Nasser lake (Artificial) ☺ Mediterranean sea + Red Sea + Gulf of Suez + Sinai Peninsula
2) Libya	Tripoli (Mediterranean Sea)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Africa's leading oil producer ☺ OPEC member ☺ Gulf of Sidra
3) Tunisia	Tunis (Mediterranean)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Atlas mountains and Gulf of Gabes ☺ Beginning of the Arab spring in 2010 ☺ Very close to Italy (Sicily) ☺ Grape wine & Bizerte oil refinery

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4) Algeria	Algiers (Mediterranean Sea)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Tobacco and wine ☺ OPEC member ☺ Atlas Mountains + Tadmait Plateau + Hoggar Plateau + Grand Erg Oriental And Occidental
5) Morocco	Rabat (Atlantic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Phosphate and cobalt ☺ Casablanca city ☺ Marrakesh city - Red city (red clay building) ☺ Atlas (Anti+Mid+High) + Rif Mountain ☺ Toubkal Mountain ☺ Strait of Gibraltar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↪ Atlantic + Mediterranean Sea ↪ Morocco - Spain
6) Western Sahara	Laâyoune	
7) Mauritania	Nouakchott	☺ Senegal River - Border of Senegal and Mauritania
8) Mali (LL)	Bamako	☺ Niger River, or Joliba or Kourou



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9) Niger (LL)	Niamey	☺ Niger river (Palm oil river) + Uranium production
10) Chad (LL)	N'Djamena	☺ Lake Chad and Chari River
11) Nigeria	Abuja (Jos Plateau)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Niger river - Kainji Dam ☺ Africa's largest oil producer (OPEC) ☺ Port Harcourt - Mouth of the Niger River (Benin Bight, Gulf of Guinea) ☺ Lagos - main port ☺ Major producer of columbium (niobium) ☺ Lokoja - Confluence of the Niger and Benue rivers
12) Sudan (3rd largest in Africa)	Khartoum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Khartoum - At the confluence of the White and Blue Nile (Key of Sudan) ☺ Main city - Omdurman ☺ Darfur Plateau + Nuba mountain + Marrah Mountains + Red Sea Mountain + Nubian Desert ☺ White Nile - White Nile Dam ☺ Blue Nile - Sennar Dam

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13) South Sudan (LL)	Juba (White Nile)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Independent from Sudan in July 2011 ☺ Newest member of UN (2011) ☺ Main cities – Bau and Yambio ☺ Africa's longest civil war ☺ Sobat River – Border of Sudan and South Sudan (tributary of the Nile)
14) Eritrea	Asmara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Formerly part of Ethiopia ☺ Red sea (Mitsiwa port)
16) Djibouti	Djibouti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Bab el-Mandeb Strait ☺ Asal Lake
17) Somalia	Mogadishu (Indian Ocean)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Main port ☺ Somalia peninsula ☺ Ogaden desert ☺ River – Nogal, Shibeli and Jubba

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18) Ethiopia (LL)	Addis Ababa (Inner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) ☺ Topographies – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ Ethiopian Highlands (Abyssinian Plateau) ↳ Ras Dashen mountain ↳ Lake Tana (origin of the Blue Nile) ☺ Horn of Africa – Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia and Ethiopia
19) Kenya	Nairobi (Internal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Port – Mombasa (Indian Ocean) ☺ Nairobi – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ Tea production ↳ Headquarters of UNEP ☺ Kisumu – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ shore of lake Victoria ↳ Sava National Park ☺ Kīrīnyaga Mountains (Mountain Kenya – Volcano) and Lake Turkana or Rudolf Lake (Kenya and 5% in Ethiopia)

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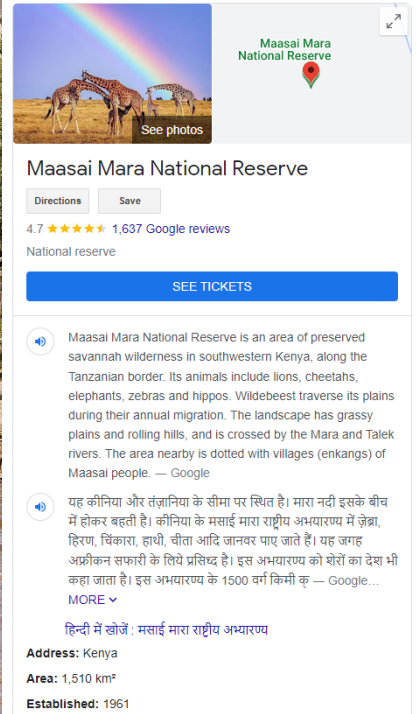
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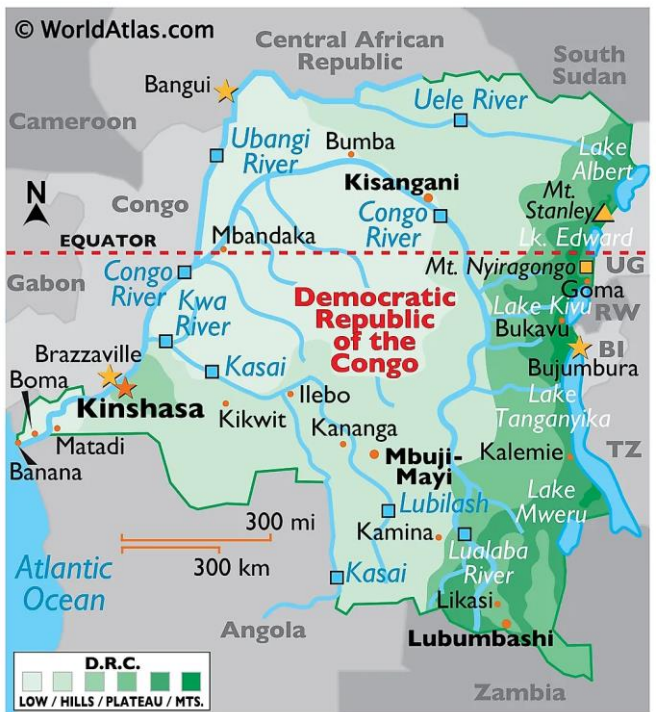


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26) Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) (Atlantic)	Kinshasa (Congo River)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Old name – Zaire ☺ Lubumbashi & Katanga plateau – Copper ☺ Kilomoto – Gold ☺ Congo basin and Mitumba Mountains ☺ Rivers – Congo, Kegalé, Lomami, Ubangi
27) Republic of the Congo (RC) (Atlantic)	Brazzaville (Interior) (Congo River)	☺ Ubangi and Sanga river
28) Gabon (Atlantic)	Libreville (Coastal)	☺ Port Gentil
29) Equatorial guinea (Atlantic)	Malabo (Island)	

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30) Angola	Luanda (Atlantic)	☺ Benguela port ☺ Bié Plateau + Huila Plateau ☺ River :- Kuyene + Kubang
31) Zambia (LL)	Lusaka	☺ Separated from Zimbabwe by the Zambezi River + Muchinga Mountains ☺ City - Livingstone ☺ Lake Kariba and Kariba Dam ↪ Zambezi River (Victoria Falls) ↪ Zambia and Zimbabwe ↪ Largest artificial lake in the world
32) Zimbabwe (LL)	Harare	☺ Venky - Coal Field ☺ Great Dyke - Gold, Silver, Chromium ☺ Matopo Hills (South Africa and Zimbabwe) + Mount Nyangani
33) Botswana (LL)	Gaborone	☺ Kalahari Desert (South Africa + Botswana + Namibia) ☺ Lake Makgadikgadi (Salt Pan)

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34) Namibia (Atlantic)	Windhoek	☺ Namibian desert ☺ Auas Mountains + Huns mountains
35) Malawi (LL)	Lilongwe	☺ Long and narrow hill country ☺ Malawi or lake Nyasa (Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania)
36) Mozambique	Maputo (Indian)	☺ Pulses production ☺ Cahora Bassa Dam - Zambezi river
37) Eswatini (Swaziland) (LL)	Mbabane, Lobamba	☺ Surrounded by South Africa
38) Lesotho (LL)	Maseru	☺ Surrounded by south Africa

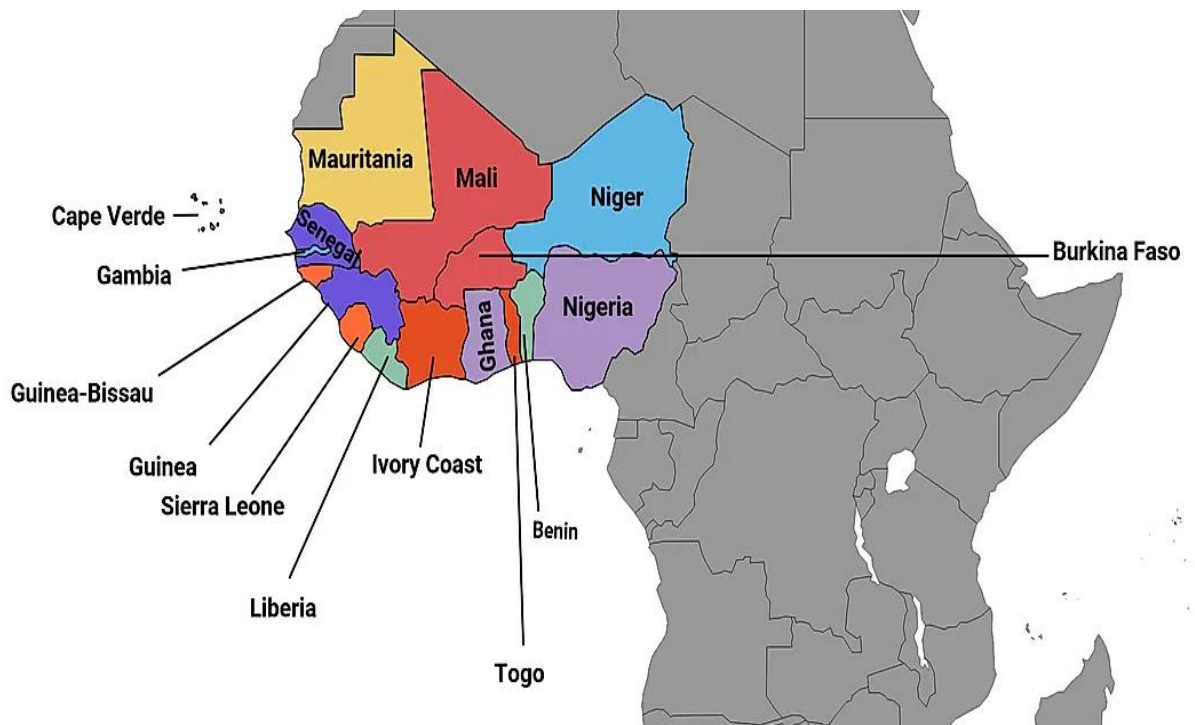
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39) South Africa

- ⊙ Industrially prosperous
- ⊙ **Cape Town (Atlantic Ocean)**
 - ↪ Legislative capital
 - ↪ Port of Call
 - ↪ Mediterranean Climate
 - Horticulture and Wine
- ⊙ **Pretoria (Interior)** -
 - ↪ Administrative capital
 - ↪ Diamond mining
- ⊙ **Johannesburg** - Gold
- ⊙ **Durban** - Indian Ocean Port
- ⊙ **Kimberley City** - Diamond
- ⊙ Elizabeth port
- ⊙ **Postmasburg** - Manganese
- ⊙ **Topographies :-**
 - ↪ **Mountains** -
 - Drakensberg,
 - Swatberg,
 - Nieuweveldberg
 - ↪ Cape of Good Hope and Cape Agulhas
 - ↪ Velds are the grasslands of southern Africa (South Africa, Lesotho, Eswatini, Zimbabwe & Botswana).

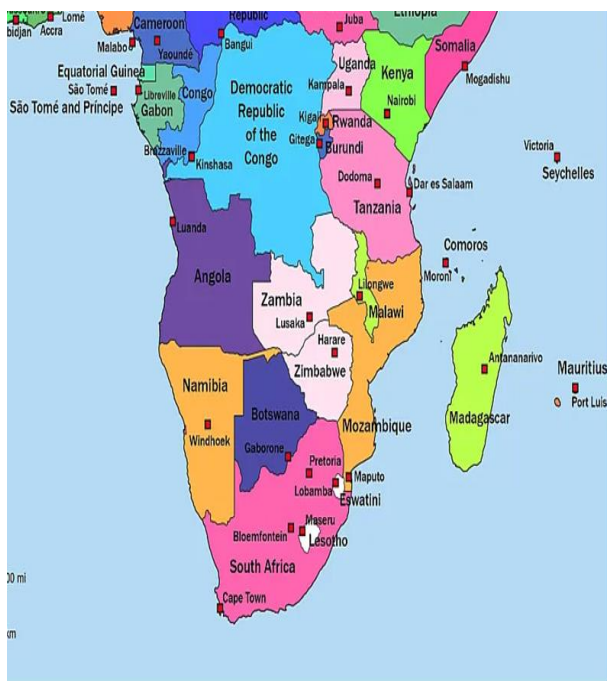


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40) Senegal	Dakar (Atlantic)	☺ Atlantic Ocean
41) Gambia	Banjul	☺ Atlantic Ocean
42) Guinea Bissau	Bissau	☺ Atlantic Ocean
43) Guinea	Conakry	☺ Atlantic Ocean
44) Sierra Leone	Freetown	☺ Atlantic Ocean
45) Liberia	Monrovia	☺ Atlantic Ocean
46) Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	Yamoussoukro (political) and Abidjan (economic)	☺ Atlantic Ocean ☺ cocoa production
47) Ghana	Accra (Coastal)	☺ Cocoa Production and the African Elephant ☺ Nickname - Colony of the Gold Coast ☺ Lake Volta (Freshwater) - 0° Longitude
48) Togo	Lome	☺ Atlantic Ocean
49) Benin	Porto-Novou	☺ Atlantic Ocean

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50) Burkina Faso	Ouagadougou	☺ Land locked
51) Seychelles	Victoria	☺ Indian Ocean
52) Comoros	Moroni	☺ Indian Ocean
53) Madagascar	Antananarivo	☺ Indian ocean ☺ Graphite and Chromite ☺ Ankaratra Volcanic Range ☺ Mount Tsaratanana (Maromokotro)
54) Mauritius	Port Louis	☺ Indian Ocean
55) São Tomé and Príncipe	Sao Tome	☺ Atlantic Ocean (Island)
56) Cabo Verde	Praia	☺ Atlantic Ocean



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Sahara Desert

- ☉ The world's **largest hot desert** and third largest desert after Antarctica and the northern Arctic, with an area of 9,200,000 square kilometers. The desert covers around 8% of earth's total land area.
- ☉ **11 countries** -Algeria, Chad, Egypt, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Western Sahara, Sudan, Morocco & Tunisia.
- ☉ The Sahara desert has dry valleys, mountains, salt flats, barren and rocky plateaus, and sand dunes.
- ☉ There are 20 lakes in the Sahara desert and almost all of them are saltwater lakes.
- ☉ The **only freshwater** lake in the Sahara desert is **Lake Chad**.
- ☉ The Sahara desert receives **less than 1 inch of rain** every year.
- ☉ The hottest temperature recorded in the Sahara desert was **58 degrees celsius**.
- ☉ The highest peak in the desert is **Mount Koussi**, an extinct volcano in Chad with a height of **3,415 metres**.
- ☉ **The Sahel**, a region of **semi-arid tropical savanna** along the Niger River valley and the Sudan Region of Sub-Saharan Africa
- ☉ Erg – Sand desert of Sahara & Hamada – Rocky desert of Sahara

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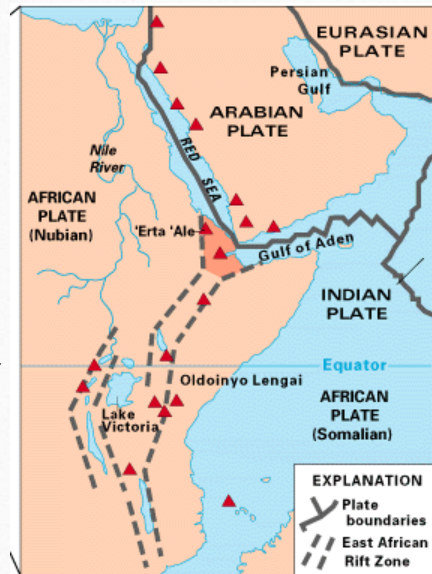
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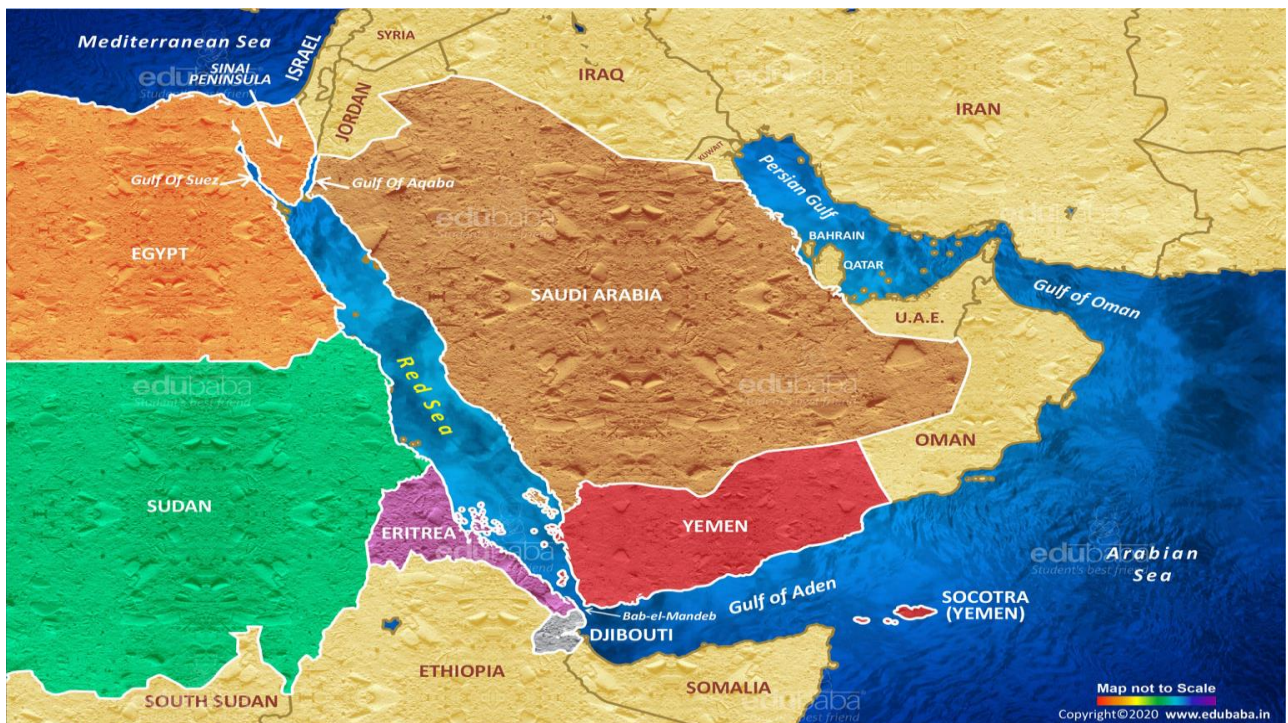
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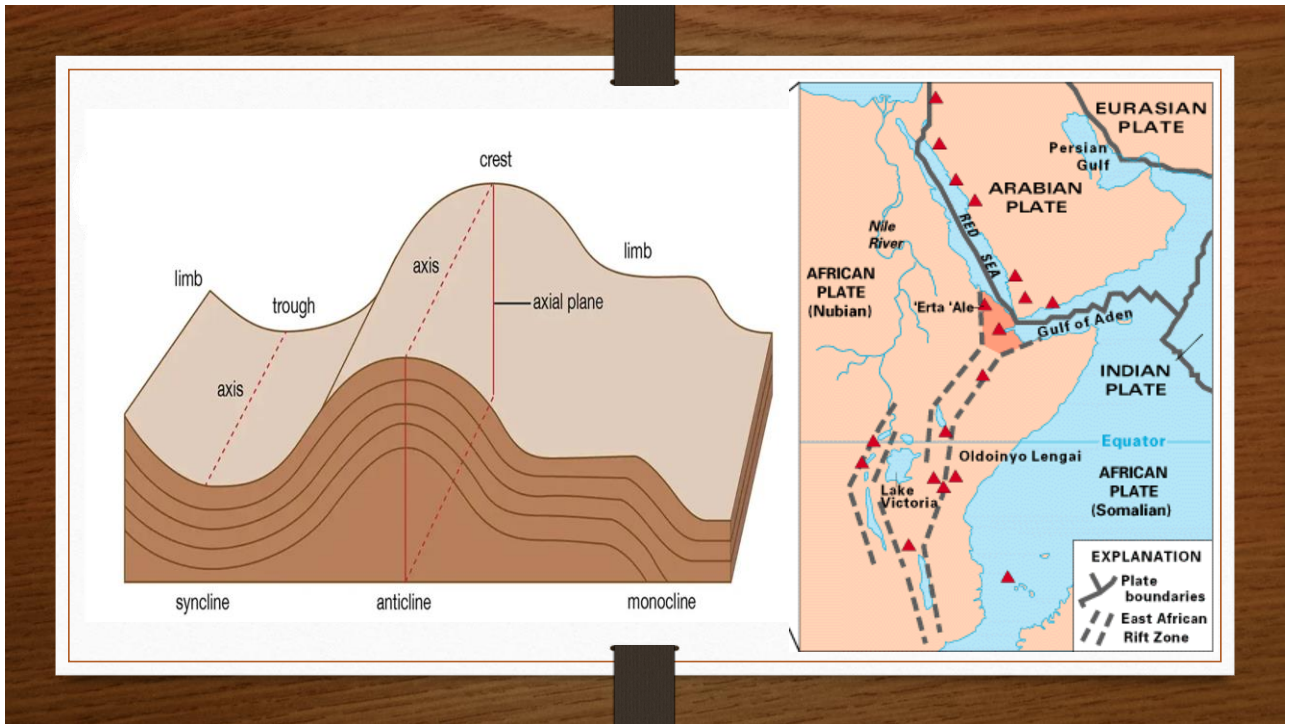
- ☉ An inlet of the Indian Ocean between Africa and Asia.
- ☉ One of the most saline bodies of water in the world (**Average salinity – 40**)
- ☉ Red-coloured algae **Trichodesmium erythraeum**
- ☉ Bordering Countries : Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Sudan, Eritrea & Djibouti.
- ☉ Connected to Indian ocean in south through Bab el Mandeb strait
- ☉ In the north are the Sinai Peninsula, the Gulf of Aqaba, and the Gulf of Suez (leading to the Suez Canal).
- ☉ **Part of Great Rift Valley (Fault depression)** - The basin is currently growing at a rate of 1-2 centimeters per year
- ☉ The red sea is an example of an **axial trough**.



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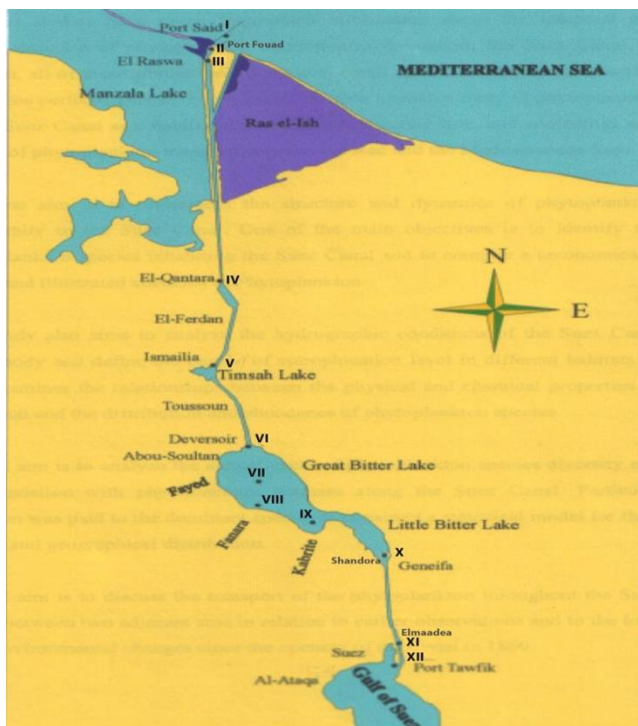


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Suez Canal

- ⊙ Located in Egypt, strategically important & artificial sea-level waterway, linking Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea.
- ⊙ Opened in 1869 after years of construction efforts led by Ferdinand de Lesseps (French)
- ⊙ It provided a direct shipping route between Europe and Asia, reducing the journey by 7000 km.
- ⊙ The Suez Canal is a critical artery for international trade, handling around 10% of global maritime traffic.
- ⊙ The canal is supported by a network of ports, terminals, and infrastructure along its route.
- ⊙ In 1956, Egyptian President Abdel Nasser nationalised the Canal
 - ↳ Port - Port Said (North) and Suez (South)
 - ↳ Several lakes (North to South) - Lake Manzala, Lake Timsah, Great Bitter Lake and Little Bitter Lake

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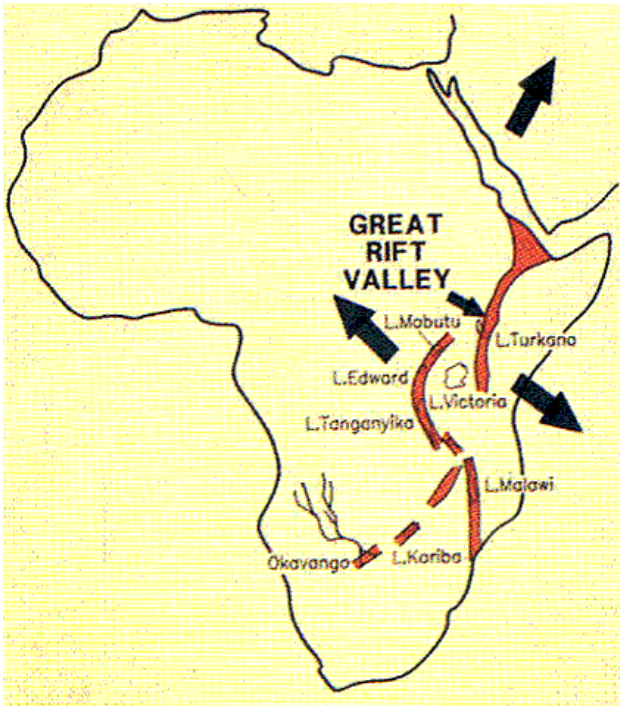


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East African Rift Valley (Great Rift Valley)

- ⊙ It is the longest rift valley in the world, which extends from Asia (Dead Sea) to Lake Nyasa or Malawi (Africa)
- ⊙ Over the past 30 million years, the Arabian Plate has been moving away from Africa, forming the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.
- ⊙ The gradual break-up of the African continent is creating a new ocean basin.
- ⊙ This rift would lead to the formation of a small continent, which would include parts of present-day Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Tanzania.
- ⊙ The Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea would eventually flood the Afar region of Ethiopia to form a new ocean.
- ⊙ The separation of the Somali and Nubian tectonic plates would take 5 to 10 million years
- ⊙ **Lakes located in the Great Rift Valley**: Lake Edward, Lake Albert, Nyasa (Malawi), Mweru, Turkana (Rudolph Kenya), Tana (Ethiopia), Rukwa (Tanzanian - coal production), Lake Assal (Djibouti Africa's lowest point)

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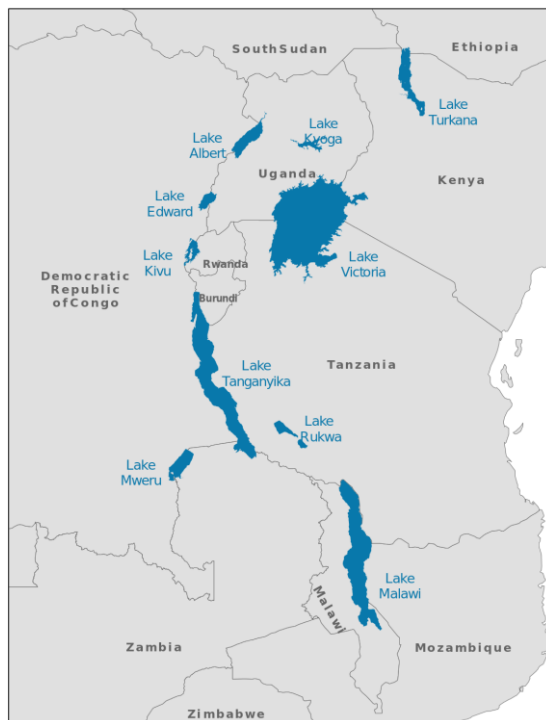
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4) Africa Continent : Major Rivers

River	Source	Mouth	Fact
1) Nile	Lake Victoria	Mediterranean Sea (World's second largest delta) ↓ Alexandria Port (Egypt)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Confluence of the White and Blue Nile – Khartoum ☺ White Nile <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 Origin – Lake Victoria 📍 Owens Dam (Uganda) 📍 City – Juba and Kampala ☺ Blue Nile – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 Source Lake – Lake Tana 📍 Sennar Dam (Sudan) ☺ Plains of Alajjira – Doab (Cotton cultivation) ☺ Countries – Uganda, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt

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2) Zaire or Congo	Lake Tanganyika, East African Rift, Chambishi River, Lake Mweru	Gulf of Guinea (Atlantic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Africa's largest river by volume of water ☺ Less navigable due to waterfalls (Stanley, Livingstone) etc. ☺ Cut the equator twice ☺ Main tributary – Kasai (Diamond deposit) ☺ Cities – Brazzaville, Kinshasa, Matadi, Boma ☺ Congo Basin and Rainforest – Pygmy Tribe
3) Niger River (River of palm oil)	Guinea Highlands (Sierra Leone)	Gulf of Guinea (Atlantic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Africa's third longest river ☺ Palm oil waterways ☺ 0° longitude ☺ Main tributary – Venue ☺ Port Harcourt (Nigeria) ☺ Dense mangrove vegetation ☺ Country – Sierra Leone, Guinea, Mali, Niger and Nigeria

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4) Orange River	Drakensberg (Lesotho)	Atlantic Ocean	☺ South Africa and Nambia border ☺ Augrabies Falls (South Africa)
5) Volta River		Gulf of Guinea (Atlantic)	☺ Main river of Ghana ☺ Cocoa production ☺ Akosombo dam and Lake Volta (Ghana)
6) Zambezi River	Bee plateau	Mozambique channel (Indian Ocean)	☺ Zambia and Zimbabwe border ☺ Dam - Kariba and Cahora Bassa (Mozambique) ☺ Victoria Falls
7) Limpopo River	Transvaal region	Indian Ocean	☺ Cut tropic of capricorn twice ☺ Country - South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique ☺ Border - South Africa and Botswana, Zimbabwe ☺ Tsonga people
8) Shebelle River	Ethiopian Plateau	Indian Ocean	☺ City - Mogadishu

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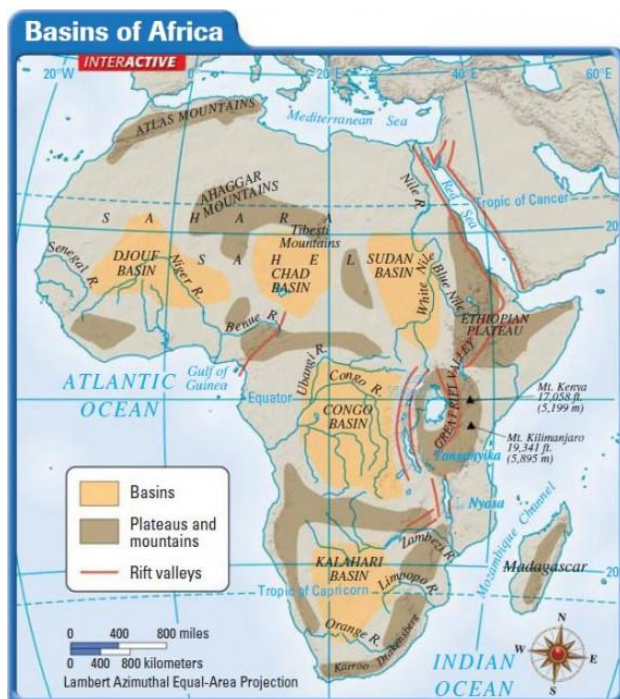
5) Africa continent : Mountain Range

Mountain	Fact
1) Atlas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Only new fold mountain in Africa, which is in the north-western part of Africa. ☺ Expansion mainly in 3 countries – Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia ☺ Highest peak – Mount Tobukal (4105 m – Morocco) ☺ 5 subdivision – Great Atlas, Anti Atlas, Middle Atlas, Sahara Atlas and Maritime Atlas
2) Kilimanjaro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ A volcanic mountain located in Tanzania ☺ Highest peak of African (5895 m) ☺ Despite being only 322 km away from the equator, glaciers are found in its upper part. ☺ Coffee is cultivated on the slope of this mountain.
3) Drakensberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ It is an ancient fold mountain range (relict) located in South Africa.
4) Cameroon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Africa's only active volcano, located near the equator in the coastal region of Cameroon, which is important for iron ore deposits.

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5) Rwenzori

- ☺ These mountains are located near Lake Elvert in Uganda and Democratic Republic of Congo.
- ☺ Ptolemy called it “Mountains of the Moon”.
- ☺ This mountain range forms the boundary between Uganda and Zaire.
- ☺ Highest point :- Mount Stanley (Uganda and Democratic Republic of Congo)



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6) Africa continent : Plateau

Plateau	Fact
1) Jos Plateau	☺ Nigeria - Important for its deposits of tin
2) Katanga plateau	☺ Major copper and diamond producing region of DRC and Zambia ☺ Origin of Congo and Zaire rivers - copper and uranium deposits
3) Ethiopian Highlands	☺ A high plateau of volcanic origin in Ethiopia ☺ Origin of the Blue Nile ☺ Highest peak - Ras Dashen (Ethiopia) :- Africa's third highest peak
4) Bié Plateau (Angola)	☺ The Zambezi River originates from this plateau.
5) Somali Plateau	☺ This plateau is in the eastern part of the Ethiopian Highlands, which is an area rich in petroleum resources.

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7) Africa Continent : Desert

Desert	Fact
1) Kalahari	☺ Semi-arid hot desert - Botswana, Namibia and South Africa ☺ It is the residence of the Bushman tribe, the oldest inhabitant of Africa. ☺ A bird named Ostrich is found in this desert.
2) Namib	☺ It is a hot dry desert located in Namibia, which is the southwestern part of the continent of Africa. ☺ Famous for cattle rearing and diamond deposits ☺ Dwelling place of Khoi and Bushman tribes
3) Nubian	☺ It is a part of the Sahara Desert, which is in Sudan in the north-eastern part of the continent of Africa.
4) Libya	☺ It is a vast arid region of Libya in the north-east of Africa. ☺ Extremely dry and hot desert

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8) Africa Continent : Grassland

Meadows	Fact
1) Savannah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Extensive tropical grasslands in the central part of Africa ☺ The Masai tribe graze cattle in this plain. ☺ The world famous Masai mara national park of Kenya is in here. ☺ Land of big hunters ☺ Known as 'land of big game' or 'land of safari' Known as 'The Big Game Country' or 'A Land Of Safari'.
2) Veld	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Extensive temperate grasslands in southern Africa (South Africa, Lesotho, Eswatini, Zimbabwe and Botswana) ☺ Marino sheep ☺ The Golden City of South Africa - Johannesburg ☺ World famous Kimberley Diamond Mine

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9) Africa Continent : Lakes

Lakes	Fact
1) Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ It is the largest freshwater lake in Africa and the second largest freshwater lake in the world. ☺ Located on the equator, it is the largest tropical lake in the world. ☺ This lake is located on the border of 3 countries Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. ☺ Not located in the great rift valley – Between the eastern and western rifts ☺ Origin of the White Nile river and presence of coral reefs ☺ It is the third largest in the world after the Caspian sea and the Superior
2) Tanganyika	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ It is the deepest lake in Africa and the second deepest lake in the world (First – Baikal). ☺ Located in the great rift valley, the second largest freshwater lake in Africa ☺ Located on border of 4 countries – Tanzania, Burundi, DRC and Zambia
3) Volta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Artificial lake in Ghana, a freshwater lake created by the Akosombo dam ☺ The largest lake in terms of area ☺ 0° longitude passes through this lake.

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4) Kariba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Artificial lake created by damming the Zambezi river between Zambia and Zimbabwe ☺ Largest artificial lake in the world by volume ☺ Kariba Dam produces the largest amount of hydroelectric power in Africa.
5) Nyasa (Malawi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Located in the rift valley, it is the third largest lake in Africa, which is also known as Calendar Lake. ☺ Located on the border of 3 countries – Malawi, Mozambique and Tanzania
6) Nasir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ It is a man-made lake located on the Nile River, which forms the border between the countries of Egypt and Sudan. ☺ The Tropic of Cancer passes through it. ☺ This lake is the reservoir of the Aswan Dam.
7) Chad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Located on the border of 4 countries – Chad, Cameroon, Niger and Nigeria ☺ The only freshwater lake in the Sahara desert
8) Lake Assal	☺ It is a lake located in Djibouti, which is also the lowest point in Africa.
9) Tana	☺ It is the source of the blue Nile River, which is located on the highlands of Ethiopia.
10) Other lakes	☺ Lake Mweru (DR Congo and Zambia) and Lake Edward (Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo)

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10) Africa Continent : Mines and minerals

Minerals	Fact
1) Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ South Africa is the largest producer of gold in the continent. ☺ The world-famous gold mine Witwatersrand is in South Africa. ☺ The city of Johannesburg in South Africa is called the gold market. ☺ The second largest producer of gold is Ghana, whose coast is called the Gold Coast.
2) Diamond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ The largest diamond production in Africa is in Botswana and the Republic of Congo. ☺ The Katanga region of Zaire is also famous for diamond production. ☺ South Africa is the third largest diamond producing country in the African continent, where the world's largest diamond Cullinan was obtained from the Premier Mine.
3) Petroleum	☺ Libya's Tripoli, Tunisia's Tunis and Algeria's Algiers port
4) Copper, Cobalt & Graphite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Largest copper reserves in Africa in the Katanga region of Zaire ☺ Cobalt (bauxite) is mined in Guinea. ☺ Graphite deposits are found in Madagascar.

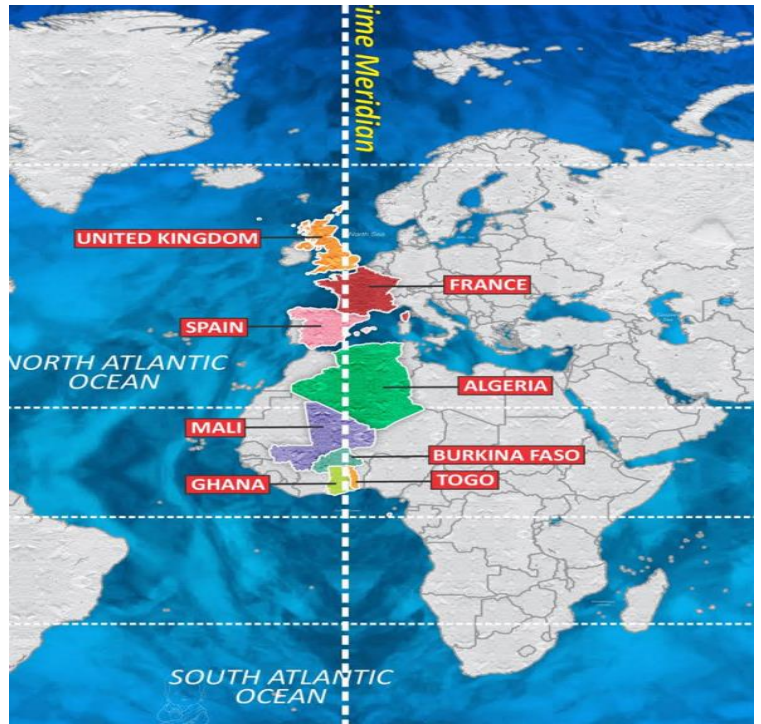
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11) Africa Continent : Tribes

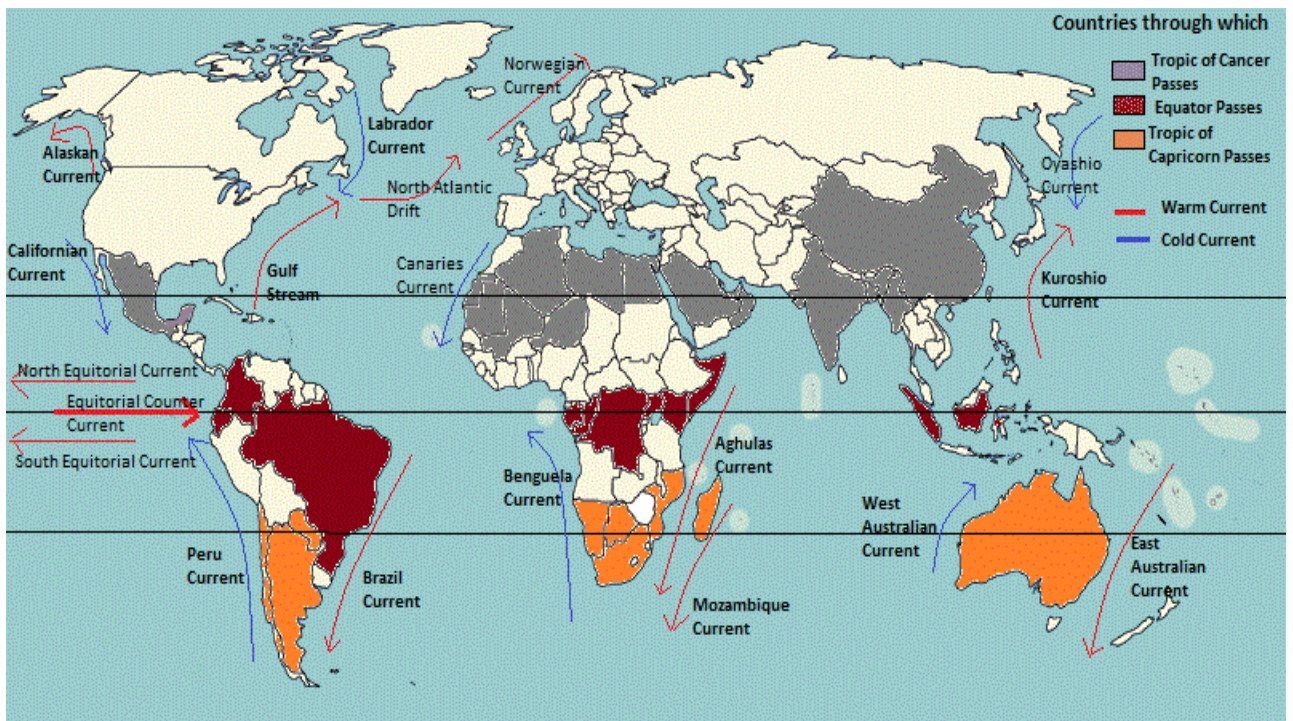
Tribes	Fact
1) Bushman	☺ Kalahari Desert (Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe and parts of South Africa)
2) Pygmy	☺ It is the world's smallest species, found in the Congo Basin (equatorial region) of Central Africa. The houses of the pygmy tribe are called Monguls.
3) Badu	☺ Sahara Desert .
4) Masai	☺ East Africa (Kenya and Tanzania, currently under discussion for relocation).

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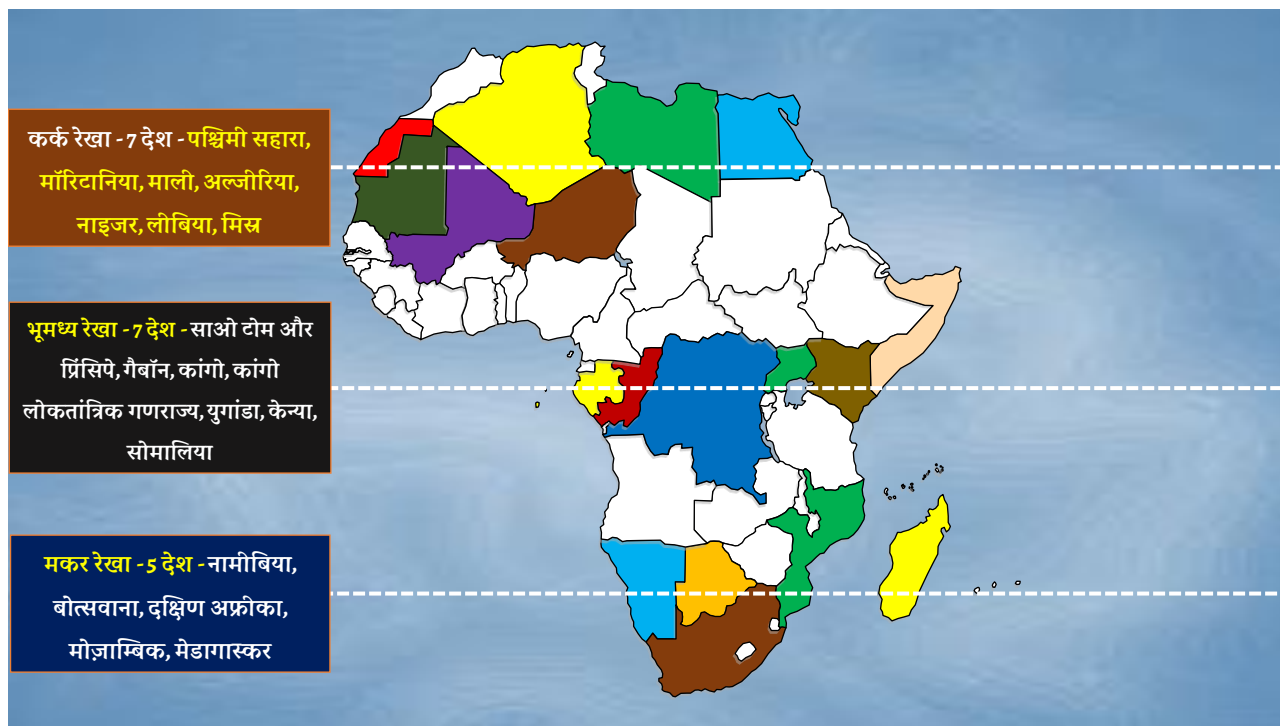
12) Africa Continent : Equator, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn and Prime Meridian



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13) Africa Continent : Important facts

- 1) The farmers of Egypt are called **Fellah** and the shepherds of Ethiopia and Somalia are called **Gallah**.
- 2) The volcanic Canary Islands (Spain) located in the Atlantic Ocean are famous for banana production.
- 3) Madeira Island (Portugal) is in the Atlantic Ocean, which is famous for wine production.
- 4) With a population of 1,252,964, Mauritius is the most populous island in the Mascarene Islands.
- 5) Saint Helena is an island in the South Atlantic Ocean on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, discovered by the Portuguese. It is currently under the authority of Britain. It is a volcanic island, where Napoleon was imprisoned from 1815-1821 AD.
- 6) Nigeria is called the country of oil palm and Zaire is called the **country of forests**.
- 7) The country of **Malawi is called Switzerland of the continent of Africa**.
- 8) The **Tsetse fly** is found in the continent of Africa, which is very deadly.
- 9) The longest railway line in Africa is Cape-Cairo, which runs between Cape Town and Cairo.
- 10) Egypt is called the junction of Asia and Europe.
- 11) Egypt is the world's leading date producing country.
- 12) **Barbary Status :-** The northern part of Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria has been termed as Barbary Status.

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- 13) The Kikuyu and Kamba tribes inhabit the grasslands of the eastern savannas of Africa.
- 14) On January 25, 1905, the world's largest diamond was found in **Africa's Premier Mine (Pretoria)**, which was named the **Cullinan Diamond** after its discoverer, Sir Thomas Cullinan.
- 15) Africa's Botswana and Congo countries are the second and third diamond producing after **Russia**.
- 16) The **Ivory Coast** country of Africa is the **largest cocoa** producing country in the world.
- 17) **Kufra Oasis :-** A group of 5 oases in the central part of Libya
- 18) The extension of **Atlas Mountains** is in **Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia** of the continent of Africa.
- 19) **Gulf of Maputo** - located southeast of Mozambique (Indian Ocean)
- 20) **Walvis Bay :-** West of Namibia (Atlantic Ocean)
- 21) The world's largest swamp land area is :- **Sud (in Sudan Basin)**
- 22) **Africa Minor** includes the countries of **Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia**.
- 23) The epithet of the second river of Egypt or the '**backbone**' of the former British Empire has been given to the **Suez Canal**.
- 24) **Sahel countries** - Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Chad, North Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia
- 25) The main tribes around Lake Victoria are the **Lua and the Baganda**.