

Table S1: Continental estimates of surface areas of lakes and rivers based on shapefiles. All data measured and analysed in qGis

Continent	Rivers	Lakes				
		1-10Km ²	10-100Km ²	>100 Km ²	Km ²	Littoral
North America	124000.0	252	213.9	594.1	1060300.0	197215.8
South America	97900.6	18.5	25.3	50.6	94400.0	17558.4
Asia	71014.3	85.9	87.2	638.1	811200.0	150883.2
Europe	40473.0	41.2	44.4	81.0	166600.0	30987.6
Australia	11594.5	2.8	4.9	5.1	12800.0	2380.8
Africa	91389.2	7.9	12.7	203.8	224400.0	41738.4
	436371.6				2369700.0	440764.0

Table S1: Global estimates of surface area of lakes and rivers from diverse datasets

units	lotic	lentic	reference
Km ²	662000	*	Downing 2012
Km ²	570000	*	Battin et al. 2008
Km ²	624000	3000000	Raymond et al. 2013
Km ²	*	5000000	Verpoorter et al. 2014
Km ²	773000	*	Allen & Pavelsky 2018
Km ²	*	4200000	Downing et al. 2006
Km ²	*	3900000	McDonald et al. 2012
Km ²	*	3160000	McDonald et al. 2012
Km ²	*	4000000	McDonald et al. 2012

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