International River Basin Organizations (est. 1815-2002)

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International River Basin (TFDD classification)	Basin States	Organization	Founda- tion	Member States	Issue Areas
	No.		Year	No.	No.
Amazon	8	Amazonian Cooperation Council	1978	8	3
Amur	4	Joint Committee on Transboundary Waters	1994	2	6
Aral Sea	8	Interstate Council for the Aral Sea	1993	5	2
Asi/Orontes	3	Joint Technical Committee	1994	2	2
Candelaria	2	International Borders and Waters Commission	1987	2	2+
Coatan Achute	2				
Grijalva	2				
Hondo	2				
Suchiate	2				
Colorado	2	International Boundary and Water Commission	1889/	2	7+
Rio Bravo/Rio Grande	2		1944		
Tijuana	2				
Columbia	2	International Joint Commission	1909	2	8+
Fraser	2				
Mississippi	2				
Nelson-Saskatchewan	2				
St. Croix	2				
St. John	2				
St. Lawrence	2				
Danube	17	Danube Commission	1948	8	1+

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		International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River	1994	12	6
		International Sava River Basin Commission	2002	4	2+
		Austrian-Bavarian Power Plant Company (Österreich-Bayrische Kraftwerke AG)	1950	2	1
		Multiple bilateral commissions			
Daugava	4	Ad hoc International Zapadnaya Dvina/ Daugava River Commission	1997	3	1
Douro/Duero	2	Joint Commission	1927/ 1951	2	1
Guadiana	2	Spanish-Portuguese International Border Commission	1968	2	2+
Lima	2	Joint Commission for the Protection and Sustainable Use of Portuguese-Spanish	1998	2	2+
Mino/Minho	2	Hydrological Basins			
Tagus/Tejo	2				
Elbe	4	International Commission for the Protection of the Elbe	1990	2	2+
		German-Czech Commission on Boundary Waters	1974/ 1995	2	7+
Fenney	2	Joint Committee of Experts	1985/	2	1
Karnaphuli	3		1986		
Gambia	3	Gambia River Basin Development Organisation	1978	3	1
Ganges-Brahmaputra-	6	Coordination Committee for the Kosi Project	1954	2	4
Meghna		Indo-Bangladesh Joint River Commission	1972	2	2+
		Joint Committee (Farakka agreements)	1977/ 1996	2	2
		Mahakali River Commission	1996	2	4
Garonne	3	Joint Commission, Joint Supervisory Committee	1958/ 1970	2	2

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		Commission of Mixed Technical Experts	1963	2	2
Helmand	3	Helmand River Delta Commission	1950	2	1
Incomati	3	Tripartite Permanent Technical Committee	1983	3	2+
		Joint Water Commission	1992	2	3+
		Komati Basin Water Authority	1992	2	2
Indus	5	Permanent Indus Commission	1960	2	4+
Jordan	5	Joint Syro-Jordanian Commission	1953/ 1987	2	3
		Joint Water Committee (Israel-Jordan)	1994	2	3
		Joint Water Committee (Israel-Palestinian Authority)	1995	2	3
La Plata	5	Salto Grande Joint Technical Commission (CTM)	1946	2	5
		Intergovernmental Coordinating Committee of the River Plate Basin Countries (CIC)	1967/ 1969	5	4
		Uruguay River Management Commission (CARU)	1975	2	3+
		Coordinating Commission	1980/ 1983	2	4+
		Joint Argentine-Paraguayan Technical Commission	1958	2	2+
		Brazilian-Paraguayan Joint Technical Commission, ITAIPU as binational electricity entity	1967/ 1973/ 1979	(2) 3	2
		Mixed Commission	1991	2	8+
		Binational Commission	1995	2	6+
		Tri-national Commission for the Development of the Riverbed of the Rio Pilcomayo	1995	3	1
Lagoon Mirim	2	Joint Commission for the Development of the Mirim Lagoon	1963/	2	2+

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			1977		
Lake Chad	9	Lake Chad Basin Commission	1964	4	4+
Lake Titicaca	3	Joint Peruvian-Bolivan Commission	1955/ 1957	2	4
		Binational Authority	1993	2	1
Limpopo ¹	4	Tripartite Permanent Technical Committee	1983	3	1
Mekong	6	Committee for Coordination of Investigations of the Lower Mekong Basin/ Interim Committee for Coordination of Investigations of the Lower Mekong Basin/ Mekong River Commission	1957/ 1978/ 1995	(3) 4	8
Narva	4	Joint Estonian-Russian Commission on the Protection and Rational Use of Transboundary Waters	1997	2	1+
Neman	5	Permanent Working Group for the Protection of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes	1995	2	1+
Nestos	2	Greek-Bulgarian Joint Programming and Follow-up Committee	1994/ 1995	2	1+
Niger	11	Niger River Basin Commission/Niger Basin Authority	1964/ 1980/ 1987	9	9+
		Joint Technical Committee	1988	2	1
		Nigeria-Niger Joint Commission for Co-operation	1990/ 1999	2	1+
Nile	10	Joint Permanent Technical Committee (Egypt-Sudan)	1959	2	1
		Nile Basin Initiative	1999	9	10+
Nile	10	Organisation for the Management and Development of the Kagera River Basin	1977/ 1981	4	12+

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		Regional Policy and Steering Committee (Lake Victoria)	1994	3	5
Ob	4	Joint Commission	1992	2	1+
Oder/Odra	4	Permanent Commission on Boundary Waters	1992	2	8
		International Commission for the Protection of the Oder River from Pollution	1996	3	2+
Okavango	4	Okavango River Basin Water Commission	1994	3	1
Orange ²	4	Joint Permanent Technical Commission/Lesotho Highlands Water Commission, Lesotho Highlands Development Authority, Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority	1986/ 1999	2	7+
		Permanent Water Commission	1992	2	3+
Ро	4	Mixed Commission for the Protection of Italo-Swiss Waters against Pollution (Italy, Switzerland)	1972	2	1
		Multiple bilateral commissions			
Rhine	9	Central Commission for the Navigation on the Rhine	1815/ 1868	5	1+
		International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine	1963/ 1999	5	4+
		International for Commission for the Protection of Lake Constance	1960	4	2+
		International Commission for the Protection of the Meuse against Pollution/ International Commission for the Meuse	1994/ 2002	5	3
		International Commission for the Protection of the Moselle	1961	3	1
		International Commission for the Protection of the Saar	1961	2	1
		International Commission for the Regulation of the Rhine/Joint Rhine Commission	1892/ 1936	2	2
		Multiple bilateral commissions			

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Rhone	3	International Commission for the Protection of the Waters of Lake Geneva against Pollution	1962	2	1
		Permanent Commission	1967	2	1
		Lake Leman Council	1987	2	5+
Schelde	3	International Commission for the Protection of the Scheldt against Pollution	1994	3	1+
		Tripartite Standing Committee on Polluted Waters	1950	3	1
Senegal	4	Organization for the Management of the Senegal River	1972/ 1978/ 1982	3	8
Struma	4	Permanent Yugoslav-Greek Hydro-Economic Commission	1959	2	1
Tana	2	Finnish-Norwegian Boundary Waters Commission	1980	2	
Tigris-Euphrates-Shatt al Arab	6	Joint Technical Committee	1989	2	1
		Permanent Technical Commission	1975	2	2
		Mixed Iranian-Iraqi Commission	1975	2	1
Torne	3	Finnish-Swedish Frontier River Commission	1971	2	6
Umbeluzi	3	Tripartite Permanent Technical Committee	1983	3	2+
Zambezi	9	Zambezi River Authority	1987	2	1

¹Not included: Limpopo Basin Permanent Technical Commission (est. 1986, 4/4 riparians).

²Not included: Orange-Senqu River Commission (est. 2000, 4/4 riparians).