

# South Asian River Dolphin (*Platanista gangetica*)

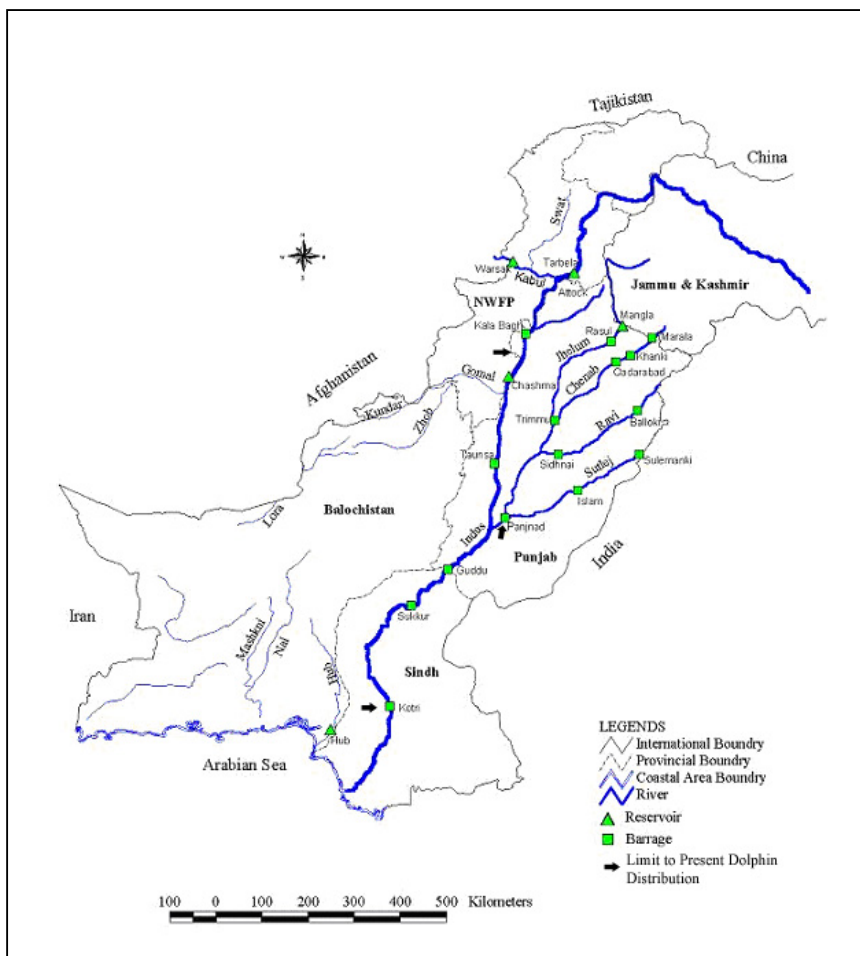


Figure 1. Distribution of the Indus River Dolphin (*Platanista gangetica minor*)

**Table 1.** Published counts and estimates of Ganges River dolphins (*Platanista gangetica gangetica*).

Date	Segment surveyed	Count/ Estimate	Comments	Source
Dec 1996	156 km of Ganges mainstem from Madhya Ganga Barrage (Bijnor) to 10 km u/s of Bhimgoda Barrage (Narora)	28–35		Sinha <i>et al.</i> 2000
Jan–Feb 1998	166 km of Ganges mainstem between the Madhya Ganga and Bhimgoda barrages	35		Sinha <i>et al.</i> 2000
Nov 1994	460 km of Ganges mainstem from Patna to Farakka Barrage	207–270		Sinha <i>et al.</i> 2000
Oct 1996	"	103–130		Sinha <i>et al.</i> 2000
Apr 1998	250 km of Ganges mainstem from Patna to Sultanganj	144–161		Sinha <i>et al.</i> 2000
Nov–Dec 1998	60 km of Ganges mainstem from Sultanganj to Kahalgaon	81–108	Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary	Sinha <i>et al.</i> 2000
Apr 1995	320 km of Bhagirathi R. from Jangipur Barrage to Tribenighat	104–132	This river receives flow from Ganges via Farakka Feeder Canal and becomes known as the Hoogly at Tribenighat	Sinha 1997
Apr 1995	100 km of Hoogly R. from Tribenighat to Calcutta Botanical Gardens	10–16		Sinha 1997
Jan 1997	250 km of Yamuna R. from Chambal confluence to Hamirpur	25–40		Sinha <i>et al.</i> 2000
June 1998	"	48		Sinha <i>et al.</i> 2000
Oct 1995	90 km of Yamuna R. from Kausambi to Allahabad	16–21		Sinha <i>et al.</i> 2000
1982–85	305 km of Chambal R. from Batesura to Yamuna confluence	ca. 45		Singh and Sharma 1985
Feb–Mar 1993	370 km of Chambal R. from Pali to Bhare	30		Sharma 1993
Jan–Feb 1994	"	29		Sharma <i>et al.</i> 1995
Sep 1982	Karnali R. above the Nepal/India border	12	This is the river known as Ghaghara in India; upstream of India/Nepal border	Shrestha 1989
Jan 1983	"	20		Shrestha 1989
Jan 1990	"	5–6		Smith 1993
Apr 1990	"	5–6		Smith 1993
Feb 1998	"	5–6		Sinha <i>et al.</i> 2000
Feb 1993	Karnali R. and Ghaghara R. (India) from border to Girijipuri Barrage	23–30		Smith <i>et al.</i> 1994

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Jul 1986	Kosi R. above Kosi Barrage	8		Shrestha 1989
Mar–Apr 1993	"	3		Smith <i>et al.</i> 1994
May 1994	Kosi R. from Kosi Barrage to 60 km below it	22–32		Sinha <i>et al.</i> 2000
Sep 1986	Mahakali R. upstream of India/Nepal border	4	This is the river known as Sarda in India	Shrestha 1989
Mar–Apr 1993	"	0	Insufficient water for dolphins	Smith <i>et al.</i> 1994
Jun 1998	130 km of Son R. from Bichi to Banjari	10		Sinha <i>et al.</i> 2000
Jun 1998	110 km of Sind R. u/s from Yamuna confluence	5		Sinha <i>et al.</i> 2000
Jun 1998	100 km of Kumari R. u/s of Sind confluence	0		Sinha <i>et al.</i> 2000
Mar 1994	Sarda R. u/s from Sarda Barrage	0	This is the river known as Mahakali in Nepal	Sinha <i>et al.</i> 2000
Mar 2001	Kosi R. d/s from Kosi Barrage to confluence with Ganges	87	Many dolphins probably missed due to numerous river braids.	Sinha and Sharma 2003
Feb 2001	300 km of the Son R. u/s from Ganges confluence inclusive of channels above and below the Indrapuri (Son) Barrage	0	Widespread reports of historical occurrence in the Son	Sinha and Sharma 2003
Dry seasons 1992–93	Brahmaputra R. (and tributaries) from Sadiya to South Salmara (near India/Bangladesh border)	266		Mohan <i>et al.</i> 1997
1992	Kulsi R.	24		Mohan <i>et al.</i> 1998
1995	"	12		Mohan <i>et al.</i> 1998
April 1996	190 km of Brahmaputra (Jamuna) R. from divergence of Old Brahmaputra to u/s of Ganges (Padma) confluence	38–58		Smith <i>et al.</i> 1998
October 1995	113 km of Kalni-Kushiyara R.	34–43	This is a Megna tributary	Smith <i>et al.</i> 1998
Jan–Feb 1999	Karnaphuli and Sangu river systems, SE Bangladesh	125 (min.)		Smith <i>et al.</i> 2001
Feb–Apr 1999	Kaptai Lake, SE Bangladesh	0		Smith <i>et al.</i> 2001
March 2004	505 km of the Ganges R. from Maniharighat to Buxar	765–816		Sinha, unpub.
April 2004	66 km of the Gandak R. from the Ganges confluence upstream to Fatehabad	47–48		Sinha, unpub.

**Note:** The details for the references cited above are provided in full on the Fact Sheet for the species on the *IUCN Red List of Threatened Species*.