



## Environmental Impact of Dams

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 According to WWF: Worldwide the total amount of water stored  
 in dams is 3-6 times more than that contained in rivers. The  
 wetlands area during the 20th century has decreased by over  
 50%. Out of the 10,000 recorded freshwater species more than  
 20% have either become extinct, threatened or endangered in  
 recent times. These facts are enough to justify the tremendous  
 impact on environment dams are having. Large scale projects  
 like dams are often floated as important and necessary means  
 of economic development. But this development comes at  
 some or the other cost. Cost to the environment, development  
 and society. So what are dams really for Water supply for the  
 general public for domestic uses as well as irrigation which is  
 imperative for our agrarian Indian society. Hydroelectric  
 power generation. India is the 7th largest producer of  
 hydroelectric power with 114 Tetra-watt hours. It produces  
 3.3% of the world total. Dams impede the turbulent and...



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