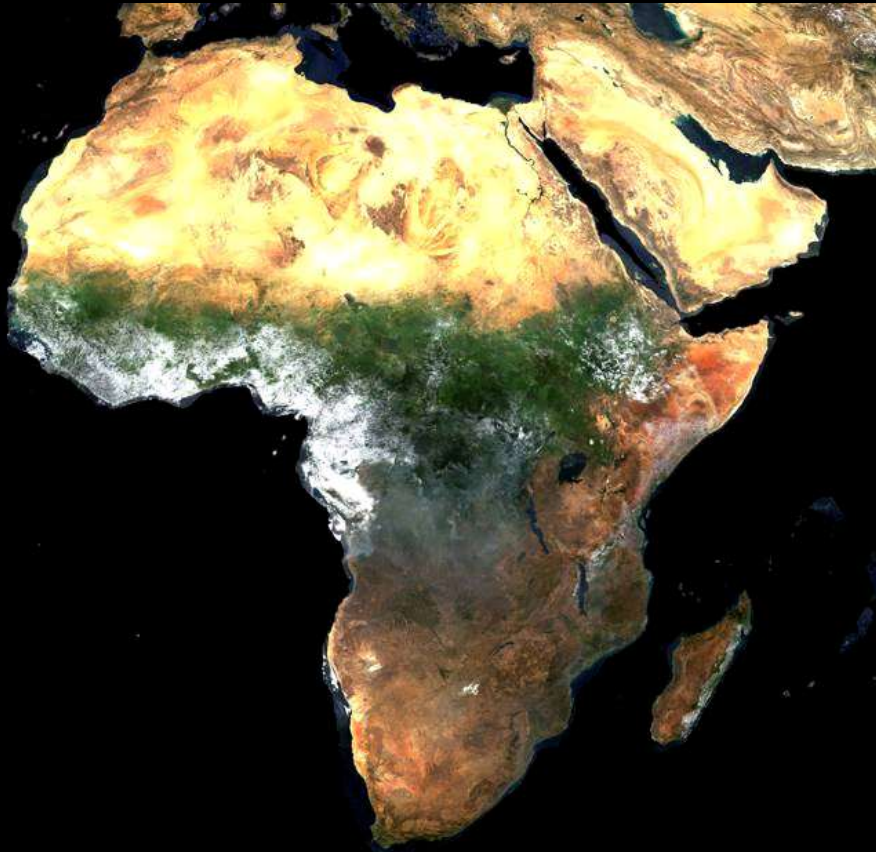
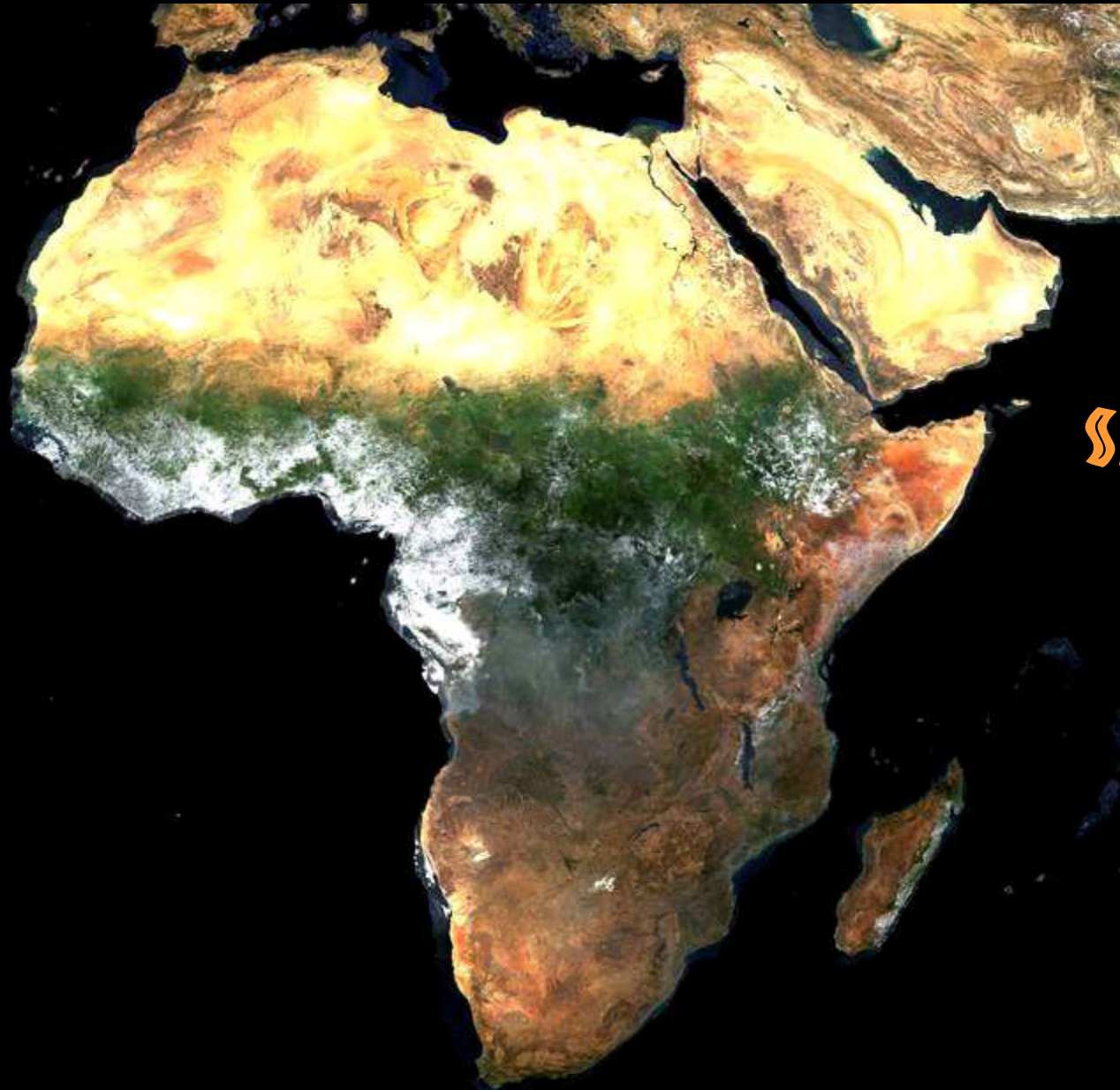


THE GEOGRAPHY AND PEOPLE OF ANCIENT AFRICA



GEOGRAPHY





**SATELLITE
VIEW**



SATELLITE VIEW

AT NIGHT



THE U.S.A.

AT NIGHT



THE NILE

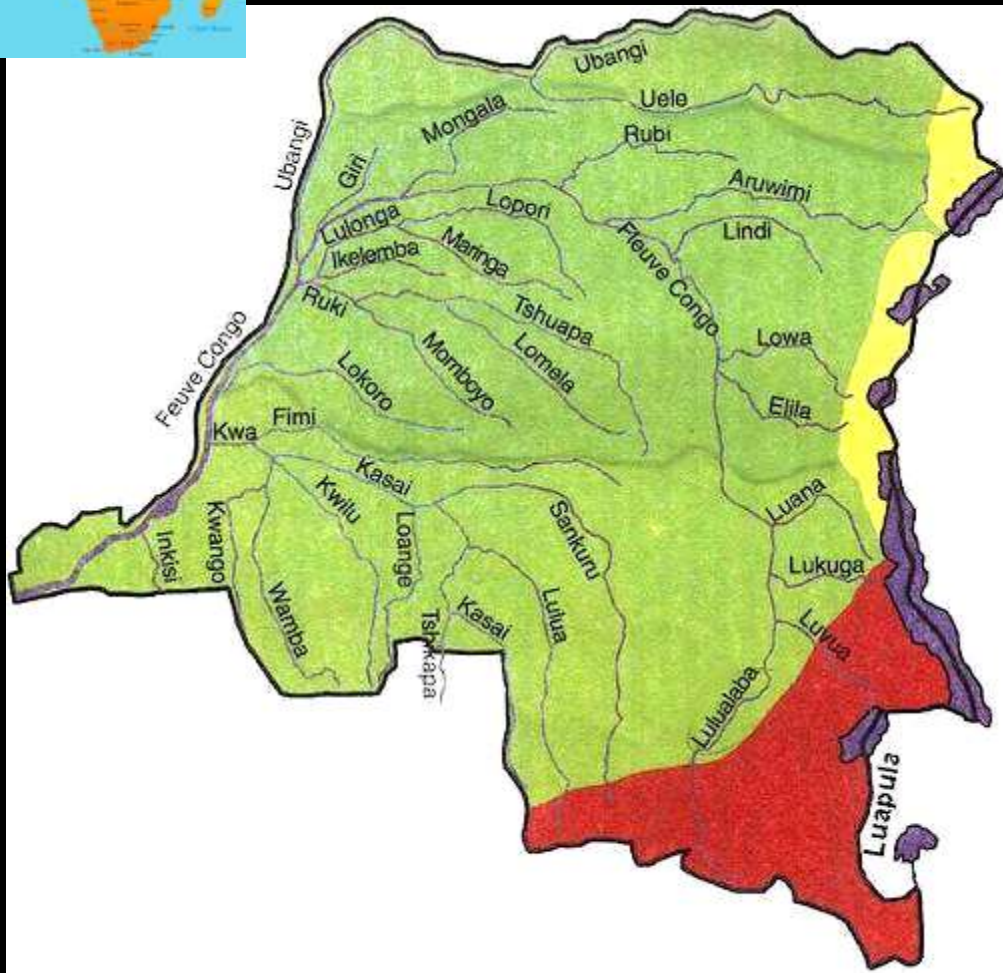
World's Longest River



The Landsat image (left) shows the Nile flowing into its delta. An outline of the continental United States (right) shows the length of the Nile's course. The actual length of the Nile with all its twists and turns is more than **4,100 miles**.



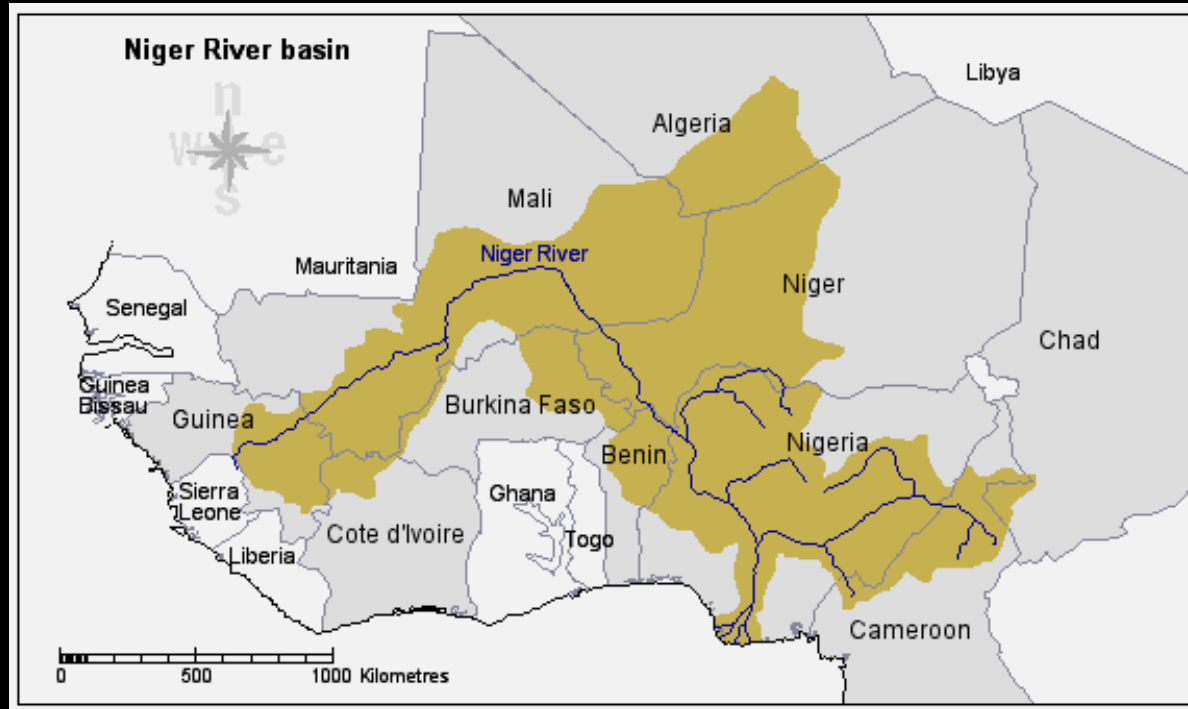
THE CONGO RIVER BASIN



- Covers 12% of the continent.
- Extends over 9 countries.
- 2,720 miles long.
- 99% of the country of Democratic Republic of the Congo is in the Congo River basin.



THE NIGER RIVER



- 🌿 Covers 7.5% of the continent.
- 🌿 Extends over 10 countries.
- 🌿 2,600 miles long.

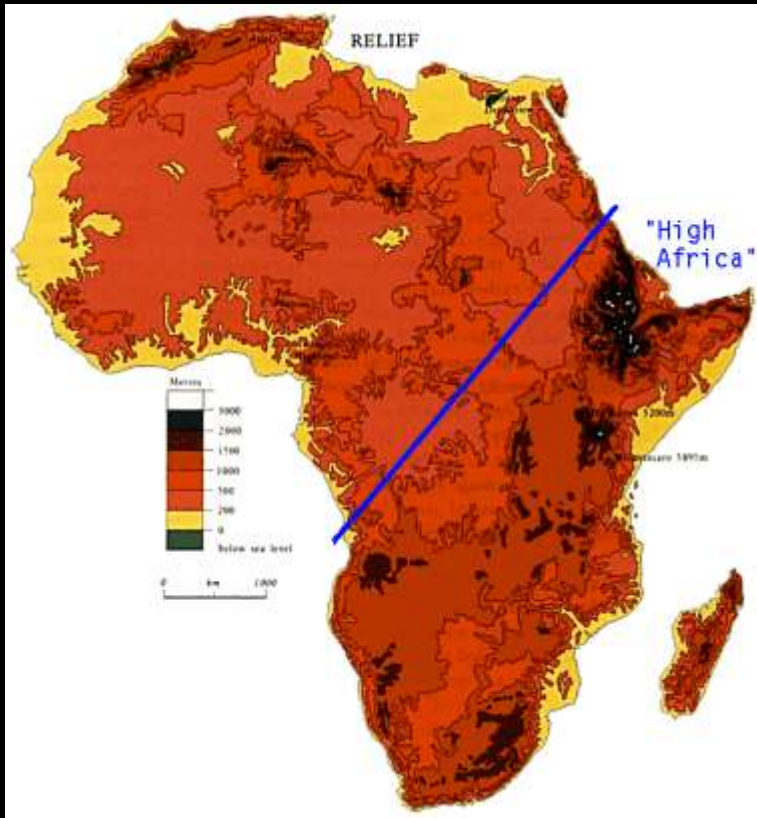
THE ZAMBEZI RIVER



- 🌿 Africa's 4th largest river
- 🌿 Travels through southern Africa
- 🌿 Victoria Falls →



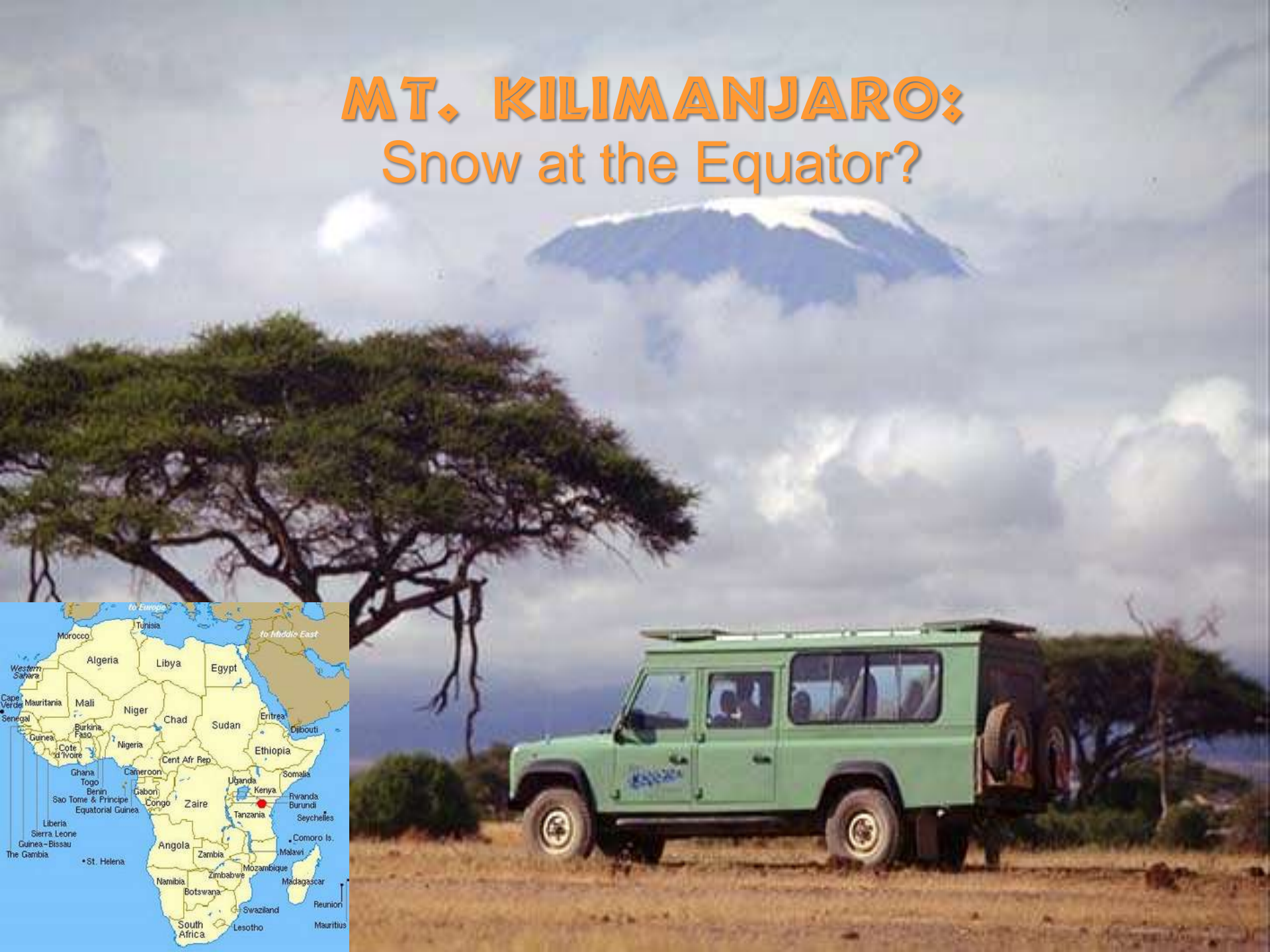
GREAT RIFT VALLEY



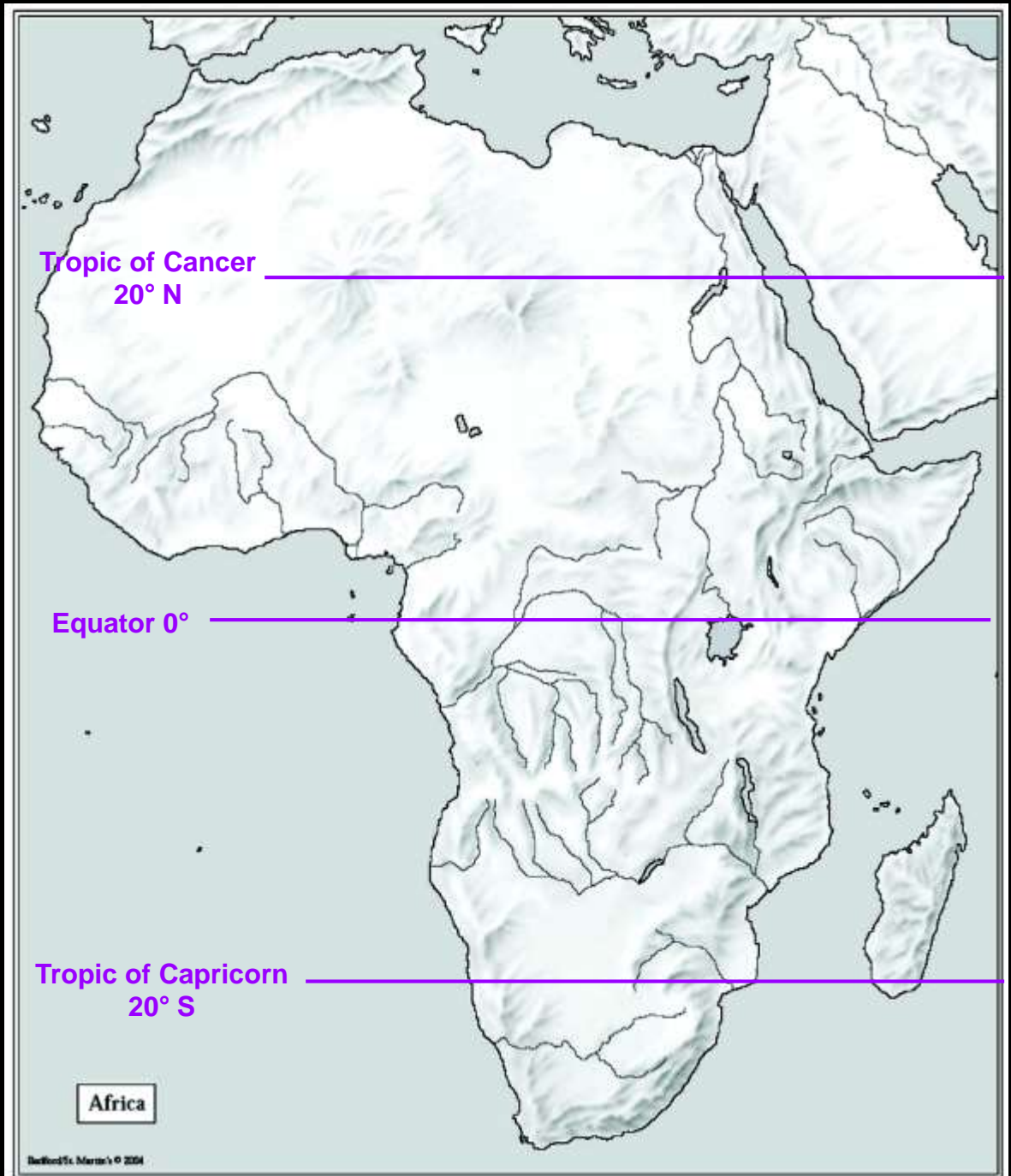
3,000 miles long
Home of "Lucy"



MT. KILIMANJARO: Snow at the Equator?



THE TROPICAL CONTINENT



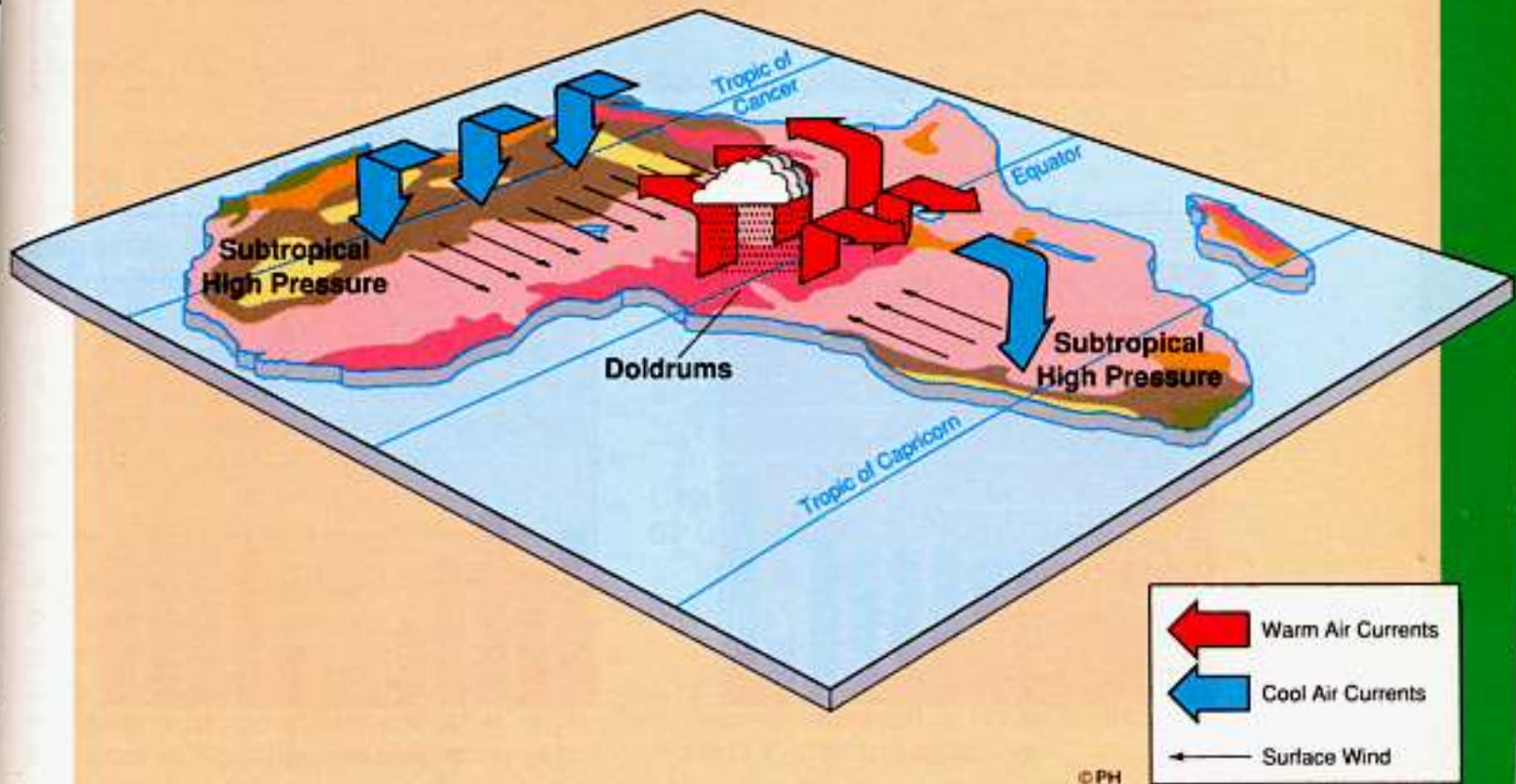
RAIN FOREST



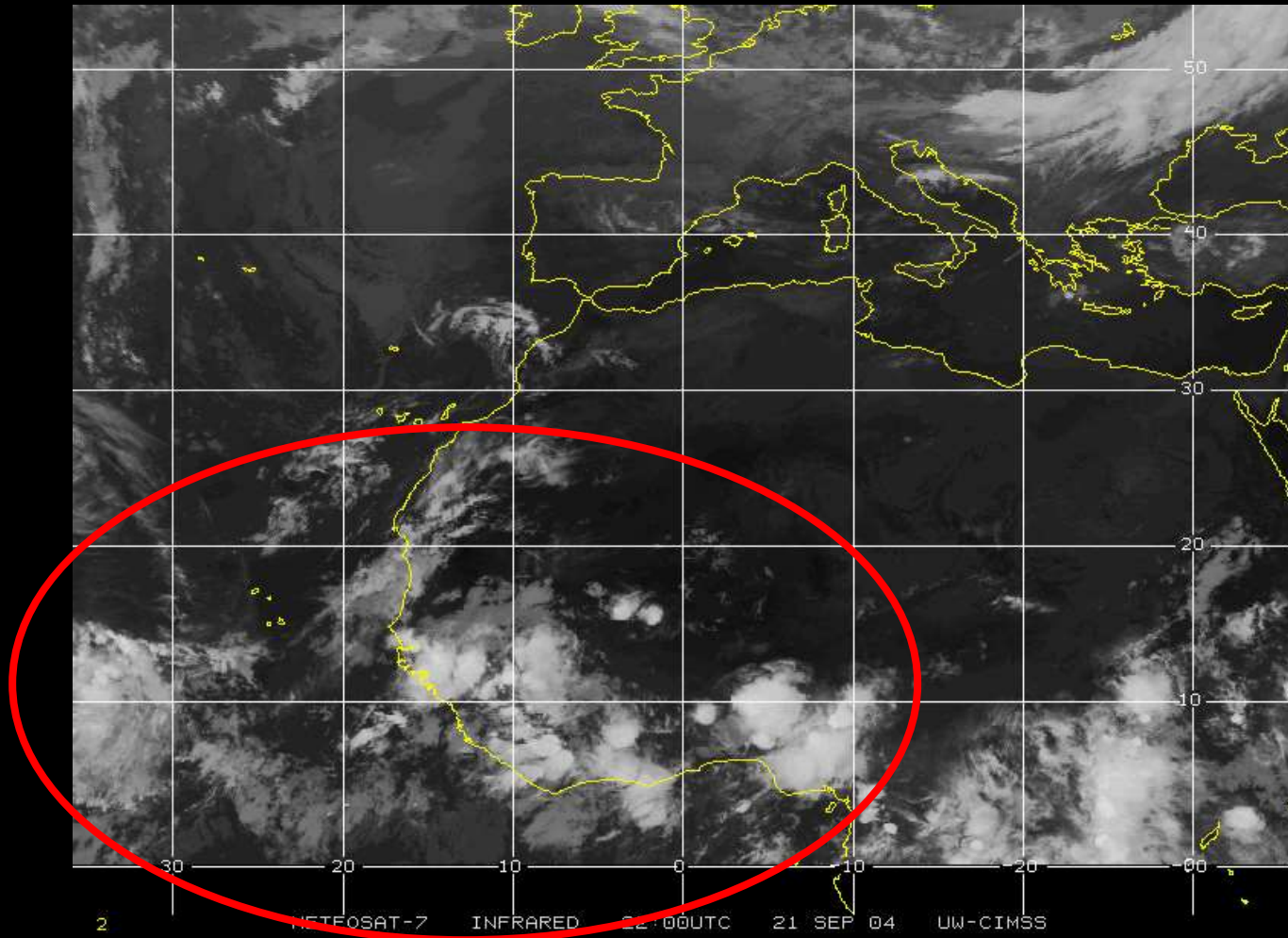
- Annual rainfall of up to 17 ft.
- Rapid decomposition (very humid).
- Covers 37 countries.
- 15% of the land surface of Africa.

AFRICAN TRADE WINDS

Linking Wind, Precipitation, and Vegetation



WEST AFRICA: Home of our Hurricanes



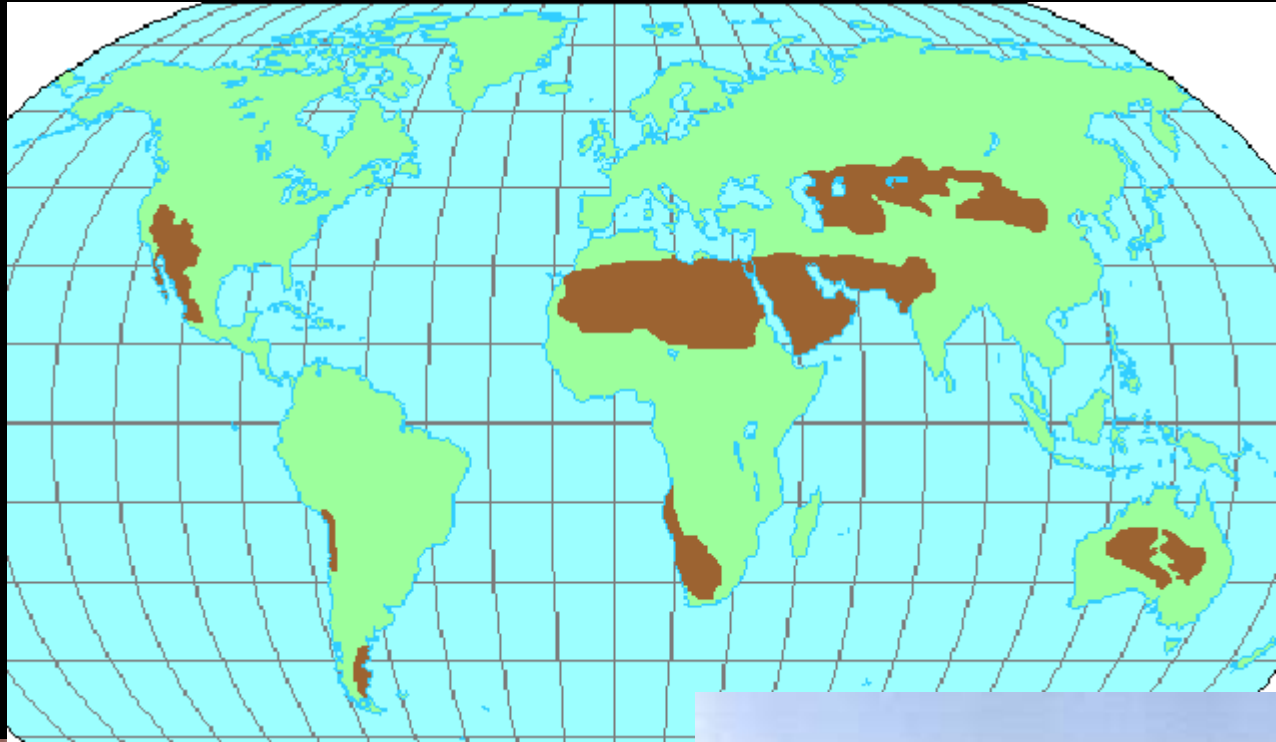


THE HORN OF AFRICA

SOMALI PENINSULA

Africa

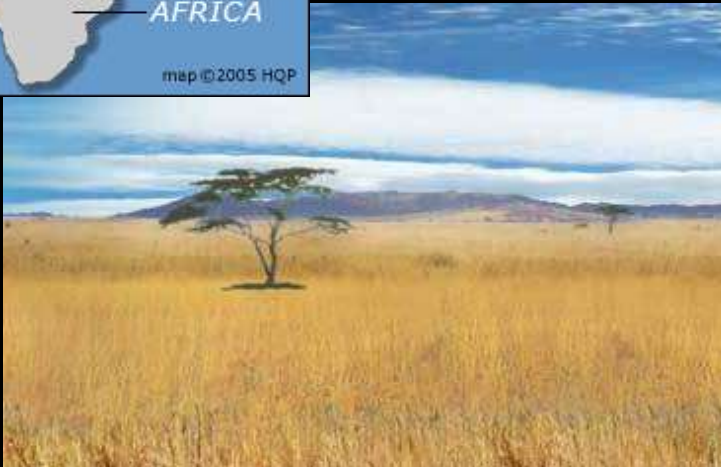
THE SAHARA DESERT



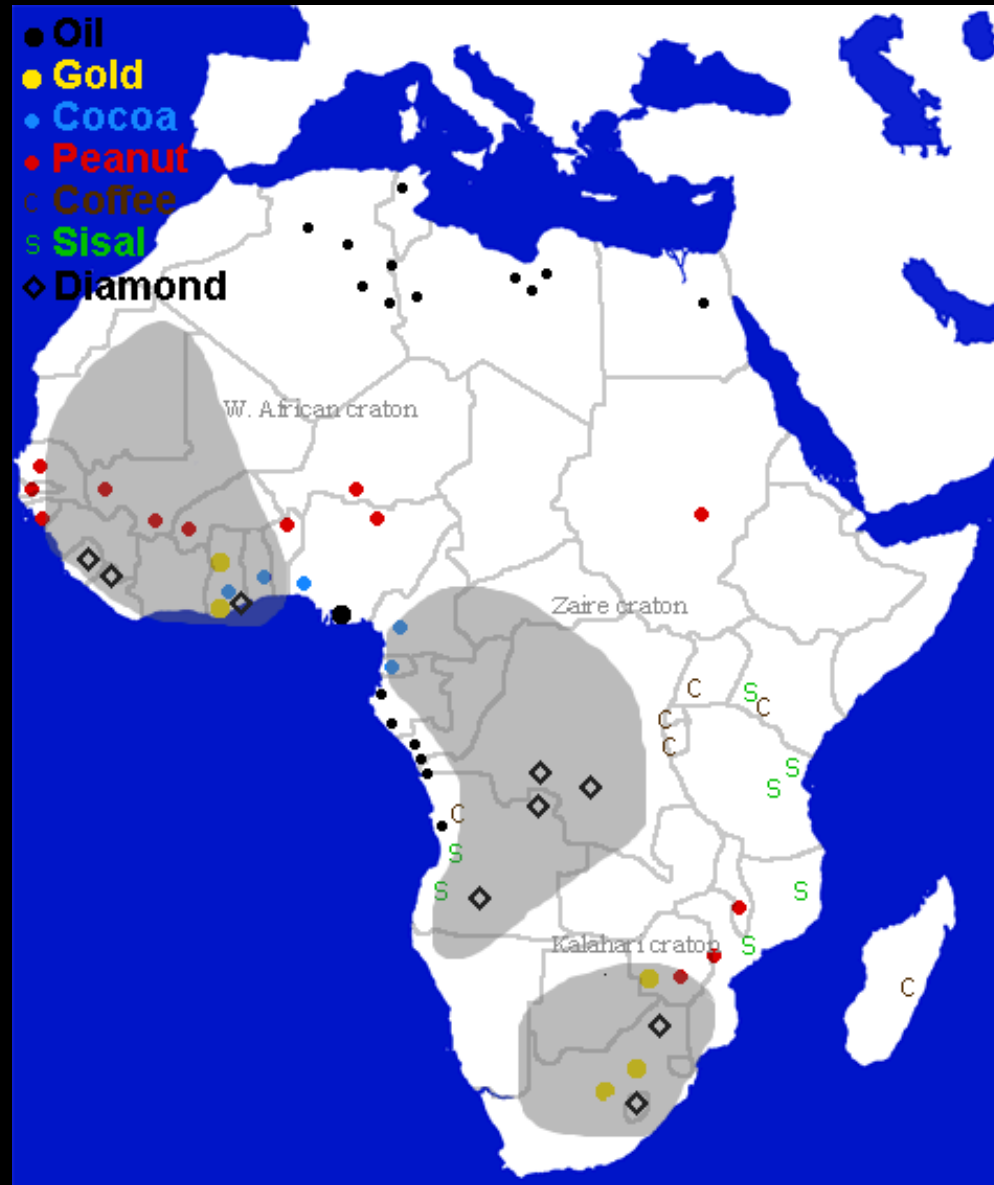
THE SAHEL



THE SERENGETI PLAIN: Natural Wonder of the World



NATURAL RESOURCES



THE

PEOPLE



BEGINNINGS OF CIVILIZATION

- Most anthropologists believe...
 - *Homo sapiens* ("wise man") originated in the African savanna between 100,000 and 250,000 years ago
 - Oldest remains found in the "Horn of Africa", near modern-day Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
 - descended from *Homo erectus* ("upright man")

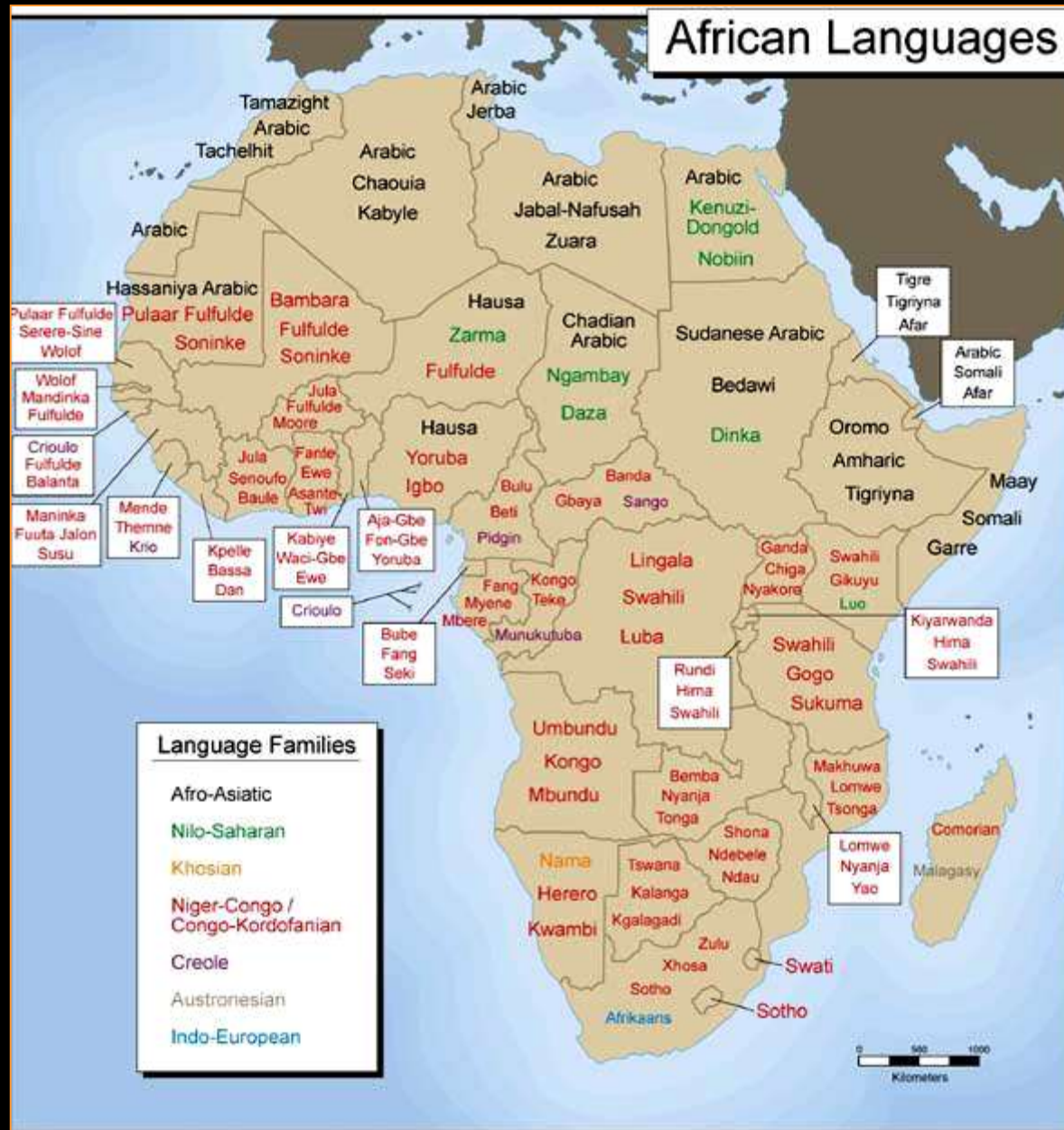


BEGINNINGS OF CIVILIZATION

- Domestication of livestock
+/- 10,000 years ago
 - Cows were highly valued
(more than gold)
- Domestication of agriculture (crops)
+/- 8,000 years ago
- Iron working technologies
+/- 4,500 years ago



African Languages

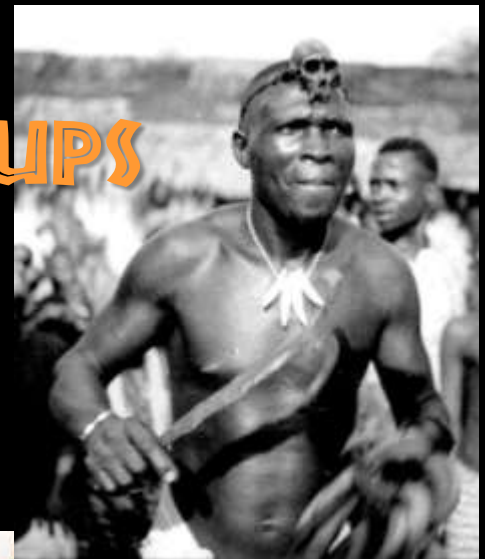


1000 different languages; 1000+ different tribes

MAJOR ETHNIC GROUPS

🌍 Northern Africa

🌍 Arab, Berber



🌍 Western Africa

🌍 Hausa, Fula, Mandinka,
Igbo, Yoruba, Oromo, Akan, Ijaw



🌍 Horn of Africa

🌍 Amhara, Somali



MAJOR ETHNIC GROUPS

Central Africa

Luba, Mongo, Kongo



Eastern Africa

Hutu



Southern Africa

Zulu, Shona



FAMILY STRUCTURE

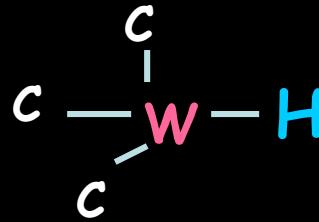


1. Nuclear Family
2. Extended Family
3. Age-Set
4. Clans

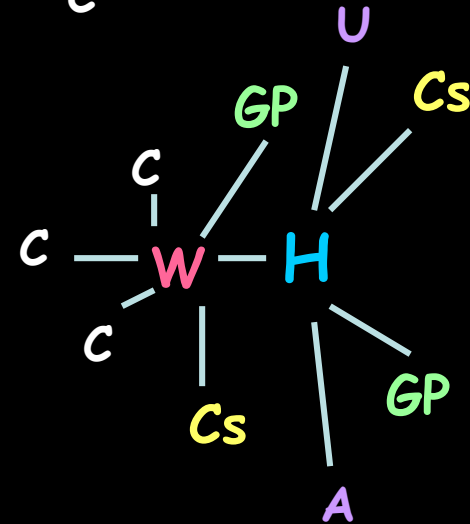
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TRADITIONAL FAMILY STRUCTURES

Nuclear Family:



Extended Family:



Age Set:

People born two to three years apart; formed bonds together

Clans - groups of families; several clans make up a tribe

Africa : Tribe :: America : Ethnic Group?



TRIBAL LIFE

1. Protection from enemies.
2. Your tribe is a huge family.
3. Everything is shared.
4. One negative of tribalism in Africa today is nepotism



TRADITIONAL AFRICAN RELIGION



ANIMISM

1. spirits (good & bad) in all things
2. ancestor worship
3. magic, charms, fetishes
4. Shaman (Witch Doctor) → fortune teller; mediator between tribe and God

Which civilization(s) we studied earlier have similar religious beliefs ???

AFRICAN SHAMAN

- African Spirituals had a strong influence on the development of Southern Baptists and other Evangelical Christians of 'The Old South'.



Tribal Shaman



Spiritual Baptist

WORLD OF THE SPIRITS



Dogon People

MASK AND COSTUME

Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire)



WOMAN WITH CHILD AND ANCESTORS



FAMILY GROUP

