

Issue Correlates of War Project
User Manual for ICOW International River Basins data set, version 1.0
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The latest version of this codebook, associated documentation, and officially released data may be downloaded from the ICOW web site at <<http://www.icow.org>>.

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Introduction

These files include data collected by the Issue Correlates of War (ICOW) project. This project is described online at <http://www.icow.org>, where the complete coding manuals used in collecting these data files may be obtained. That site also offers access to supporting files (such as lists of non-state actor codes used by the ICOW project), working papers involving ICOW data, and the latest version of all downloadable ICOW data sets.

What is Included

Two versions of the data file are included: a comma-delimited (.csv) file that can be read by any spreadsheet or statistical package, and a STATA (.dta) data file. The variables included in each file are described later in this document.

(1) **basinlist100.csv**: The data set in comma-delimited format.

(2) **basinlist100.dta**: The data set in STATA format.

Version History

Version 1.0 (March 2014)

- This was the first public release of this data set, although it had been in use internally in ICOW data collection efforts for many years before this.

Citing This Data Set

Users of this data set should cite the following papers where appropriate:

- Paul R. Hensel (2014). "ICOW International River Basins data set, version 1.0." Available at <http://www.paulhensel.org/icowriver.html>.

Contact Information

Any questions should be directed to Paul Hensel (phensel@unt.edu).

Feel free to contact us with any questions about the data set or suggestions for alternative river basin lists, names, and/or code numbers that you think we should add to this file. This is meant to be useful to as many scholars as possible, so if there are other river basin-related data sets that use alternative basin lists or code numbers, we would like to include them in this file.

International River Basins Data

Description of File

This data file includes the name of each international river basin, as well as various identifying information to allow users to merge river basin information from different data sources.

This file has one observation for each river basin. The basins are taken from the International River Basin Registry, provided online by the Transboundary Freshwater Dispute Database web site at Oregon State University:

[<http://www.transboundarywaters.orst.edu/database/interriverbasinreg.html>](http://www.transboundarywaters.orst.edu/database/interriverbasinreg.html)

We have supplemented this original basin list by adding code numbers for each basin, which we use to organize our data collection and research on river claims around the world. The code numbers are used to group basins by geographic region (e.g. all North American basins have code numbers between 1000 and 1039, followed by Central American and Caribbean basins). There is no substantive meaning to the basin numbers beyond this regional sorting, but assigning a set code number for each basin makes it much easier for scholars to merge different data sources together in their research.

We have also added a new basin entry for each region to cover any rivers that show up in our research that do not appear to have been included in the original International River Basin Registry basins, based on the maps available on the Registry's web site.

Variable List

- **region:** Geographic region of this basin
 - 1 = North America (basins #1000-1039)
 - 2 = Central America & Caribbean (basins #1040-1099)
 - 3 = South America (basins #1100-1199)
 - 4 = Western Europe (basins #1200-1299)
 - 5 = Eastern Europe (basins #1300-1399)
 - 6 = West Africa (basins #1400-1499)
 - 7 = East & Central Africa (basins #1500-1599)
 - 8 = Southern Africa (basins #1600-1669)
 - 9 = North Africa (basins #1670-1699)
 - 10 = Middle East (basins #1700-1799)
 - 11 = East Asia (basins #1800-1839)
 - 12 = Central Asia & Caucasus (basins #1840-1899)
 - 13 = South Asia (basins #1900-1939)
 - 14 = Southeast Asia & Oceania (basins #1940-1999)
- **basin:** ICOW code number for basin
- **basname:** ICOW name for basin

- **bncodebar**: Basins at Risk project code number for basin (4-letter code). For more information see the Basins at Risk materials on the Transboundary Freshwater Dispute Database web site: <http://www.transboundarywaters.orst.edu/research/basins_at_risk/>.

-9 or N/A = Missing (This river basin is not included in the Basins at Risk data)

- **basnamebar**: Basins at Risk project name for basin. For more information see the Basins at Risk materials on the Transboundary Freshwater Dispute Database web site: <http://www.transboundarywaters.orst.edu/research/basins_at_risk/>.

-9 or N/A = Missing (This river basin is not included in the Basins at Risk data)

- **basnamebfd**: Transboundary Freshwater Dispute Database name for basin, as reported in the International River Basin Registry on the TFDD web site at Oregon State University: <<http://www.transboundarywaters.orst.edu/database/interriverbasinreg.html>>.

-9 or N/A = Missing (This river basin is not included in the Transboundary Freshwater Dispute Database)