



LIMNOLOGY 2

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Large lakes

Hazar	393.897 km ²	995 m	Russia Kazakhstan Iran Azerbaijan Turkmenistan	Salt
Superior	82.414 km ²	405 m	Canada, USA	Freshwater
Victoria	68.870 km ²	85 m	Tanzania Kenya Uganda	Freshwater
Huron	59.596 km ²	229 m	Canada, USA	Freshwater
Michigan	58.016 km ²	281 m	USA	Freshwater
Tanganika	32.893 km ²	1470	Congo Rep., Tanzania, Zambia, Brundi	Freshwater
Baikal	31.492 km ²	1637	Russia	Freshwater
Aral	28.687 km ²	32 m	Kazakhstan Uzbekistan	Salt lake
Van	3713 km ²	451	Turkey	Soda

World's Largest Lakes

Rank (by area)	Name	Area (km ²)	Maximum depth (m)
1	Caspian Sea	374 000 - 436 000	946 - 1 025
2	Superior*	82 100 - 83 300	307 - 406
3	Victoria	62 940 - 69 900	80 - 92
4	Huron*	59 500 - 59 800	223 - 229
5	Michigan	57 016 - 58 100	265 - 285
6	Tanganyika	32 000 - 34 000	1 435 - 1 470
7	Baikal	31 500	1 620 - 1 741
8	Great Bear*	30 200 - 31 792	137 - 445
9	Great Slave*	27 000 - 28 570	156 - 614
10	Erie*	25 657 - 25 720	64
11	Winnipeg*	24 387 - 24 600	19 - 28
13	Ontario*	18 760 - 19 480	225 - 273
22	Athabasca*	7 935 - 8 080	60 - 124
29	Winnipegosis*	5 370 - 5 470	12

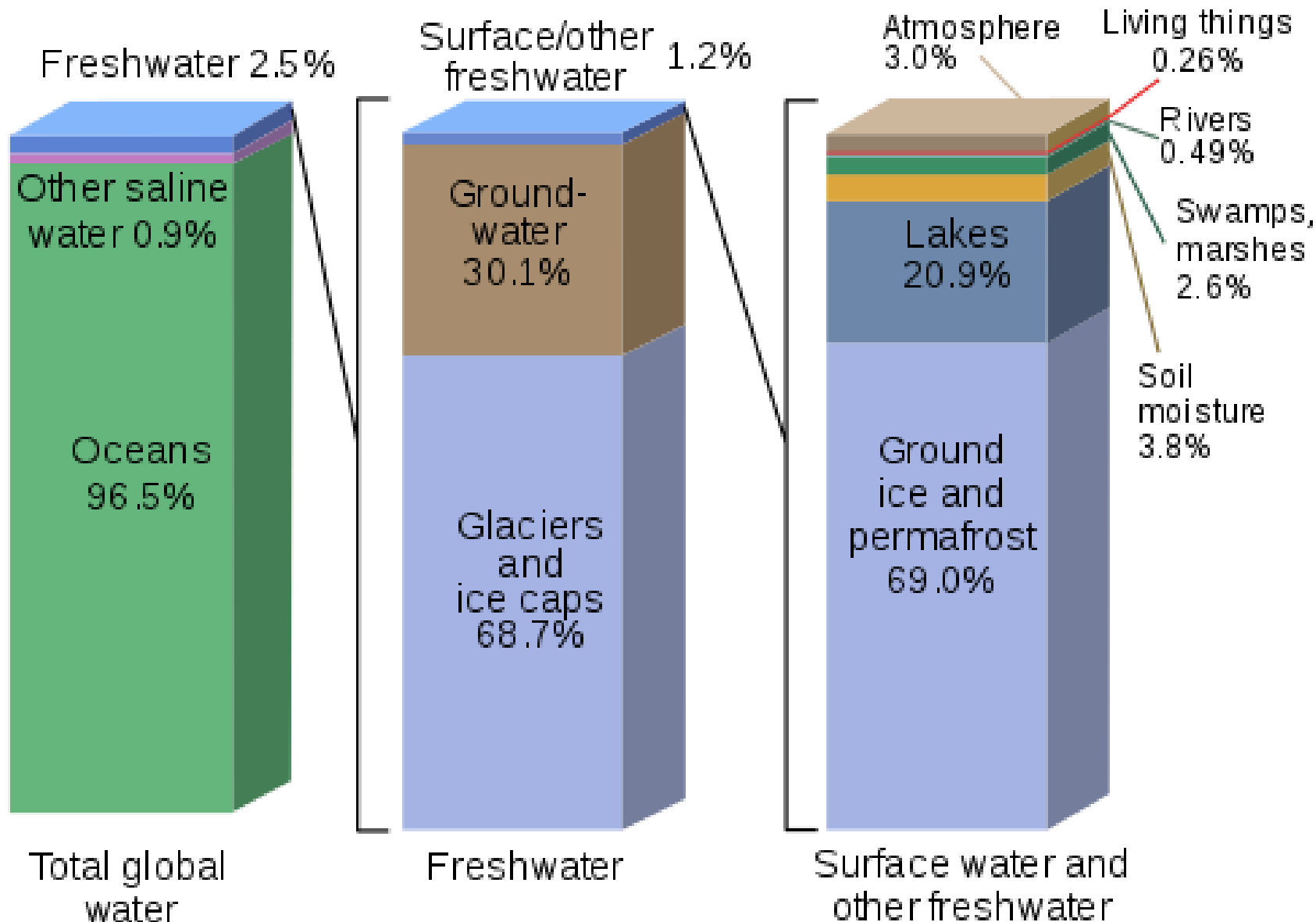
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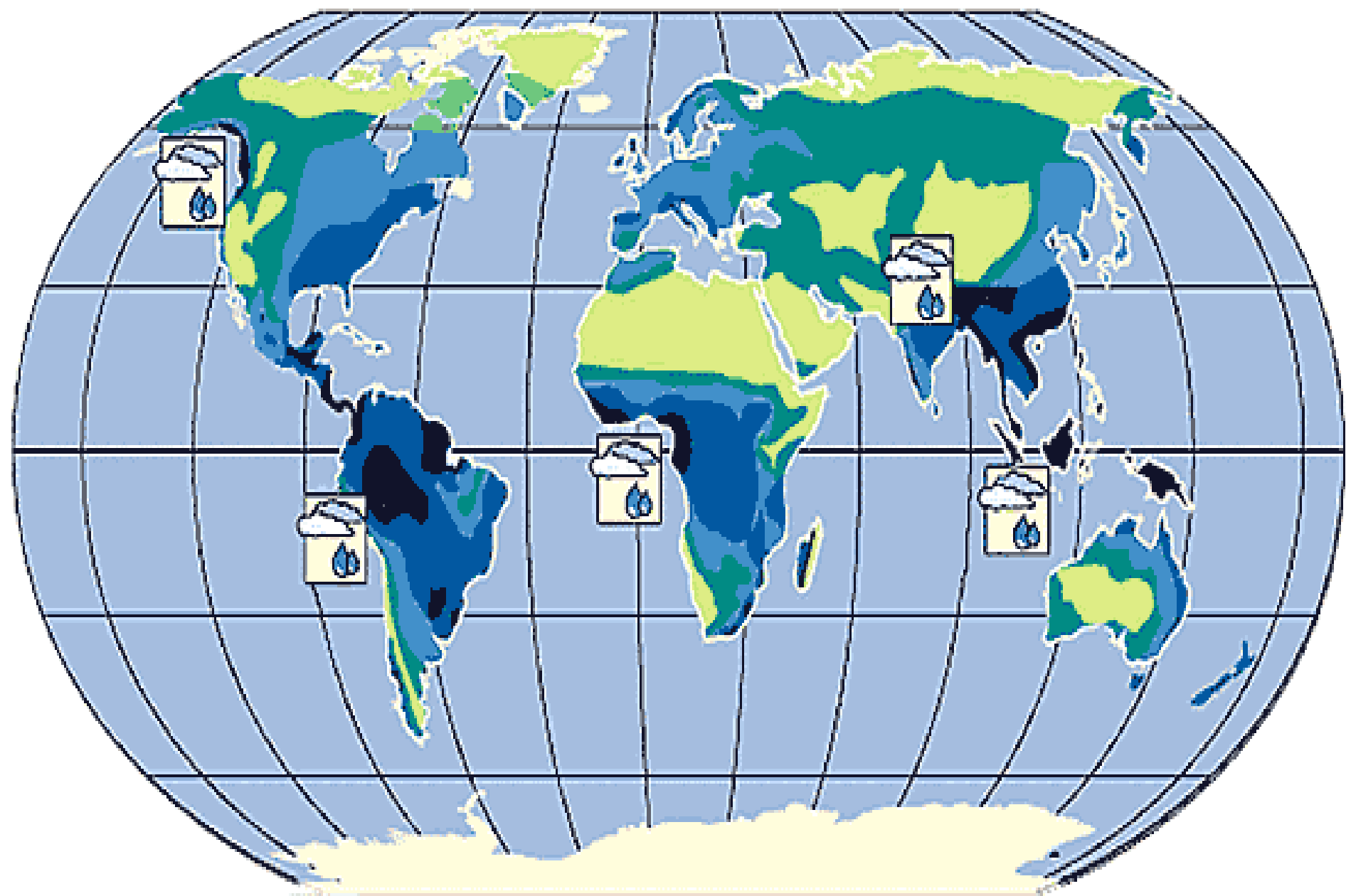
* Partly or entirely in Canada.



Great Lakes is the largest freshwater ecosystem

Where is Earth's Water?





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