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Talk or poster presentation?	**TALK**
Language of the presentation	**ENGLISH**
Title of the presentation (limited to 150 characters including spaces)	Assessing the global distribution of river fisheries harvest: a systematic map protocol
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Abstract (limited to 150 words)	River fisheries, including both capture and aquaculture of river fish species for food, income, or recreation, contribute substantially to meeting societal challenges, especially in a changing global landscape. Freshwater inland capture fisheries and aquaculture represent 40% of the reported finfish production in the world, but are often undervalued and underappreciated. Accurate information about these highly dispersed fisheries is inherently difficult to acquire, often unreported, and not collected in a standardized format globally. A standardized river fishery dataset is needed for managing aquatic systems as well as for defining relevant development policies. We present our methodology to

	search, identify, and describe available fisheries information on global rivers to create a combined global river fisheries harvest dataset and preliminary findings for Africa. This dataset will provide the first spatially and temporally located river fisheries dataset at a global scale that identifies hotspots of data collection and knowledge gaps regarding inland fisheries harvest.
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