

Aswan Dam



When was it built?	1971
Where is it located?	In Egypt, 600 miles south (upstream) from the capital city of Cairo.
Why was it built?	To control the regular flooding of the Nile.
Impact on people	50,000 people in Sudan had to leave their homes to make way for the lake. Water supplies are more reliable. Electricity has been generated.
Impact on animals	Some types of fish (e.g. sardines) have disappeared from the Mediterranean Coast. Rodent populations in sewers have increased. More disease-carrying insects are breeding in irrigation channels.
Impact on the environment	Farming land is less likely to flood. More land is able to be farmed as it is easier to irrigate the land. The water is more salty. Silt from floods no longer fertilise the land, meaning farmers need to buy fertilisers. Erosion has increased.

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