The Amazon River

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Introduction

The Amazon river is a river located in South America.
1. It’s the largest river by discharge volume of water in the world.
2. It is also the second longest river in the world.
3. The origin of its name came from native warriors that attacked a 16\textsuperscript{th} century expedition.
4. The word Amazon itself may be derived from the Iranian compound *ha-maz-an- “(one) fighting together”

5. Archeologists estimated that by the time the Spanish conquistador De Dorellana traveled across the Amazon in 1541 more than 3 million indigenous people lived around the Amazon
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6. The most distant source of the Amazon was thought to be in the Apurimac river drainage for nearly a century.

7. Since colonial times the Portuguese portion of the Amazon basin has remained a land largely underdeveloped by agriculture and occupied by indigenous people who survived the arrival of European diseases.
8. The Amazon River goes through nine South American countries.
9. The Amazon River provides 20% of the oceans fresh water supply.
10. Researchers discovered an entire coral reef system at the Amazon River Delta in 2016.
Conclusion

The Amazon River is a beautiful natural wonder that deserves to be protected.