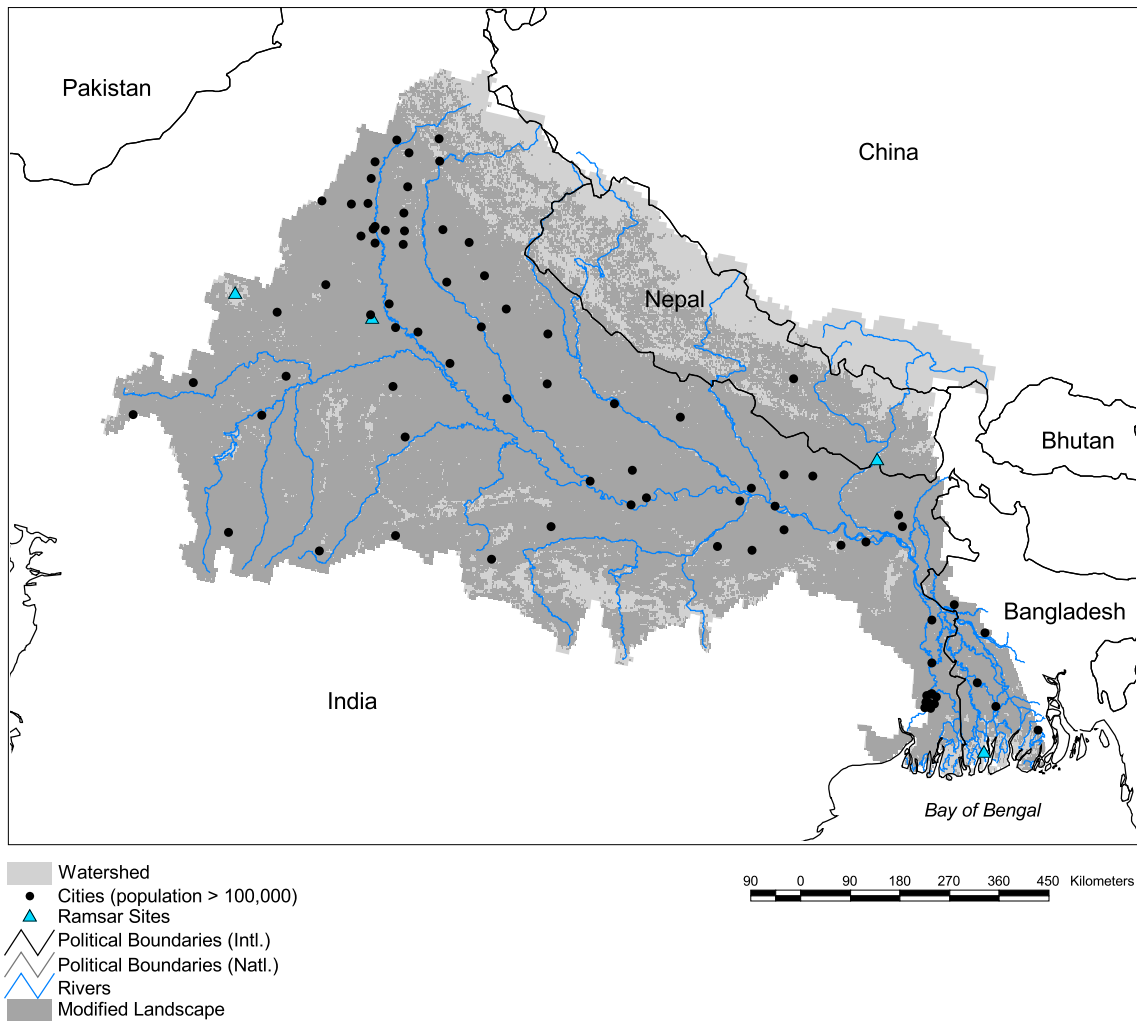


## Ganges Watershed



Basin area: 1,016,104 km<sup>2</sup>  
 Population density: 375 people per km<sup>2</sup>  
 Urban growth rate: 3.2%  
 Large cities: 82  
 Total fish species: 141  
 Fish endemics: -  
 Threatened fish species: 0  
 Endemic bird areas: 5  
 Ramsar sites: 4  
 Protected areas: 6%  
 Wetlands: 18%  
 Arid: 26%

Forest: 4%  
 Cropland: 71%  
 Cropland irrigated: 15%  
 Developed: 8%  
 Shrub: 6%  
 Grassland: 7%  
 Barren: 1%  
 Loss of original forest: 85%  
 Deforestation rate: 5%  
 Eroded area: 10%  
 Large dams: 6  
 Planned major dams: 6

**Land Cover Within 5 km of Major Rivers**

