

Lake Chad

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Lake Chad Latest News

At least 23 Chadian soldiers have been killed and 26 injured in a Boko Haram attack on a military post in Chad's Lake Chad region recently.

About Lake Chad

- It is a **freshwater lake** in the **semi-arid Sahel region west-central Africa**.
- It is located in **western Chad**, with some of its parts extending into **Cameroon, Nigeria, and Niger**.
- Lake Chad was **once the sixth largest lake in the world**, but prolonged drought and increased water use have shrunk the lake dramatically. It **now spans less than a tenth of the area it covered in the 1960s**.
- The lake is **endorheic (no outlet to the sea)**.
- The 1,400-km-long **Chari River** is the **main river feeding** into the lake. It accounts for up to 90% of Lake Chad's water.
- The lake is **shallow**, with depth usually less than 10 meters.
- Chad has several **small islands, mud banks, and reed beds**, which take up half of its area.

- **Around the lake, sand deserts and water meet** in a **complex network of meanders**, which are sometimes **cultivated**.

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