

# THE PO river in Italy



The river sources

The Po river is **652 Km long**. It's the longest river in Italy.

Its source is at 2020 meters above the sea level, at the foot of **Monviso Mountain**, in the **West Alps** ("Cozie").

We can see the mountain from our school.



Monviso



The river journey

It flows to **the Adriatic sea** where it ends in a complex delta. It has **got 14 mouths!**

The Po river crosses **4 regions** (Piemonte, Lombardia, Veneto, Emilia Romagna) and it has got **141 tributaries**.

The maximum **width** of the river Po is **503 meters** near Mantova town.

It is **navigable** from after the city of Pavia.

It provides water **for civil, industrial and agricultural usage**. Its power is also used to produce electricity.



The river **flooded** many times; many people died in in 1951. The floods are more frequent in **Autumn and Spring** time.

Water pollution is a big problem but you can still find **fish such as catfish, carp, eel and the kingfisher**.

