

Gasping rivers

■ Rivers around the world are quietly running out of oxygen — and climate change appears to be the main culprit. A sweeping global analysis of more than 21,000 river systems found that nearly 80 per cent has been steadily losing dissolved oxygen over the past four decades, threatening fish, biodiversity and the overall health of freshwater ecosystems. Surprisingly, tropical rivers are hit the hardest, even more than rivers in rapidly warming polar regions, according to an analysis by the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

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