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### **Global study finds the extent of pharmaceutical pollution in the world's rivers**



A river in Luang Prabang, Laos.

Credit: John Wilkinson; source: University of York

A new study looking at the presence of pharmaceuticals in the world's rivers found concentrations at potentially toxic levels in more than a quarter of the locations studied.

The new study looked at 258 rivers across the globe, including the Thames in London and the Amazon in Brazil, to measure the presence of 61 pharmaceuticals, such as carbamazepine, metformin and caffeine.