


# River Deltas

A delta is a landform created when the river leaves its mouth and enters slower moving water, like a lake, the sea, or a reservoir.

There is a Greek letter 'delta', which looks like this:  Often, when a river makes a delta, it creates a similar, triangular shape.

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Here is a delta on the Rhine in Germany.

This delta is in Alaska.





This river delta is in Canada.

Notice how the river splits into channels.

Mud and silt has been deposited (dropped) by the river as the flow slows down when it reaches the sea or lake.

Notice that a delta opens up like a triangle, where the river meets the sea. Can you find the delta on this satellite image? The river is a little tricky to see.



Amazon River in Brazil



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The river is on the left third of the picture. Why do you think it's green instead of blue? Can you find the delta?



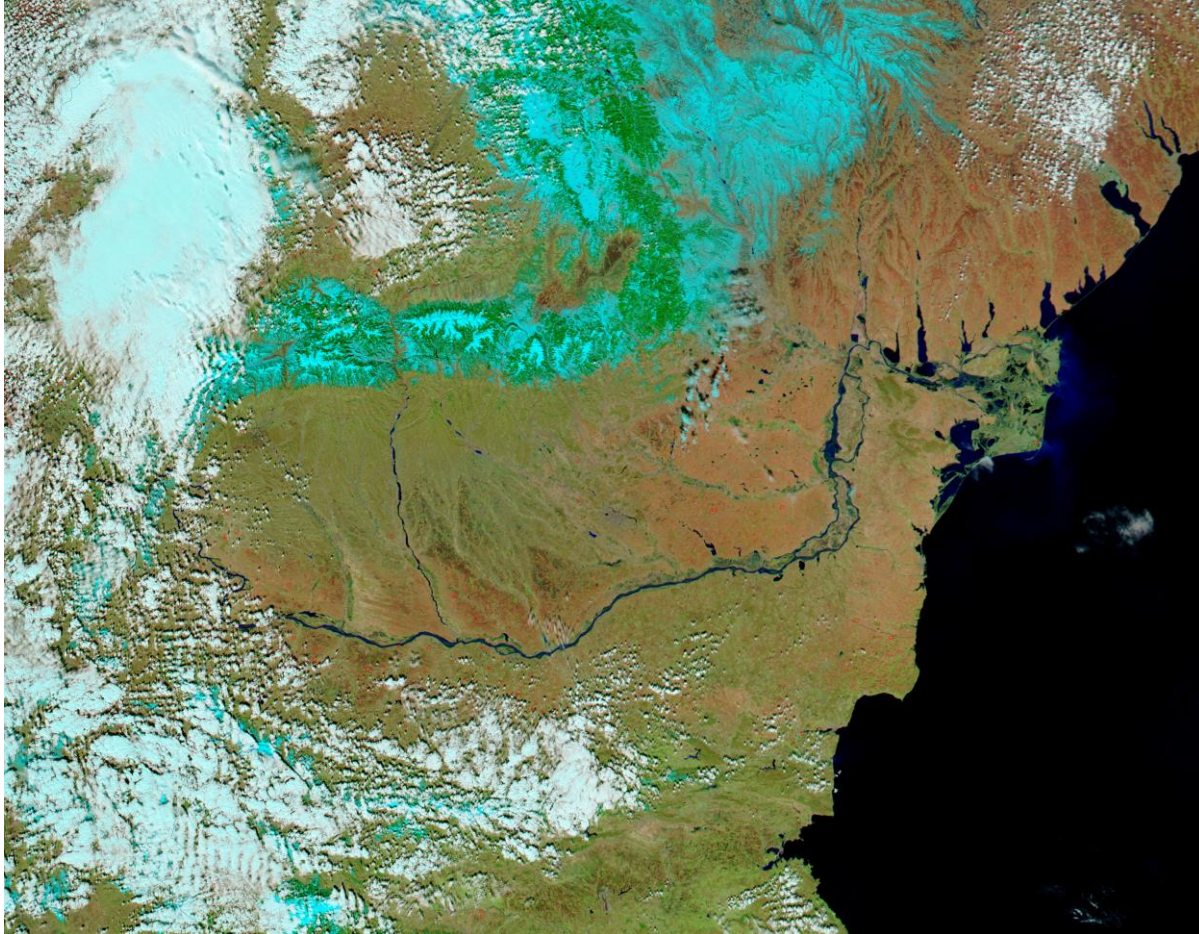
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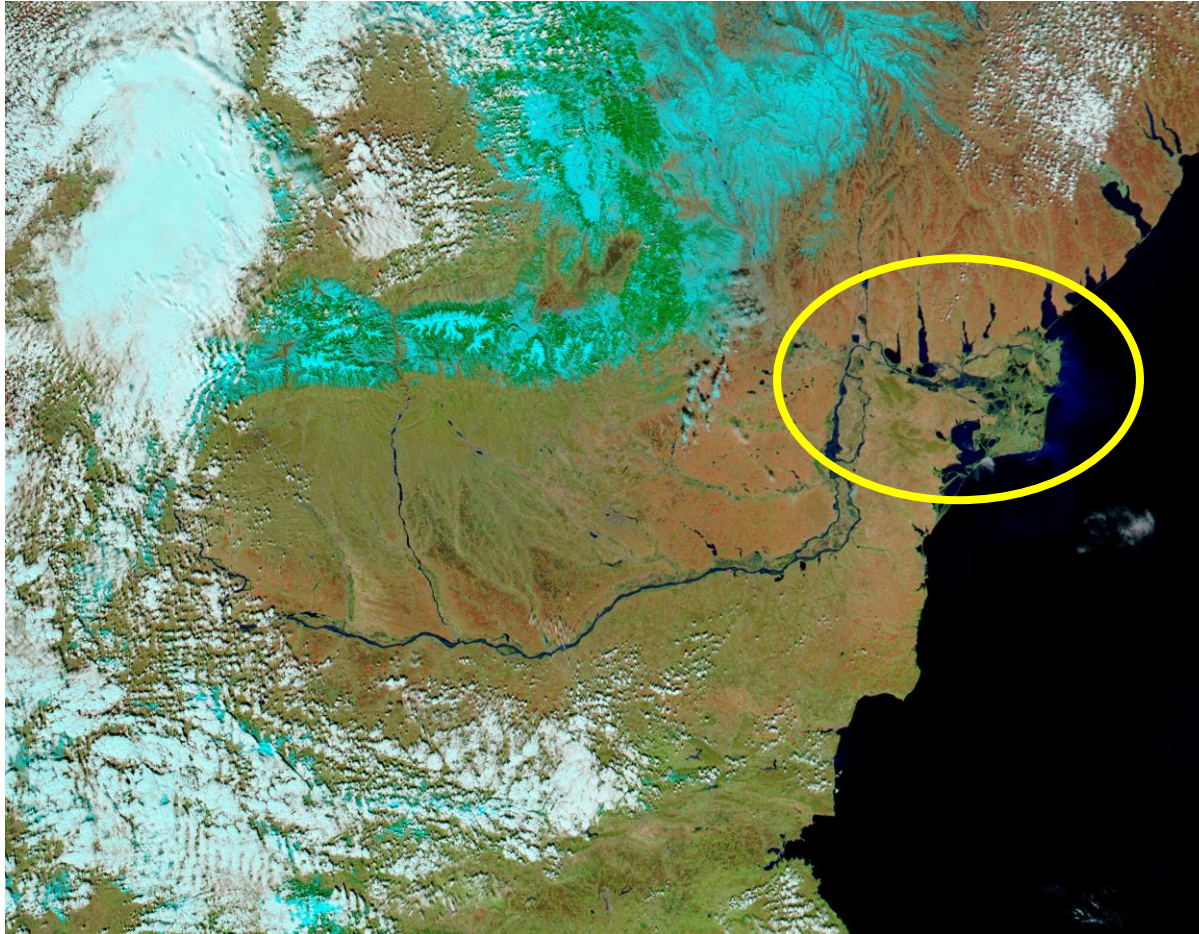
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This is a satellite picture of Europe. Can you find the delta?



The Danube in Romania



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Using Google Earth, maps, or an atlas, what other deltas can you find?