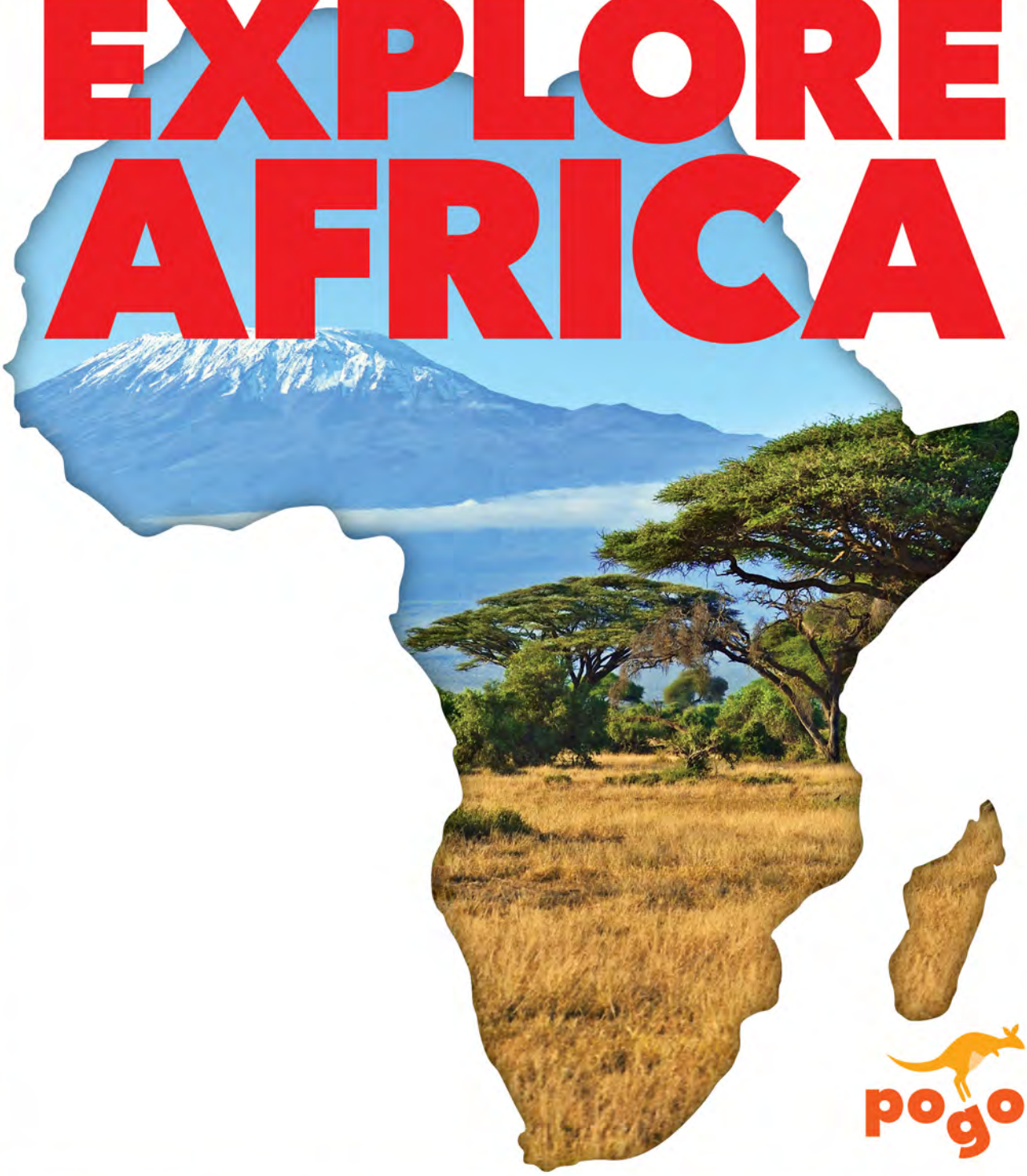
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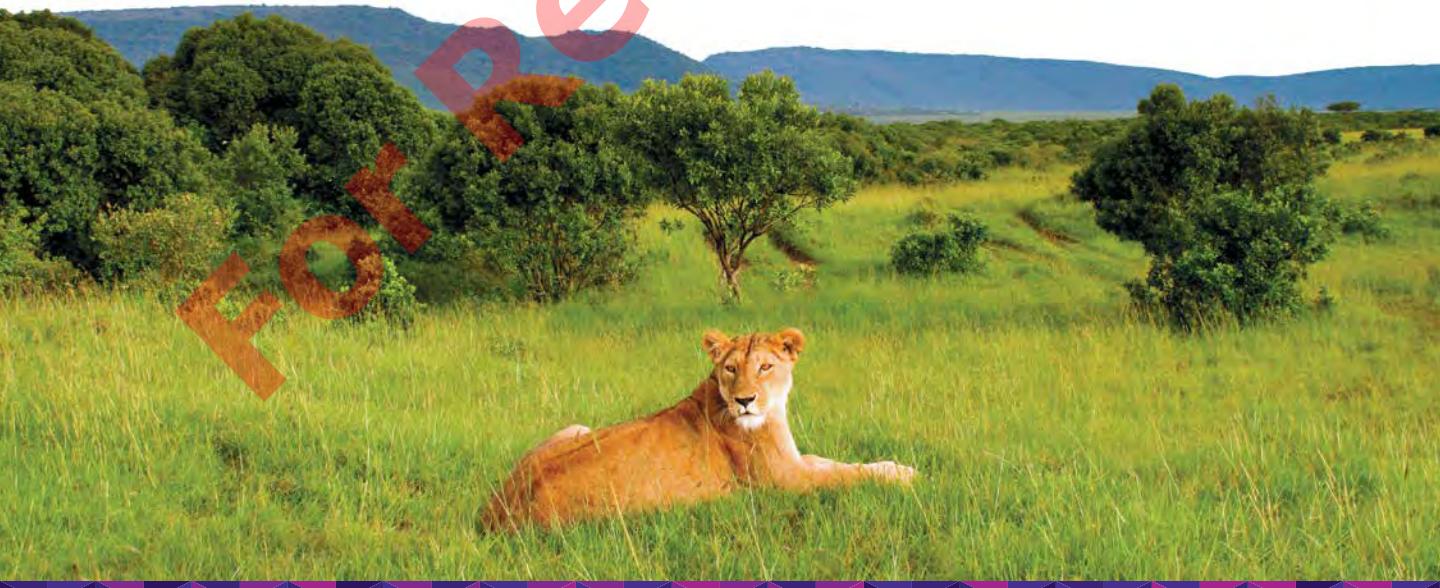
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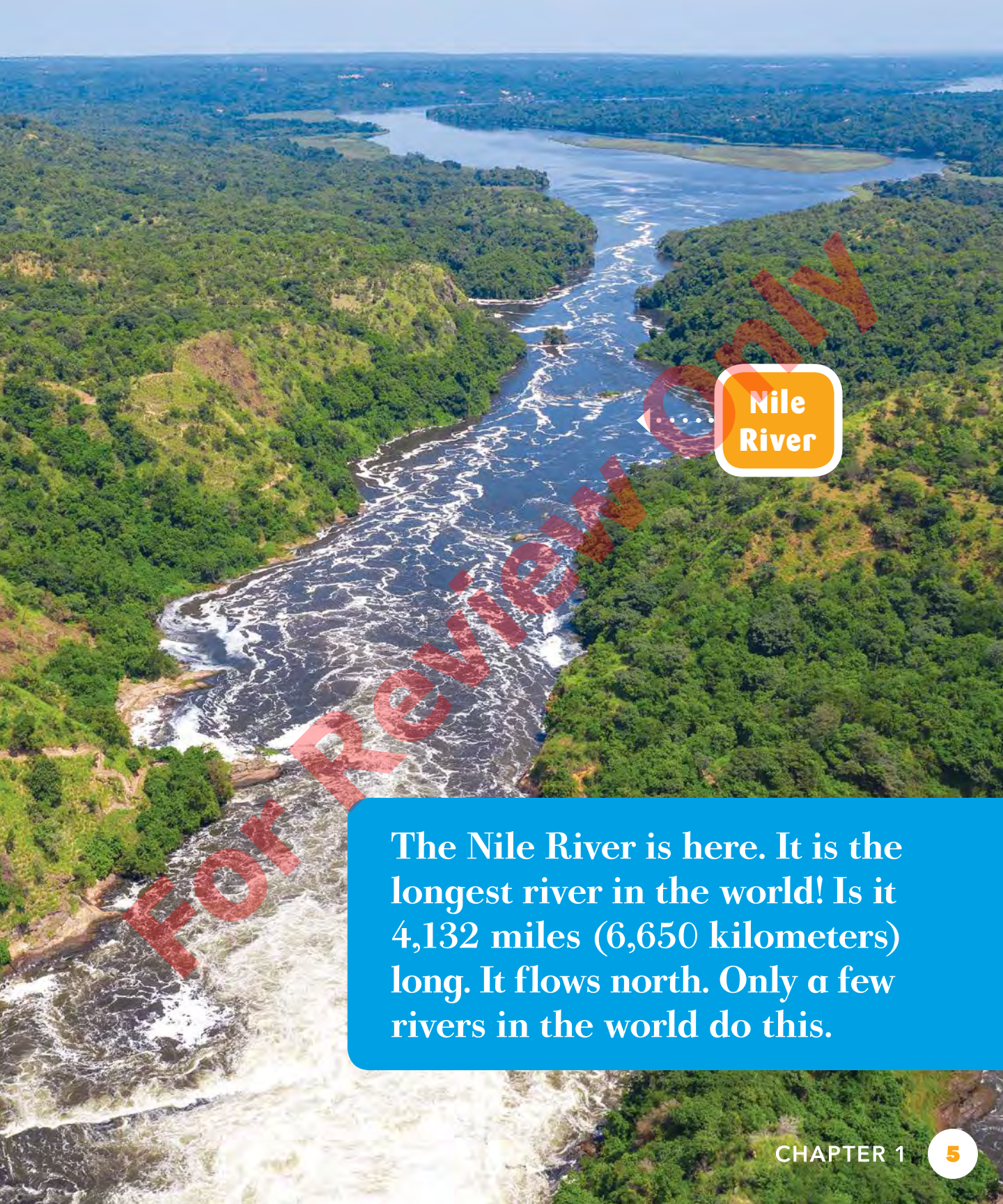
CHAPTER 1

A LARGE PLATEAU

Let's explore the **continent** of Africa! Lions, hyenas, giraffes, and many other animals roam the Serengeti **Plain**.



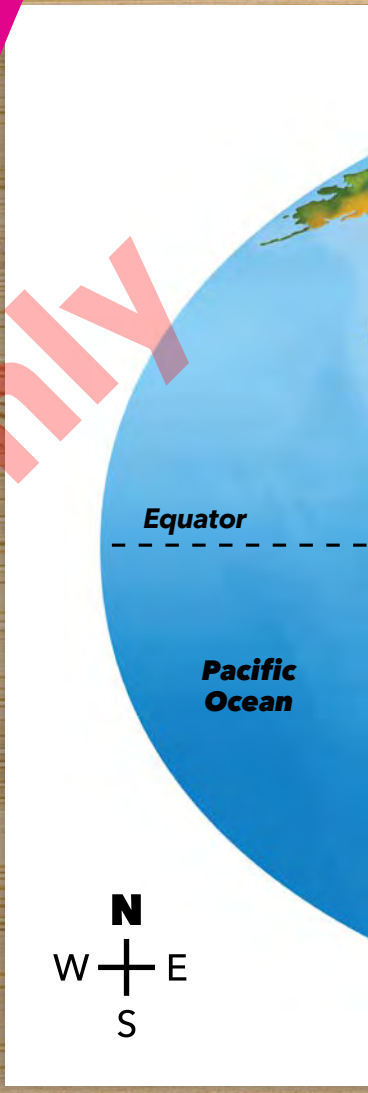
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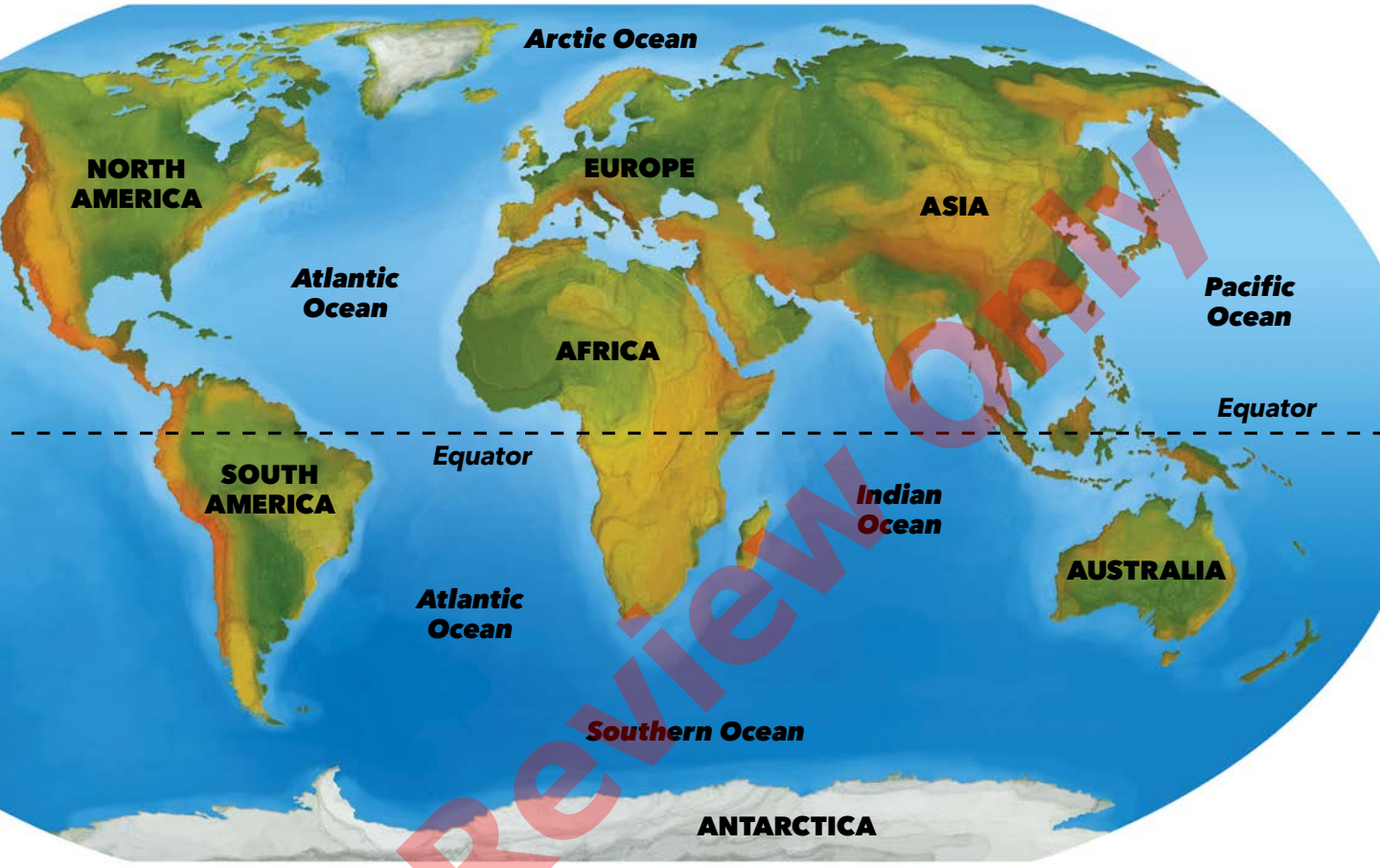
The Nile River is here. It is the longest river in the world! Is it 4,132 miles (6,650 kilometers) long. It flows north. Only a few rivers in the world do this.

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Africa is a large continent. Of the seven, only Asia is larger. The **equator** runs through Africa. This imaginary line divides Earth. Africa is in both the Northern and Southern **Hemispheres**.



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The continent has many large **plateaus**. The Atlas Mountains are in the northwest. The Great Rift Valley is in the east. Rift valleys are long, low areas of land. They form when **tectonic plates** move apart.

There are many rivers and lakes here, too. Lake Victoria is the largest lake in Africa. The Nile River, Niger River, and Congo River are important rivers.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Great Rift Valley could be full of water one day! Why? Tectonic plates keep moving apart. The rift could spread to the ocean.

QUICK FACTS & TOOLS

AT A GLANCE



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AFRICA

Size: 12 million square miles (31 million square km)

Size Rank: Asia, **Africa**, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, Australia

Population Estimate: 1.2 billion people (2019 estimate)

Exports: petroleum, minerals, cotton, sugar, coffee

Facts: Africa makes up about 20 percent of Earth's land.

The Sahara Desert is almost the size of the United States.