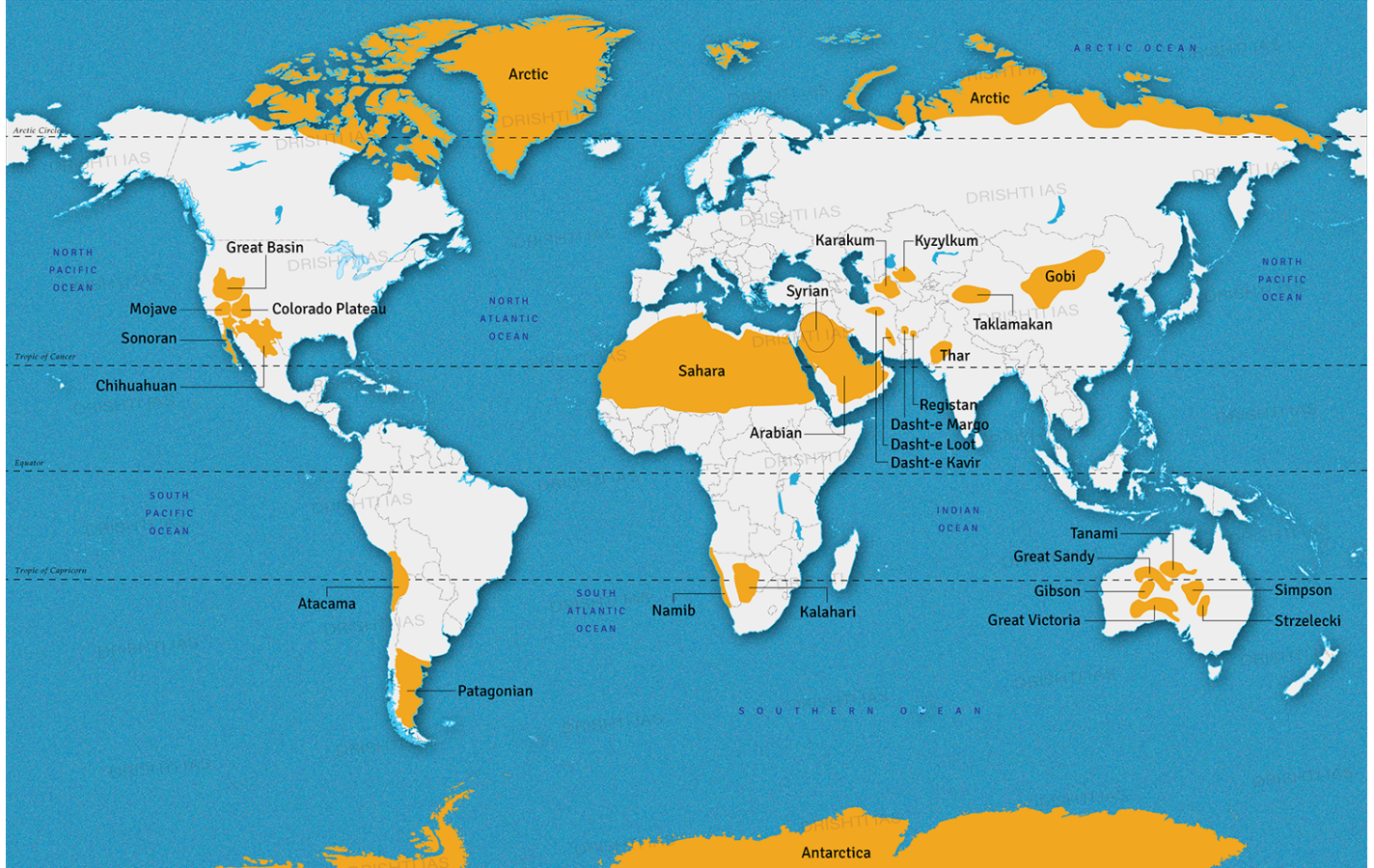




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### FACTS

- The largest hot desert in the world – Sahara (northern Africa), reaches temperatures of up to 50°C during the day.
- The Gobi desert in Asia and the polar deserts of the Antarctic and Arctic, which are the world's largest, are always cold.
- Chile's Atacama desert is the driest in the world (after Antarctica) having parts that receive < 2 mm of precipitation/year.
- Namib Desert (Southern Africa) is believed to be as old as 55 million years; the oldest desert in the world.
- Thar Desert (India) is believed to be the most civilised desert in the world due to having roads, infrastructure and human settlements dating back to thousands of years (about 50,000 years old).



