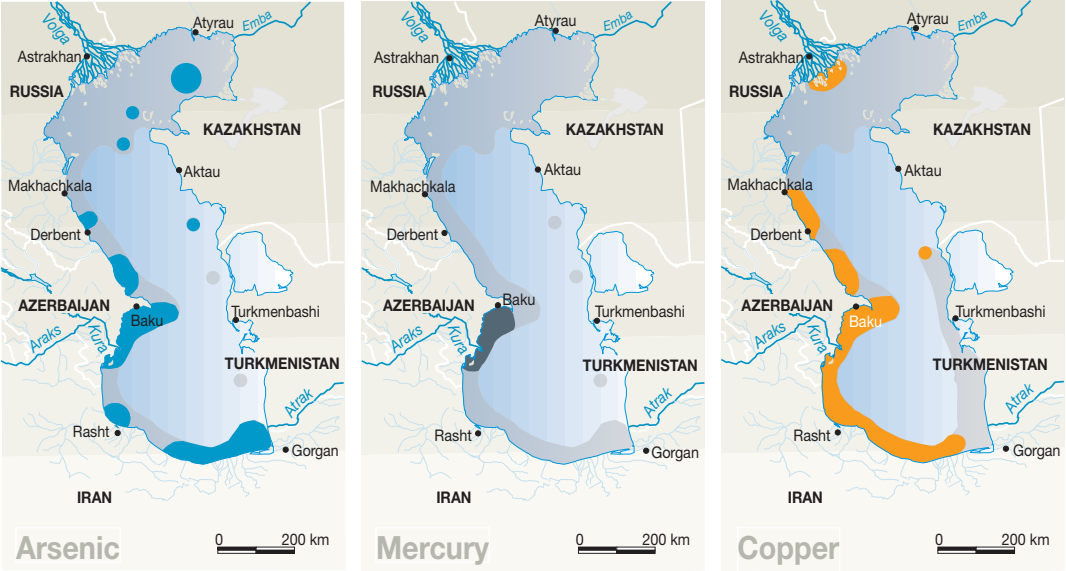


Sampling areas

Arsenic concentration above ERL (8.2 µg/g)

Note: Maximum arsenic concentration in analyses measured was 22.6 µg/g

Sampling areas

Mercury concentration above ERL (0.15 µg/g)

Note: Maximum mercury concentration in analyses measured was 0.45 µg/g

Sampling areas

Copper concentration above ERL (34 µg/g)

Note: Maximum copper concentration in analyses measured was 57.6 µg/g

The Effects Range Low (ERL) is an indicator of concentrations above which adverse effects occur (National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Sediment Quality Guideline Values).

Source: Interpretation of Caspian Sea Sediment Data, Caspian Environment Programme, 2002; Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis Revisit, 2007