

Polluted water bodies

- Rivers and canals
- Lakes
- Groundwater
- Areas under threat of flood and of pollution due to mismanagement of upstream water reservoirs and hazardous waste storage sites

Impact

- Former bed of the Aral Sea, uncovered area entirely desertified and saline
- Areas directly affected by the consequences of the shrinkage of the Aral Sea (toxic salts), leading to salinization and desertification
- Migration from environmentally degraded areas

Concerns for the future and potential areas of tension

- Areas of intensive and inefficient irrigated agriculture practices with potential to sterilize soil and threaten human health
- Projected water infrastructure or management plans with conflict or international dimension