

Caspian Sea

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Recent data suggests that since the mid-1990s, the Caspian Sea has lost roughly 24,000km² of surface area and water levels have fallen by about two metres.

About Caspian Sea

- It is the **world's largest water body** that is enclosed or bordered by land on all sides.
- **Location:** It is **located between Asia and Europe**.
- The sea's name derives **from the ancient Kaspi peoples**, who once lived in Transcaucasia to the west.
- **Basin:** It is an **endorheic basin** (drainage basin without an outflow).
- **Bordering countries:** It is bordered by **Russia and Azerbaijan** on the west, **Kazakhstan** and **Turkmenistan** on the north and east, and **Iran** on the south.
- The composition of the water of the Caspian Sea also varies from almost fresh in the northern parts of the lake to saltier southwards.

- **Water Source:** Three major rivers—the Volga, the Ural, and the Terek—empty into the Caspian from the north.
- **Cities on Caspian Sea:** Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, is the largest city on the Caspian. Another important city along the Caspian is Iran's Nowshahr.
- **Islands:** The largest are Chechen, **Tyuleny, Morskoy, Kulaly, Zhiloy, and Ogurchin.**
- **Resources:** It is also known for its abundance of energy resources (oil and natural gas reserves in offshore fields and onshore on the coast of the sea).

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