



## Caspian Sea

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### Key Points

- **Physical Geography:**
  - Earth's **largest inland body of water**, when measured by surface area.
  - **Bordered by** Russia (northwest), Azerbaijan (west), Iran (south), Turkmenistan (southeast) and Kazakhstan (northeast).
    - In 2003, the Caspian littoral states **signed the (Tehran) Framework Convention** for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea.
  - Lies at the junction of Europe and Asia, with the **Caucasus Mountains** to the west and the **steppes of Central Asia** to the east.
- **Recent Related Events:**
  - [Western Disturbances](#)

◦ [International North South Transport Corridor \(INSTC\)](#)

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