



Caspian Sea

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Kazakhstan's state-owned energy company, KazMunayGas, has successfully decontaminated **significant oil waste along the [Caspian Sea's](#) shores**, which has been hit by pollution and the effects of global warming.

- **Location:** Lies between **Asia and Europe**, east of the Caucasus Mountains and west of the Central Asian steppe.
 - It is bordered by Russia (northwest), Azerbaijan (west), Iran (south), Turkmenistan (southeast) and Kazakhstan (northeast).
- **Formation and Characteristics:** The Caspian Sea was once part of a **prehistoric sea known as the [Paratethys](#)**. **Tectonic forces** uplifting the land and a drop in **sea level** left the **Caspian landlocked** more than 5 million years ago.
 - It is technically a lake, as it is landlocked without a direct outlet to the ocean. It is the **world's Largest Inland Water Body**.
- **Rivers:** Three major rivers **Volga, Ural, and Terek** empty into the Caspian.
- **Rich in Resources:** Contains significant oil and natural gas reserves in offshore and onshore fields. Caspian Sea Known for producing most of the **world's caviar (eggs of various large fish)**.

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