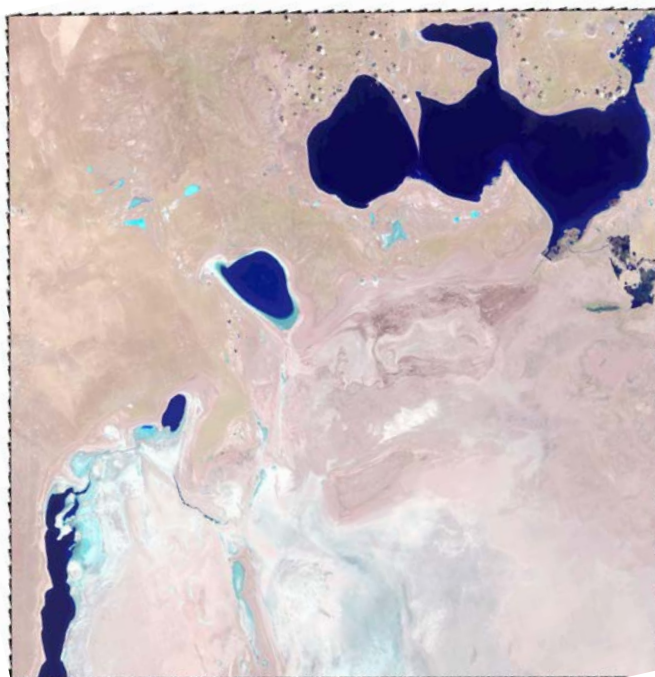


Monitoring of changes in the area of water surface and wetlands within the Small Aral Sea

SIC experts keep regular monitoring over the Small Aral Sea by using the Landsat 8-9 images. The areas of wetlands and open water surfaces were determined by the image dated 25 April 2023.



**Figure 1. Small Aral.
Landsat 8-9, 25 April 2023.**

Table 1

**Areas of wetlands, water surface and dried seabed*,
Small Aral Sea (ha)**

| | 13.01.2023 | 15.03.2023 | 25.04.2023 |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Wetland | 72 679 | 79 616 | 67 145 |
| Water surface | 293 293 | 310 380 | 317 128 |
| Dry land* | 174 844 | 151 451 | 157 174 |

*bare soil, dense or rare vegetation

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