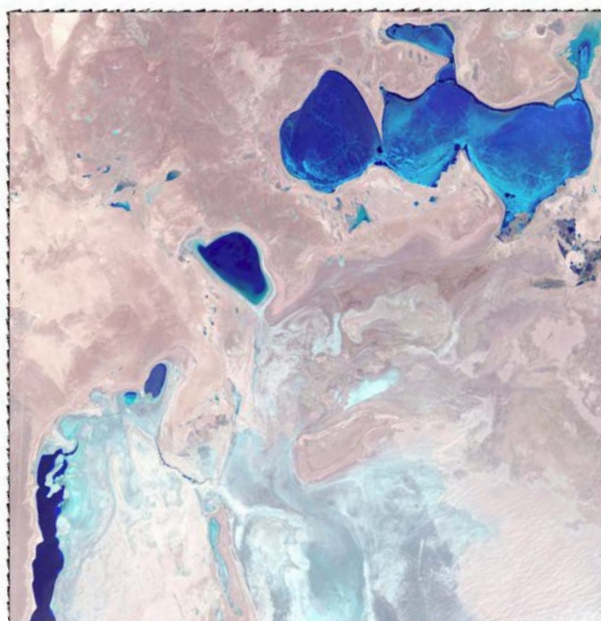


## Monitoring of changes in the area of water surface and wetlands within the Small Aral Sea

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 15 March 2023.



**Figure 1. Small Aral.  
Landsat 8-9, 15 March 2023**

**Table 1**

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

	<b>20.09.2022</b>	<b>13.01.2023</b>	<b>15.03.2023</b>
Wetland	66 659	72 679	79 616
Water surface	288 501	293 293	310 380
Dry land*	186 287	174 844	151 451

\*bare soil, dense or rare vegetation

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