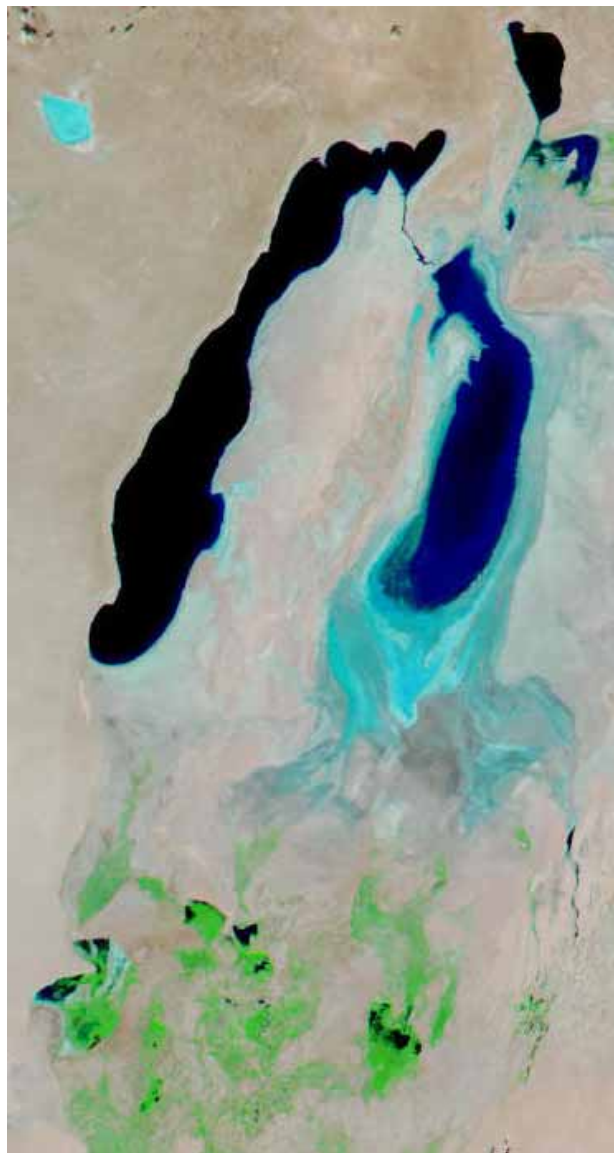


## **Monitoring dynamics of water surface and wetlands areas in the Southern Priaralie**

The water surface and wetlands areas in the Southern Priaralie in August 2011 were determined using satellite images in the SIC ICWC (Fig. 1, Table 1,2).

Table 1 contains wetlands with water surface area which could be assessed by using satellite images; it doesn't contain, for example, the former Adjibay gulf and wetland Adjibay 2 because they have no open water surface area what is caused by relief, vegetation phase and water inflow to the Southern Priaralie.

Table 2 contains wetland's areas in the Southern Priaralie in August 2011.



**Fig. 1. Southern Priaralie and Big Aral Sea - August 2011**

**Table 1**

**Water surface area, ha  
(March-August 2011)**

<b>Water body</b>	<b>March 2011</b>	<b>April 2011</b>	<b>May 2011</b>	<b>June 2011</b>	<b>July 2011</b>	<b>August 2011</b>
Sudochie	37092,19	35913,96	33648,61	24485,28	11069,20	8320,55
Mejdurechenskoe	9129,81	9639,56	6782,32	4432,05	1810,49	1021,71
Rybachie	3794,98	5952,92	5147,21	4849,01	4506,62	3898,91
Muinakskoe	5182,66	5184,01	4272,57	3509,57	1944,59	1853,53
Djyltyrbas bounded by dam	13821,67	13976,22	10008,75	8317,50	6975,49	6079,45
Djyltyrbas (with the former right and left channels)	34609,06	29308,85	14233,13	11588,28	7965,55	6774,74
Dumalak	1506,72	1579,32	578,25	1152,46	361,41	-
Makpalkol	811,85	2533,15	1723,48	1871,28	1679,98	1183,93
Mashan-Karadjar	5269,31	6244,58	4472,06	2725,90	1541,69	906,57
Wetland to the south from Muinak	2065,57	1562,82	853,12	-	-	-
Wetlands along the bed of the Kazakhdarya river	2976,06	4885,01	3139,67	1720,04	1486,70	813,92
Zakirkol lake	546,38	1010,07	353,99	357,78	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>102984,59</b>	<b>103814,3</b>	<b>75204,41</b>	<b>56691,65</b>	<b>39341,72</b>	<b>24773,85</b>

Table 2

## Wetland area, ha (March-August 2011)

Water body	Wetlands					
	March	April	May	June	July	August
Sudochie	-	29707,42	31547,52	33782,09	43742,16	43212,64
Mejdurechenskoe	-	1845,53	19181,39	18061,27	23174,17	23940,74
Rybachie	-	2163,22	3931,89	4247,80	4529,71	4682,17
Muinakskoe	-	7328,11	7830,41	9129,10	9793,37	10191,76
Djyltyrbas bounded by dam	-	18898,65	27340,65	33854,90	33797,10	32166,29
Djyltyrbas (with the former right and left channels)	-	46525,38	62930,40	84745,11	102958,17	105510,70
Former Adjibay gulf	12299,19	18773,25	19852,74	20320,06	20716,32	20807,54
Dumalak	2673,17	3403,11	10456,37	11247,56	14812,37	15926,23
Adjibay 2*)	-	2954,82	10785,62	11020,14	9825,73	10269,62
Makpalkol	375,91	415,89	9357,21	7548,23	7829,15	6227,70
Mashan-Karadjar	1873,21	4838,41	8596,91	9753,42	12585,21	14141,98
Wetland to the south from Muinak	-	6620,41	7216,25	7574,51	7783,69	8647,12
Wetland to the North-West from Muinak	3284,16	3372,18	3723,05	4815,21	5407,45	6792,69
Wetlands along the bed of the Kazakhdarya river	2784,36	5483,46	9634,70	14805,13	17289,13	18651,34
Zakirkol lake	734,35	1236,08	2177,82	2345,17	3134,87	3241,65
<b>Total</b>	<b>24024,35</b>	<b>153565,92</b>	<b>207222,28</b>	<b>239394,8</b>	<b>283581,5</b>	<b>292243,88</b>

\*)Adjibay 2 – Artificial structure to the north from the Rybachie and Muinakskoe reservoirs.

If comparing data from March (the beginning of vegetation period in the Southern Priaralie) till August 2011, the biggest area of lake's overflow is observed in April, but a maximal area of wetlands - in August. Fig. 2 demonstrates relation between water surface area and wetland's areas in the Southern Priaralie.

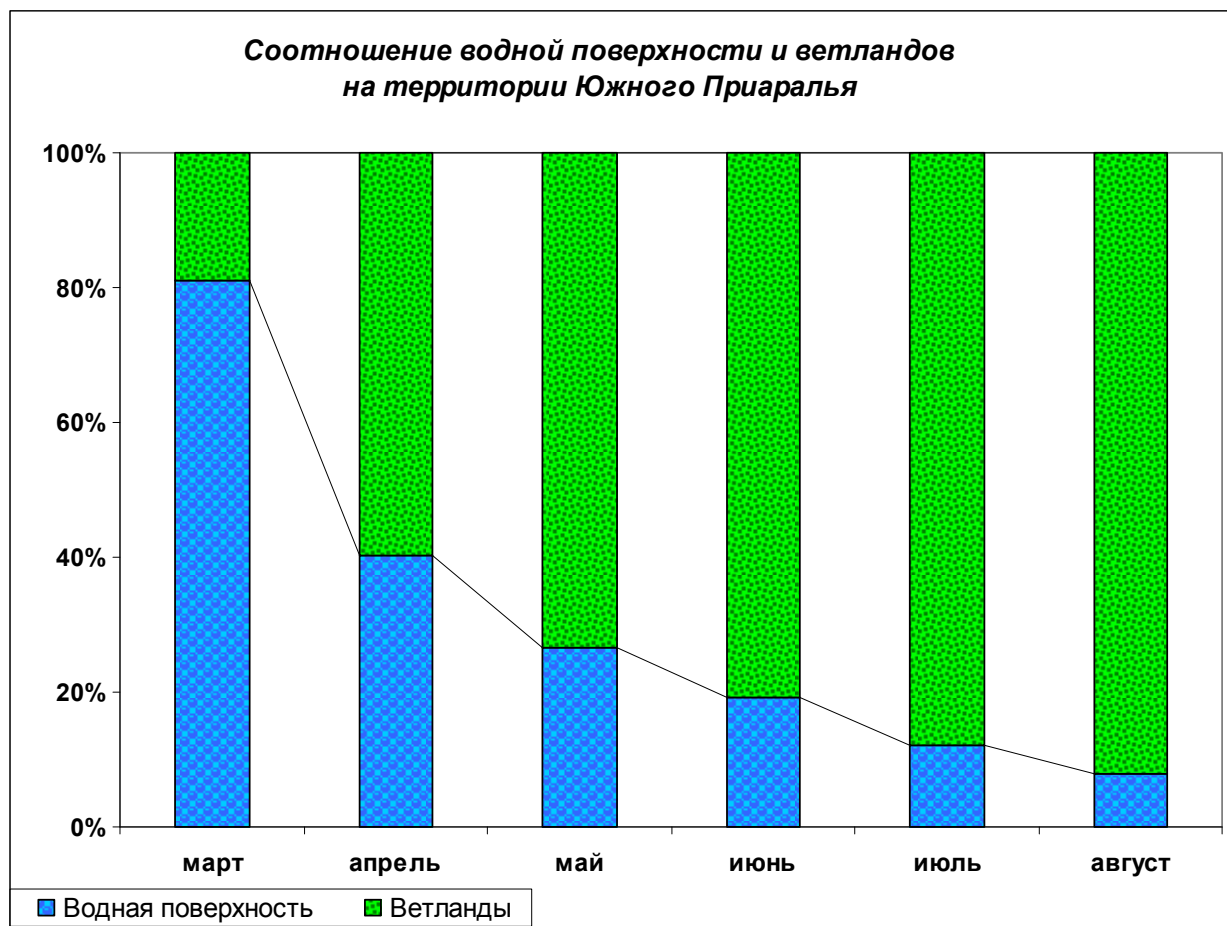


Fig. 2.  
[Comparing water surface area with wetland's areas in the Southern Priaralie]

Water surface areas have decreased almost by 79 thousand hectares and wetland's areas have increased by 138 thousand hectares for the period from April till August 2011.