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**Country:** Kazakhstan



### GOAL

To protect and sustainably use the water resources of the Aral Sea by cleaning up water bodies, recycling garbage, and developing the capacity of local communities to protect the sea.

### OBJECTIVES

- To improve the hydrological regime in water reservoirs of the Aral district, creating solid foundations for ecological restoration and economic and social development in the region.
- To support sustainable economic, social, and environmental activities in the Aral district through investment in waste management.
- To develop conservation skills and knowledge through education and information sharing.

### RESULTS

- Cleaned 18 fishing areas and 14 deltaic lakes of the Small Aral Sea.
- Introduced ecological fishing nets.
- One hundred and seventy volunteers collected garbage from the Aral Sea.
- Established recycling center for waste and plastics, with two new jobs created.
- Provided training for 34 heads of fishing farms on improved use of water resources and compliance with the law.
- Educated 606 fishermen on water conservation and the dangers of traditional fishing nets.
- Shared information on improved water conservation with the Kyzylorda oblast water resource management department, fishing inspection, and akimat.

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