

POLLUTION



14,000 ha

- It is estimated that **14,000 ha of land in Azerbaijan is contaminated with oil and petroleum products.** Large-scale use of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides has polluted lands in rural places.

Transboundary pollution in the Kura Basin is one of the major causes of pollution in the country's main waterways.



Rivers and small streams are under extreme pressure due to intensive water withdrawals for agriculture, particularly during the low-flow period, when some of them run dry—a situation that is not natural in this region.

EXCESSIVE WATER WITHDRAWALS

INVASIVE SPECIES



One of the most notable invasive species in Azerbaijan is the comb jelly - *Mnemiopsis leidyi* whose population has now multiplied to the extent that the biomass of the population has exceeded the general productive biomass of the sea.



The invasive fall webworm is known to cause substantial damage to commercially grown ornamental trees and shrubs and several agricultural crops.

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