# AZERBAIJAN | THREATS TO BIODIVERSITY





Supporting Decision Making and Building Capacity to Support IPBES Through National Ecosystem Assessment

## **POLLUTION**



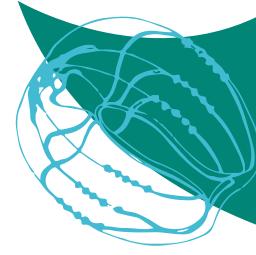
## 14,000 ha

- 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.

### **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.

### **EXCESSIVE WATER WITHDRAWALS**

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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