

### **The Aral Sea Crisis – some key points**

increase of salt content (increased salinity)  
increase in salinity  
shortening of the vegetation period  
total collapse of the fishing industry  
decrease of productivity of agricultural fields  
increase of serious diseases  
drop in discharge  
loss of area  
desiccation of soil  
extinction (dying out) of species  
contamination of drinking water  
collapse of the fishing industry  
drying up of coastal forests  
use of large amounts of water  
cotton growing no longer possible // cotton growing close to impossible  
drainage of toxic chemicals into...  
washing up of soil  
expansion of agriculture  
disappearance of