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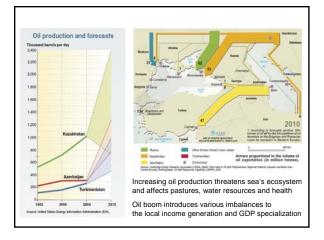
Special Event Review of environmental challenges in the Caspian Basin and possible follow-up

Please find attached the contribution by Mr. Nickolai Denisov, ENVSEC Regional Desk for Eastern Europe, UNEP.

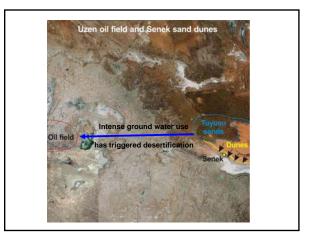










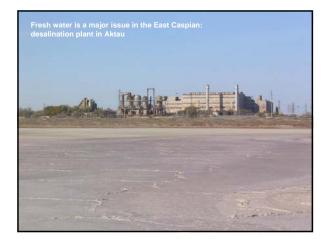






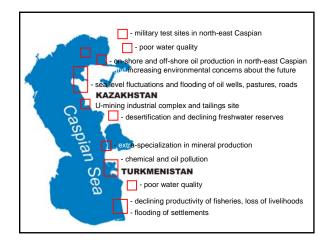












Regional Issues

Shared water bodies (Sea and Rivers) and the environmental impact of economic activities, including the changing patterns of GDP

Local Impacts on Livelihoods

Changing livelihoods for the coastal population and its linkages to the environment, new patterns of poverty (GINI), small scale economic opportunities with environmental dimension (tourism, agriculture, fisheries)

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Rapid onshore and offshore developments as main engine of development with environmental, geopolitical and socio-economic impacts at all levels

Military

Rapid developments with potential collateral environmental impacts coupled with military-industrial legacies from the Soviet era

Global Change Impacts

Climate change and other drivers leading to - at times rapidly occurring - impacts in the region that need to be coped with: natural disasters, desertification, water quality and availability, sea-level rise