

Projects on the ground

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1. Rationale and background

- *On the request of countries – support for implementation of obligations of the Convention may be provided as part of the work programme*
- *The focus is establishment of sustainable transboundary water cooperation – agreements, commissions etc*



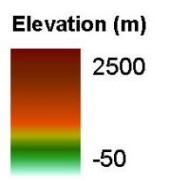
2. Major achievements and challenges

- *Finalization of the Dniester Treaty*
- *Signing of an MoU on the Drin basin by Riparians*
- *Draft agreement on the Kura river*
- *Establishment of a framework for water quality and dam safety cooperation in Central Asia*
- *Initiation of bilateral cooperation on environment and hydrology between Tajikistan and Afghanistan*

Lack of inter-sectoral cooperation with regard to water management on the national as well as transboundary levels is a major challenge.



THE DNIESTER RIVER BASIN



- Dniester River Basin
- State Borders
- Regional (oblast) Boundaries in Ukraine
- Transnistrian Region of the Republic of Moldova (Transnistria)

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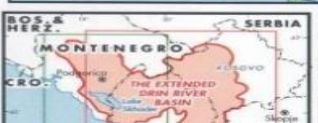
Drin basin cooperation



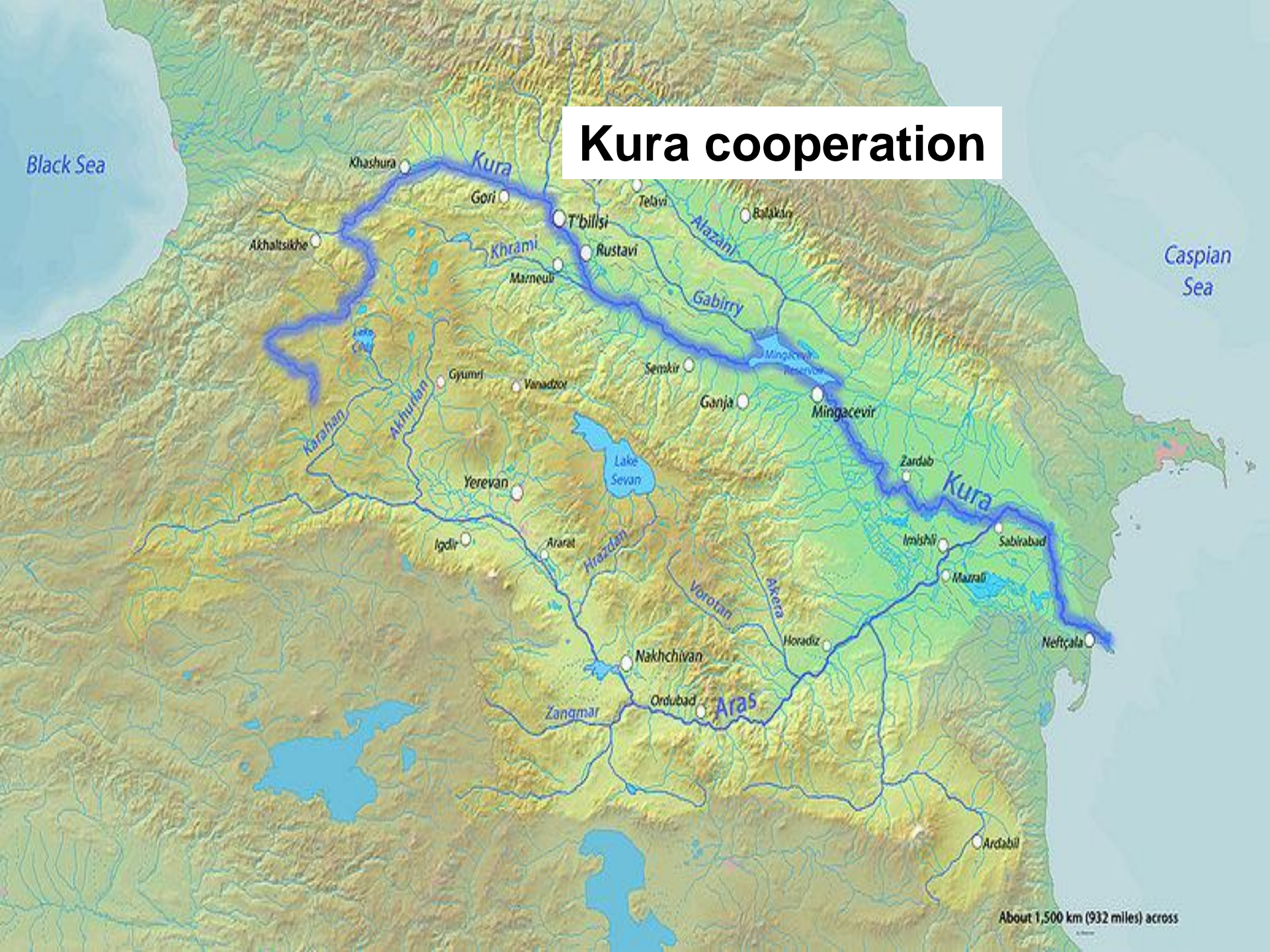
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Kura cooperation



About 1,500 km (932 miles) across





3. Lessons learnt for future work

- 1. Cooperation with other organizations/partners is invaluable**
- 2. It is not expensive to support progress**
- 3. Realism and a good dialogue with riparians is essential - Identify windows of opportunity!**
- 4. Long-term engagement and patience are important**



4. On-going and planned work

- *Implementation of the new Dniester Treaty*
- *Finalisation of the bilateral Kura agreement*
- *Implementation of the Drin MoU*
- *Strengthening and broadening cooperation in the Chu Talas basin*
- *Strengthening regional organizations and building capacity on international water law in Central Asia*
- *Continuation of work on regional dam safety and water quality cooperation in Central Asia*
- *Broadening the cooperation on hydrology and environment in the Amu Darya river basin*

