



Water budget of the Aral Sea at the beginning of the millenium

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The present water budget of the Aral Sea and its separate parts, namely the Eastern Large Sea, the Western Large Sea, and the Small Sea, is described. The recent data collected by the Uzbekistan Hydrometeorological Service are presented. The methods for estimating the water budget components, i.e., the effective evaporation, ground water discharges, and residual river inflows (taking into account the delta retention processes), are comparatively discussed and corresponding estimates are given.