

# Earthshots

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The Aral Sea was once the 4th largest lake in the world. Beginning in the 1960s, the water from the two major rivers that flow into the Aral Sea has been diverted to irrigate cotton and rice farms. Consequently, the volume of the Aral Sea has reduced dramatically.

Date	Satellite	Bands	Res	Path	Row
Sept. 1–3, 1977	Landsat 2 MSS	5,7,4	79 m	172–174	27–30
June/July 2013	Landsat 8 OLI	6,5,4	30 m	160–162	27–30

### Earthshots: Satellite Images of Environmental Change

The U.S. Geological Survey Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) Center archives data from the Landsat satellites (1972–present). Earthshots presents environmental changes using Landsat images.

