

Lake Urmia Is Drying Up

Save Lake Urmia

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Greetings,

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Act now to save the Lake Urmia: This is a petition to UNESCO, RAMSAR, Iranian Government and Shia religious leaders.

I am a concerned global citizen who call on:

-UNESCO, RAMSAR to pay attention to this matter and to hold Iranian government accountable for its commitments to MAB and RAMSAR.

-Iranian government to act fast and take swift action to save the lake from completely drying up!<sup>۲</sup> expedite the conserving and water transferring plans. The action plan should be launched and implemented immediately to be effective in protecting the Lake's flora and fauna. This environmental catastrophe must be stopped before it is too late.

-Shia religious leaders to demand Iranian government to act responsibly on protecting the Lake Urmia.<sup>۳</sup>  
“And it is He who spread out the earth, and set thereon mountains standing firm and (flowing) rivers: and fruit of every kind He made in pairs, two and two; He draweth the night as a veil over the Day.  
)۱۳:۳Behold, verily in these things there are signs for those who consider.” (Holy Quran

The recipients of this petition are listed in [2] [www.change.org](http://www.change.org)... The recipients whom we believe directly or indirectly are responsible for this environmental catastrophe in front of people, generations, nation and history.

This petition is administered by the Lake Urmia Conservation Institute (LUCI) “Saving Lake Urmia, for us and future generations”. Visit our website [3] [www.saveurmia...](http://www.saveurmia...) for more information.

Sincerely,

[Your name]

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Email sent to: Mrs. Irina Bokova (UNESCO), Mr. Natarajan Ishwaran (UNESCO), Anada Tiéga (RAMSAR), Nick Davidson (RAMSAR), Saber Masoomi (RAMSAR), Heather McKay (RAMSAR), Rebecca D’Cruz (RAMSAR), Vicky Jones (BirdLife International), Matthew McCartney (Integrated Water Management Institute), Mark Smith (International Union for Conservation of Nature), Ritesh Kumar (Wetlands International), President Ahmadinejad (President of Islamic Republic of Iran), Masoud Bagherzadeh Karimi (Director General for Wetlands and National Parks), Arezu Ashrafizadeh (Wetlands Expert), Javad Momeni (Ramsar National Focal Point), Mahin Gazani (Iranian National Committee for Man and the Biosphere (MAB)), Hadi Soleimanpour (Iranian National Committee for Man and the Biosphere (MAB)), Ahmad Dehghan (Iranian National Committee for Man and the Biosphere (MAB)), Hossein Ganjidoust (Iranian National Committee for Man and the Biosphere (MAB)), Mohammad Hashemi (Iranian National Committee for Man and the Biosphere (MAB)), Haleh Hashemi Sohi (Iranian National Committee for Man and the Biosphere (MAB)), Abdollah Sedaghat Kerdar (Iranian National Committee for Man and the Biosphere (MAB)), Zohreh Taheri (Iranian National Committee for Man and the Biosphere (MAB)), Hamid Reza Tashauoei (Iranian National Committee for Man and the Biosphere (MAB)), Grand Ayatollah Mesbah Yazdi (Religious leader), Grand Ayatollah Sistani (Religious leader), Grand Ayatollah Safaii Farahani (Religious leader), Grand Ayatollah Makarem (Religious leader), Chair-AN (Lake Urmia Conservation Institute (LUCI)), and Chair-SU (Lake Urmia Conservation Institute )۲۰۱۲، ۲۹(LUCI)) on May

:about LUCI

Campaign to Save Lake Urmia team and Alberta Azerbaijani Cultural Society are pleased to announce the establishment of Lake Urmia Conservation Institute (LUCI). LUCI is founded by a group of non-political, independent Azerbaijani experts which is mandated to identify, advocate and monitor the status of the Urmia Lake.

In this important matter we extend our hands for all Intellectual Azerbaijanis to join our volunteer base in all aspects of our activities such as:

– Monitoring and collecting data from the status of the lake, agriculture in the region and wild life

- Updating the developments and changes.۲

- Updating pictures and videos and possibly preparing interviews.۳

- Lobbying with government authorities and elected figures to bring this matter to their attention.۴

- Joining or helping organising campaign whole around the world to raise awareness in this matter.۵

- Analyze scientific data and information in your expertise to support the vision and mission of the  
Institute ۶



Please contact [4] [Urmia@saveurmi...](mailto:Urmia@saveurmi...)

Or visit our website at:

[5] [www.lakeurmia...](http://www.lakeurmia...)

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Help save Lake Urmia, for us and future generations.

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