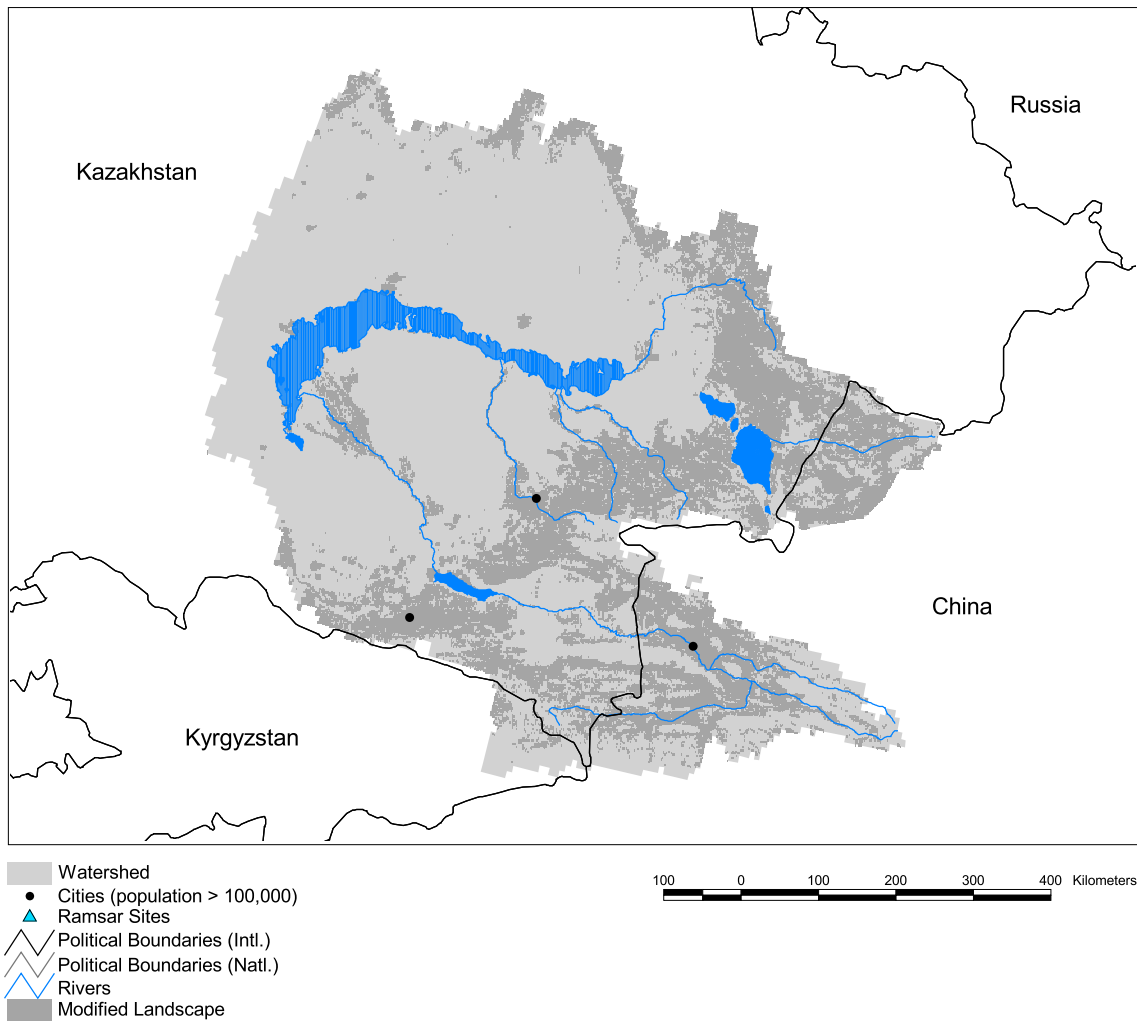


Lake Balkhash Watershed



Basin area: 512,010 km²
 Population density: 11 people per km²
 Urban growth rate: 1.0%
 Large cities: 3
 Total fish species: 36 (intr: 23)
 Fish endemics: 5
 Threatened fish species: 0
 Endemic bird areas: 0
 Ramsar sites: 0
 Protected areas: 7%
 Wetlands: 5%
 Arid: 92%

Forest: 4%
 Cropland: 24%
 Cropland irrigated: 21%
 Developed: 2%
 Shrub: 20%
 Grassland: 42%
 Barren: 6%
 Loss of original forest: 26%
 Deforestation rate: -
 Eroded area: 1%
 Large dams: 2
 Planned major dams: -

Land Cover Within 5 km of Major Rivers

