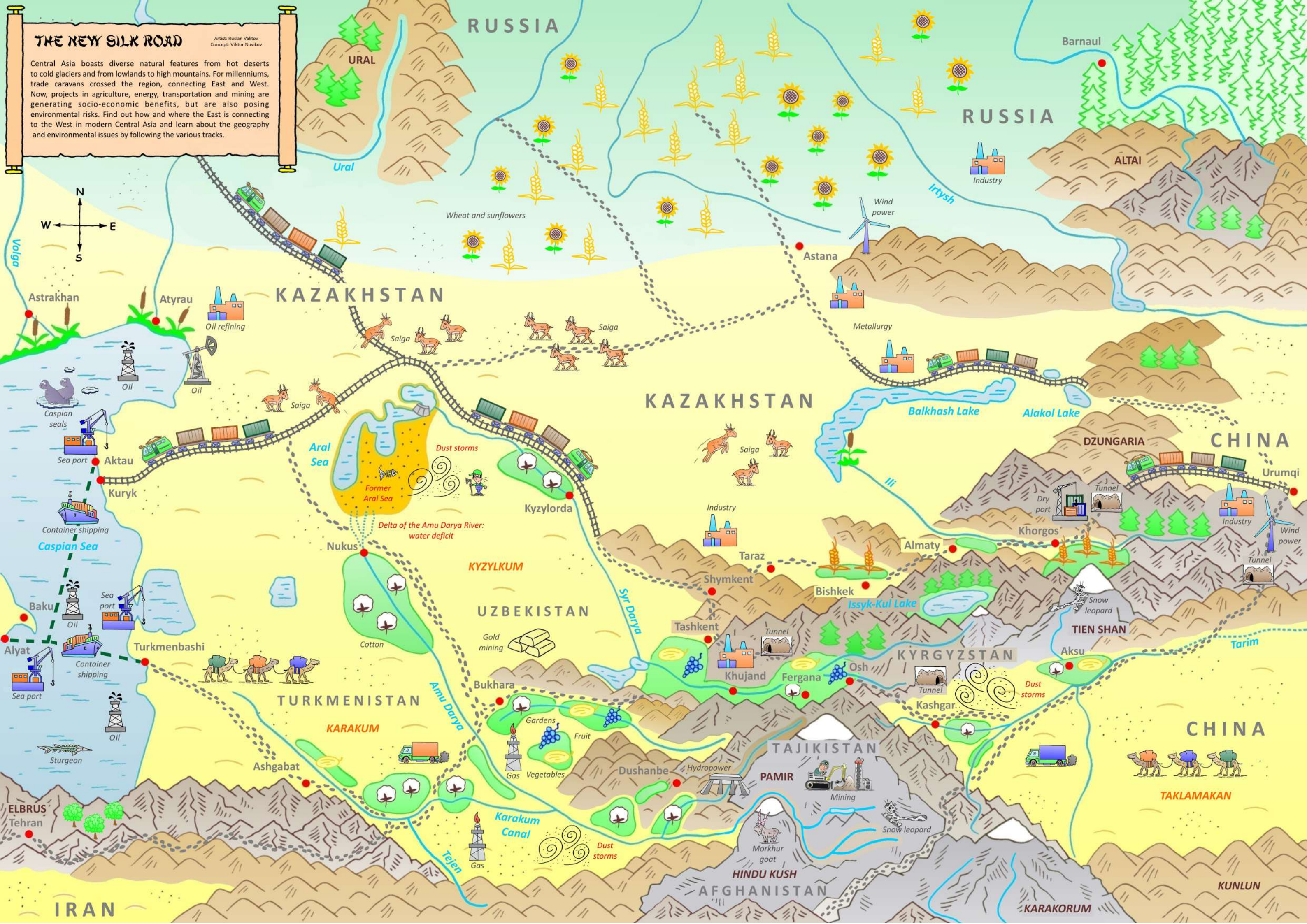


THE NEW SILK ROAD

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Central Asia boasts diverse natural features from hot deserts to cold glaciers and from lowlands to high mountains. For millenniums, trade caravans crossed the region, connecting East and West. Now, projects in agriculture, energy, transportation and mining are generating socio-economic benefits, but are also posing environmental risks. Find out how and where the East is connecting to the West in modern Central Asia and learn about the geography and environmental issues by following the various tracks.



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Delta of the Amu Darya River: water deficit

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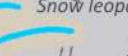
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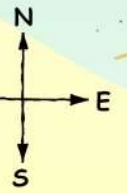
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