



# Little Prespa Lake

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**Little Prespa Lake**, located on the **Albanian-Greek border**, is **slowly drying up**.

- The lake has **deteriorated into a marshy watering hole**, with most of its area now transformed into **swamps or dried-up land**.
- **Little Prespa Lake** faces environmental threats from **climate change**, characterised by **rising temperatures, reduced snowfall, decreased precipitation** and also diversion of the **Devoll River** for irrigation in the 1970s leading to significant water loss.
- **About Lake Prespa:**
  - Lake Prespa is one of the **oldest tectonic lakes** in Europe.
  - It is the **highest tectonic lake** on the **Balkan Peninsula**, located at an altitude of 853 metres.
    - **Balkan countries** are countries located on the Balkan Peninsula in **southeastern Europe**. It includes Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Moldova, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - It is made up of 2 lakes.
    - **Great Prespa Lake is** located on the border of **Albania, Greece, and North Macedonia**
    - **Small Prespa Lake is** located in **Greece**.
  - The two Prespa lakes are located between two **national parks** located in three different countries.
    - **Prespa National Park** is in Greece and Albania,
    - **Galicica National Park** is in the Republic of Macedonia.
  - The **Galicica Mountains** separate Lake Prespa from **Lake Ohrid**, one of the oldest and deepest lakes in Europe.



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