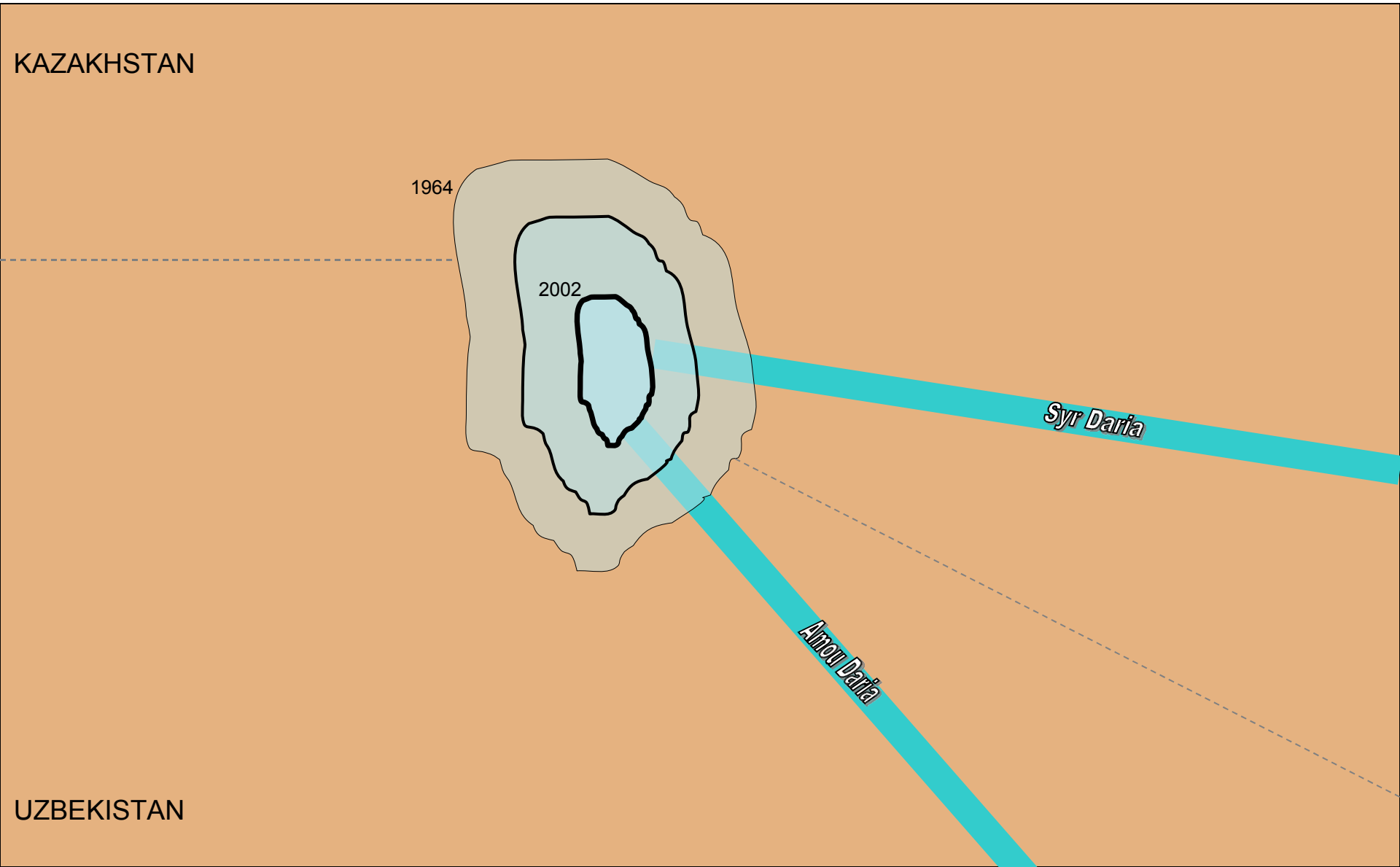


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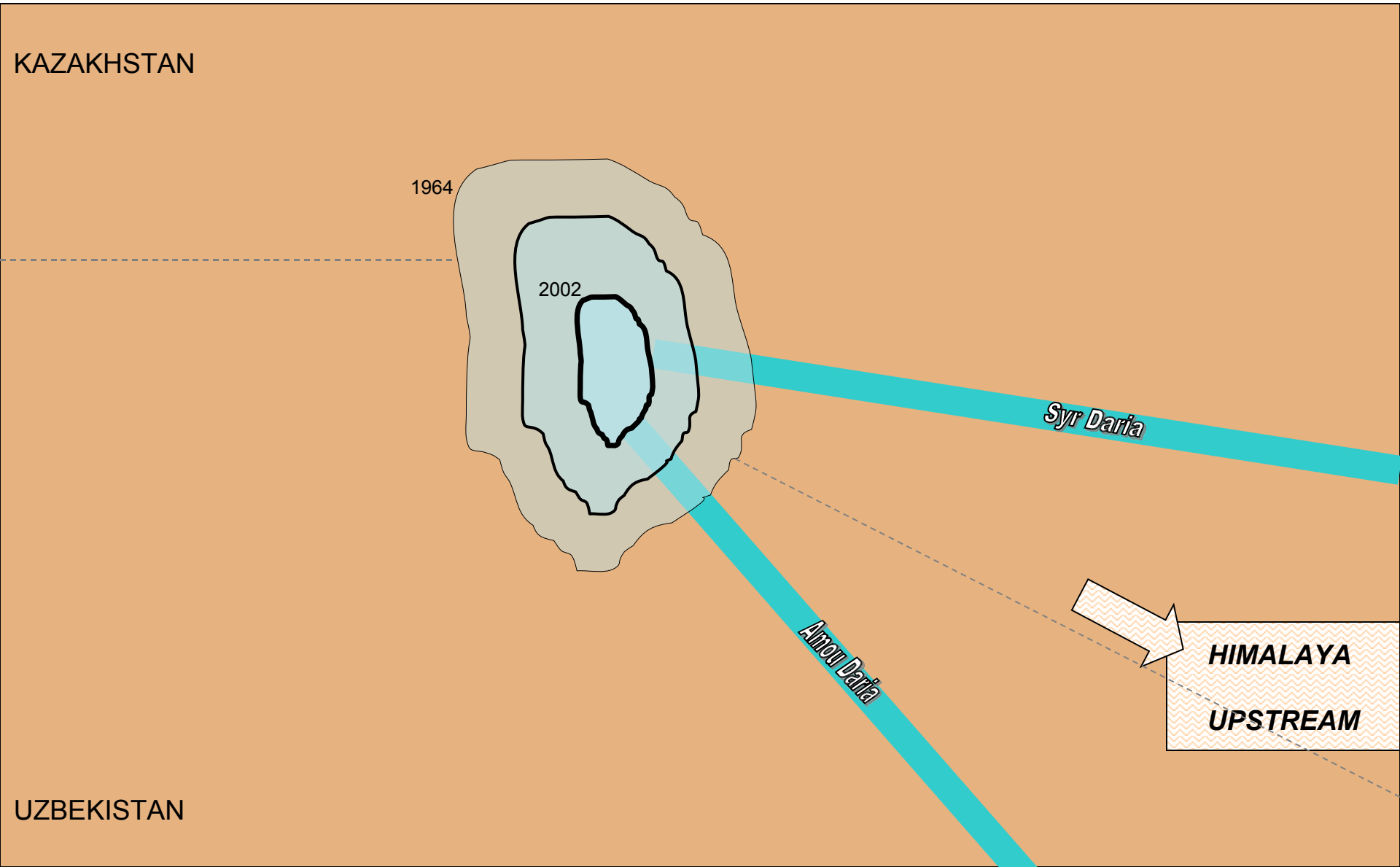
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A NATURAL ENVIRONMENT:  The semi arid to temperate central Asian environment

 The Aral sea's original limits (in 1964)

 The two rivers that feed the sea


 Their upstream origin

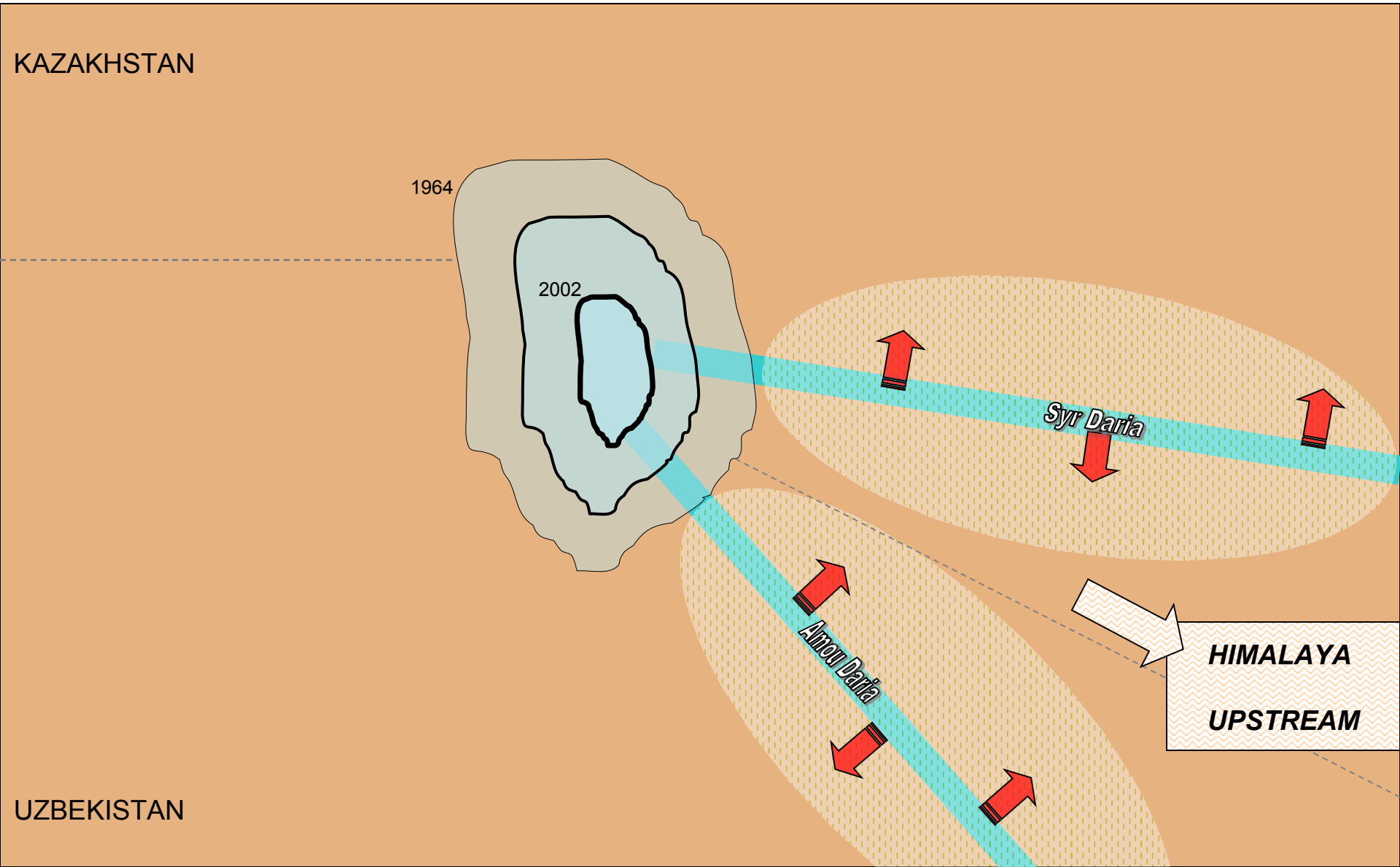


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2. ...DEGRADATED BY MAN TO A QUASI IRREVERSIBLE DESTRUCTION:  Excessive water transfers

 Mining or farming: intensive activities & pressure

 The exhaustion of the resource



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3. VARIOUS CRITICAL IMPACTS:



The remaining sea, heavily salted



Disturbed to interrupted trade



Increased desertification (local warming)



Cities undergoing eco-social difficulties: the ex of Aralsk, a dry harbor.

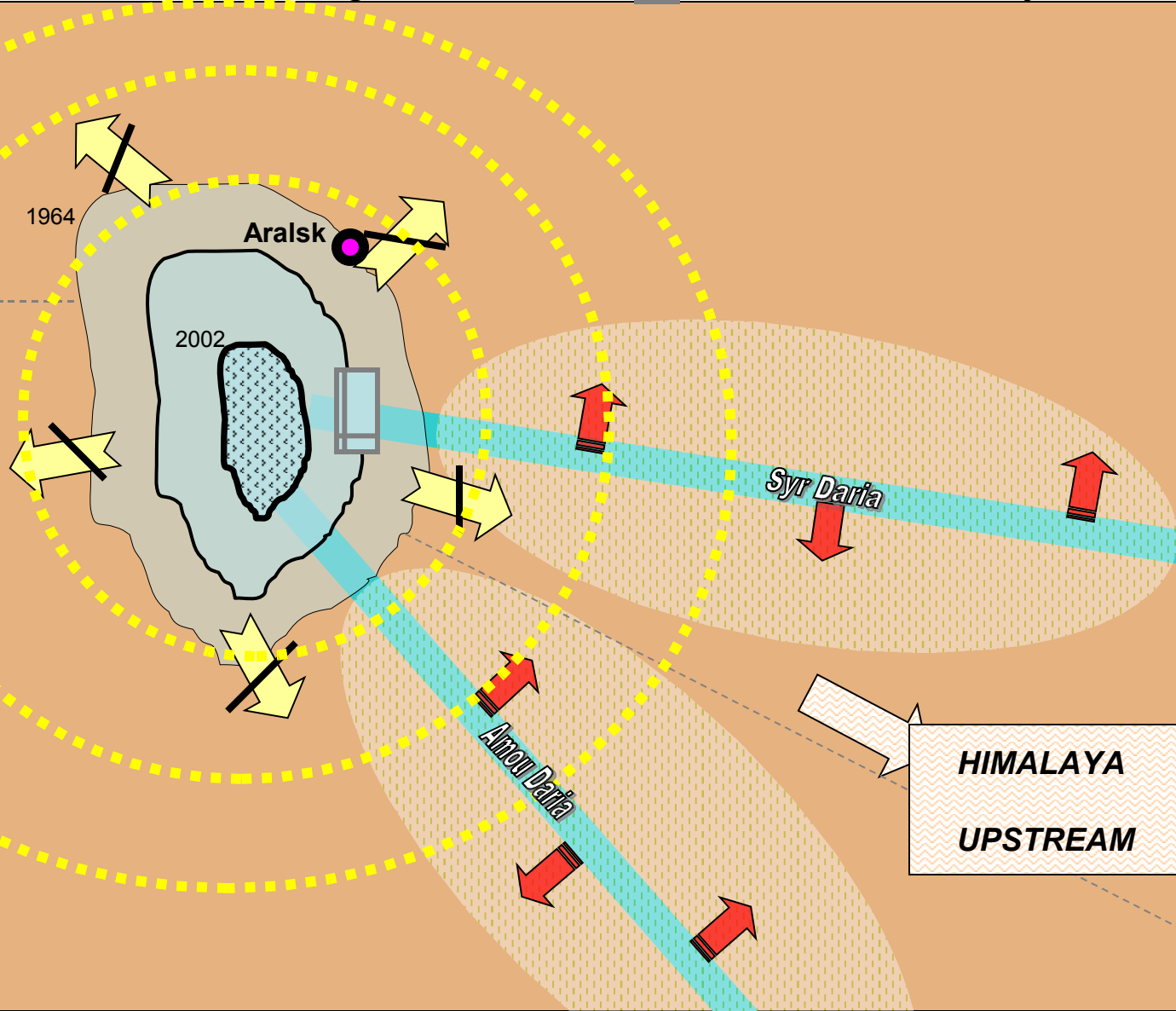
→ Towards a coming back of the sea?



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