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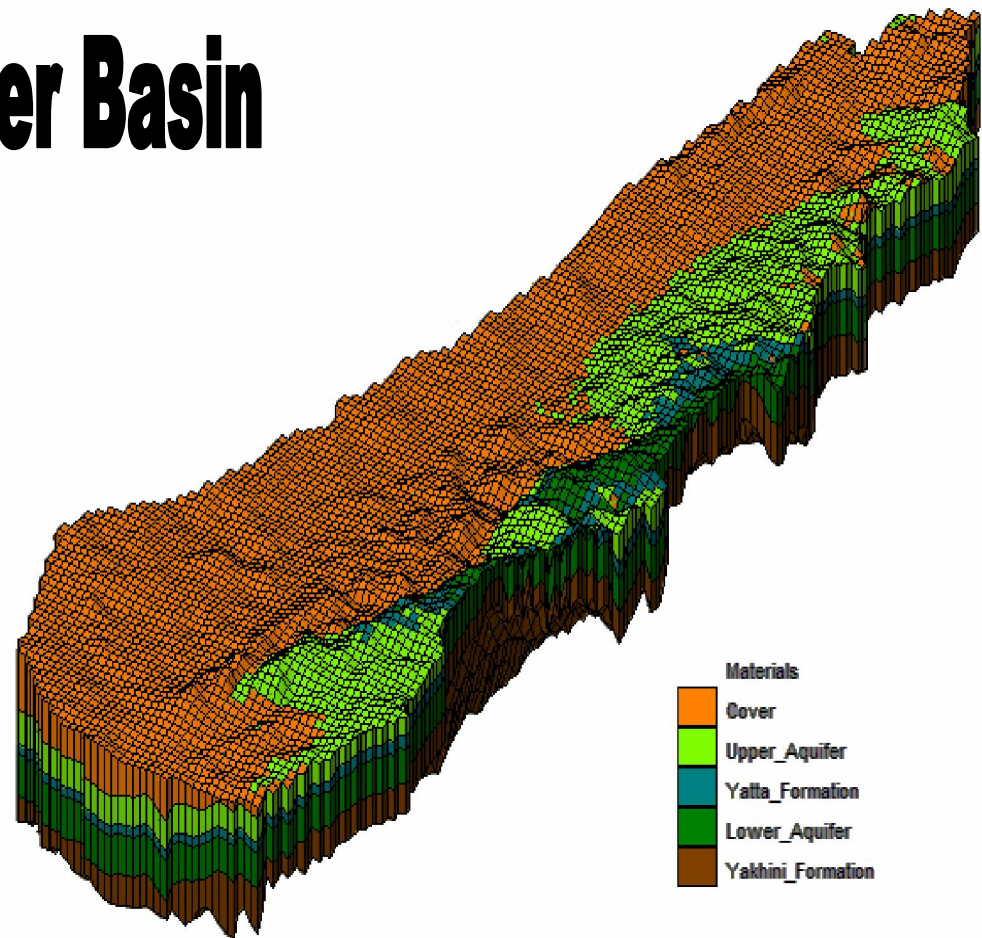
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Hydrogeological Assessment of Western Aquifer Basin

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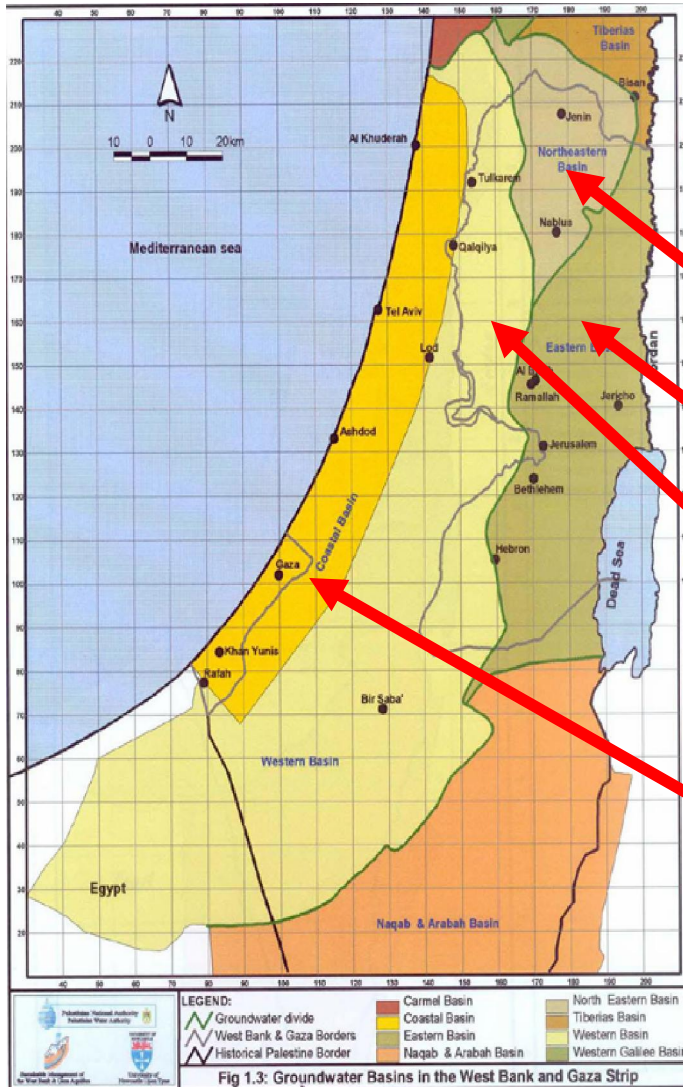
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Groundwater Hydrology of the West Bank & Gaza

Groundwater resources in the (WB) are :

- Northeastern Aquifer Basin (NEAB)
- Eastern Aquifer Basin (EAB),
- Western Aquifer Basin (WAB),
- Coastal Basin



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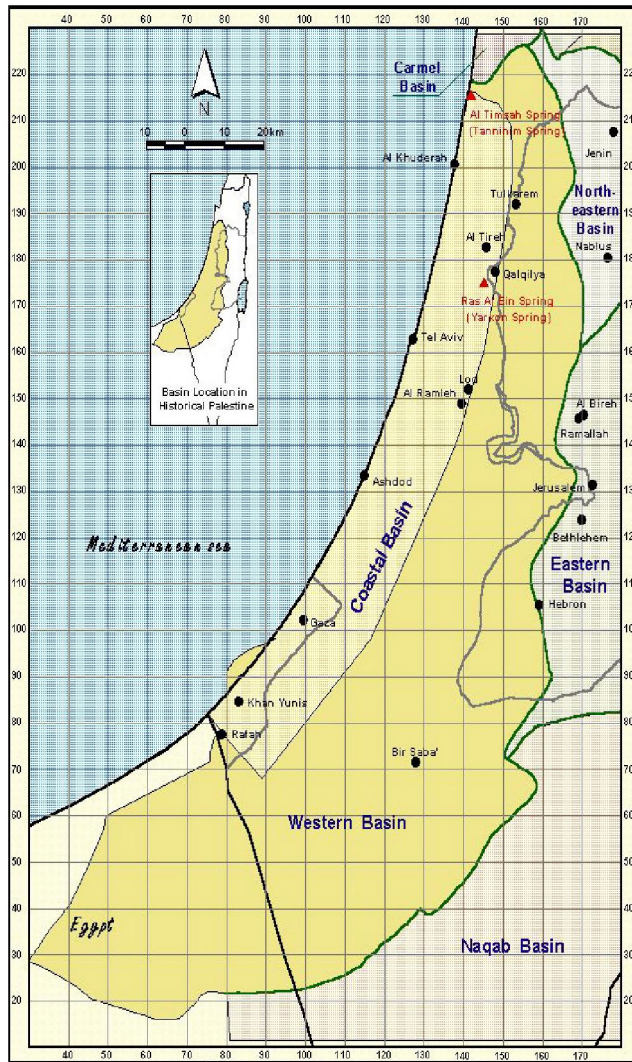
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The Western Aquifer Basin

It extends over an area of 11,862 Km² :

1. Palestinian area: 2,232 Km²
2. Israeli area is 7,390 km².
3. Egyptian 2,240 Km².



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The presentation will cover:

Conceptual Model: To provide a reasonable understanding of the groundwater flow system of WAB.

Hydrogeological Investigation and Data acquisition

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Conceptual Model:

- q Boundaries
- q Geology, Hydrogeology, Geography
- q Geometry in 3D
 - Ø Aquifer and non-aquifer units (Thickness and extension)
 - Ø Connection between aquifers
 - Ø Connection with the sea



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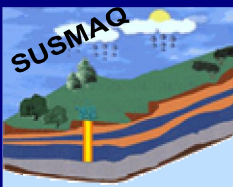
- q Hydrological stresses
 - Ø Recharge
 - Ø Well abstractions
 - Ø Spring discharges
- q Flow system
 - Ø Water levels
 - Ø Flow patterns



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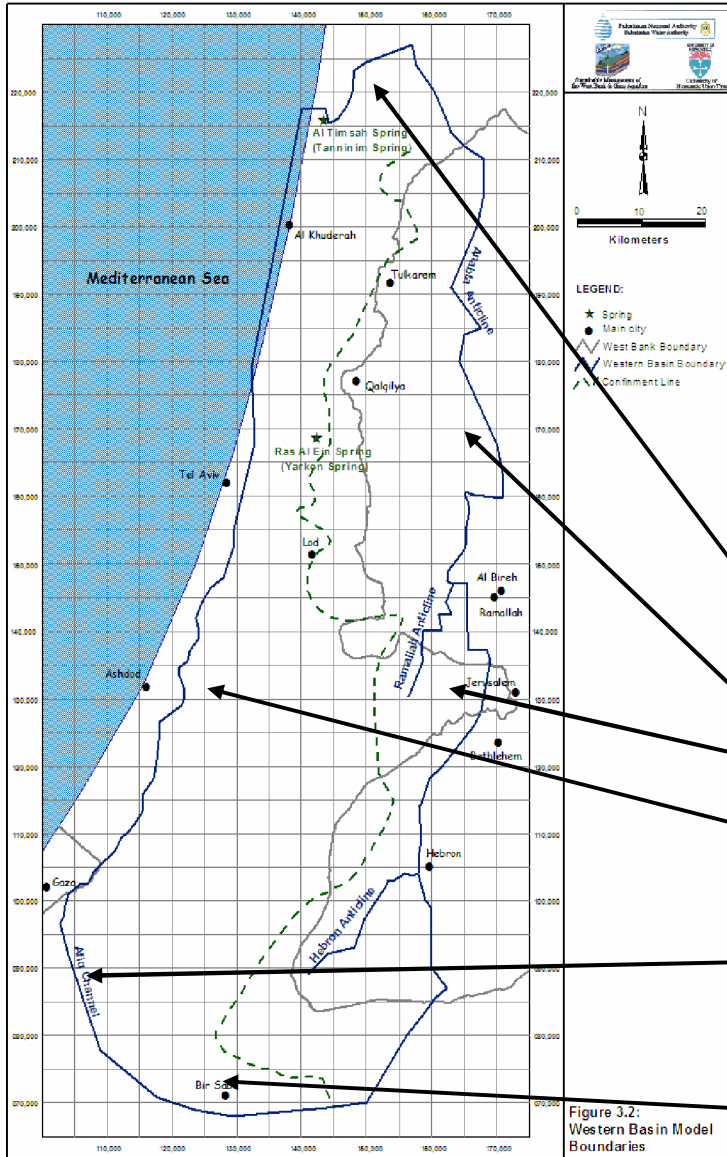
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Boundaries (Model area)

§ Mainly no flow as an effect to
Structure & Lithofacies, etc

§ Model area equal 6036 km²

§ System extensions:

- Ø Foothills of the Carmel Mountains and Menache syncline in the north
- Ø Mountains of the West Bank in the east
- Ø Seaward beneath the coastal plain in the west.
- Ø Affig channel extension, the southern boundary of study area.
- Ø Bir-Saba in the south



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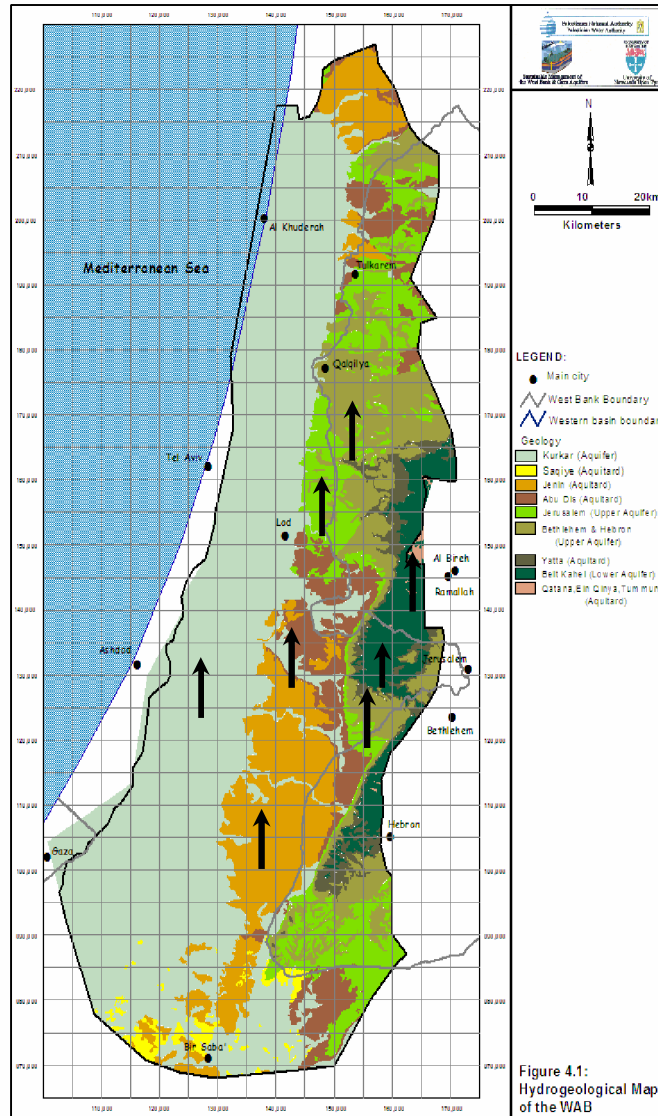
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Outcropping formations in the modelled area.

They were lumped into 5 layers.

Ø **Cover:** Quaternary, Oligocene, Miocene, Pliocene, Eocene, Senonian

Ø **Upper Aquifer:** Turonian-Upper Cenomanian

Ø **Yatta:** Lower Cenomanian

Ø **Lower Aquifer:** Upper Albian

Ø **Base:** Lower Cretaceous



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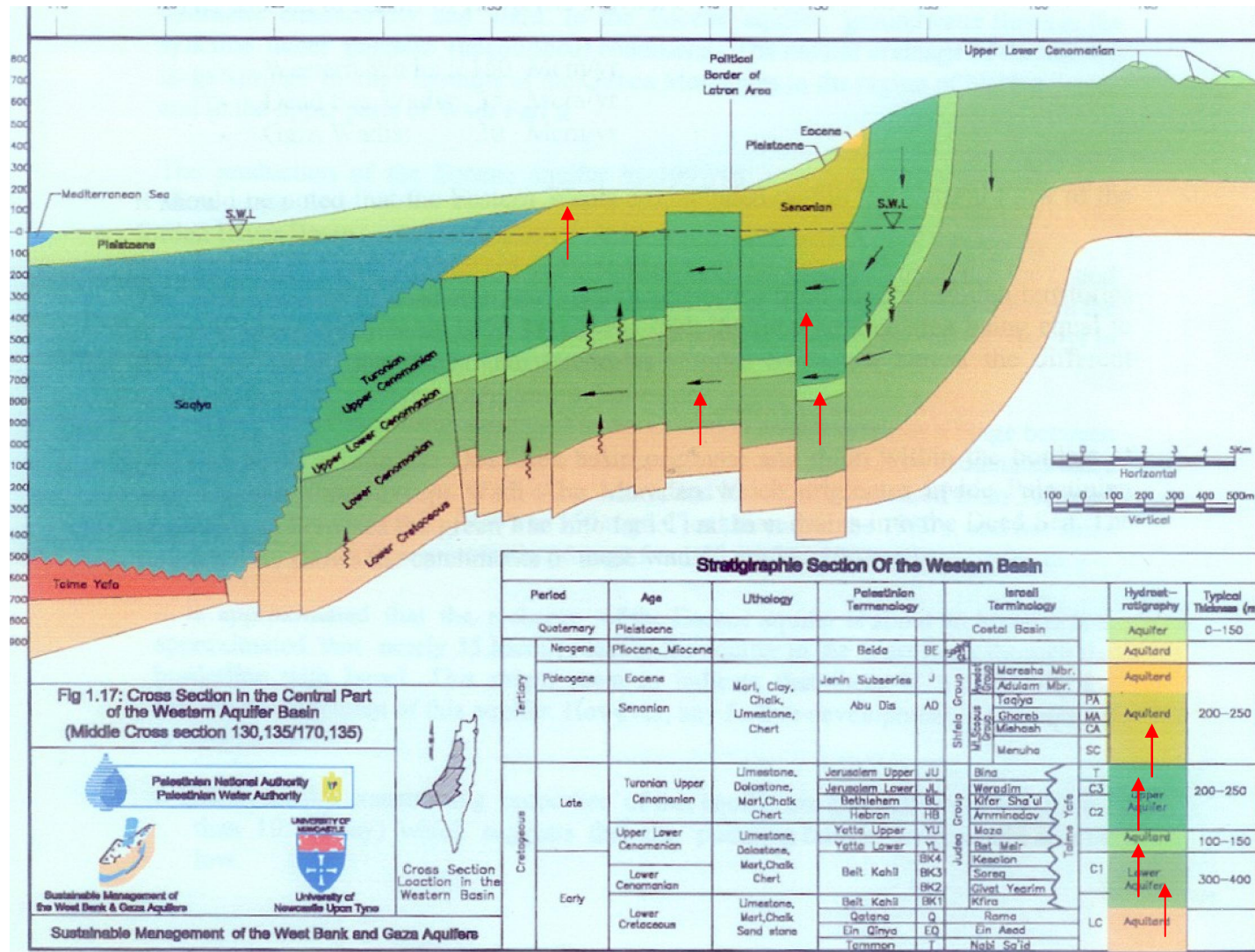


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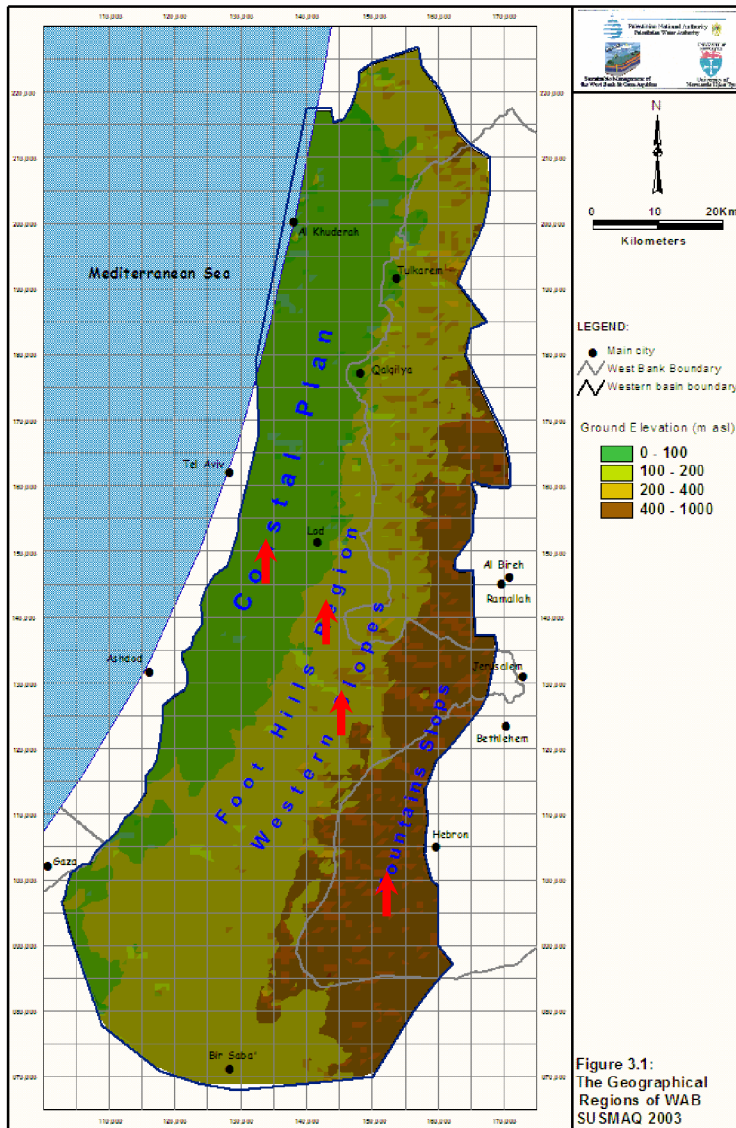


Figure 3.1:
The Geographical
Regions of WAB
SUSMAQ 2003

Geographical Regions

- q Mountains Slopes
Ø400-1000 m asl
- q Western Slopes
Ø200-400 m asl
- q Foothills
Ø100-200 m asl
- q Coastel Plain
Ø0-100 m asl



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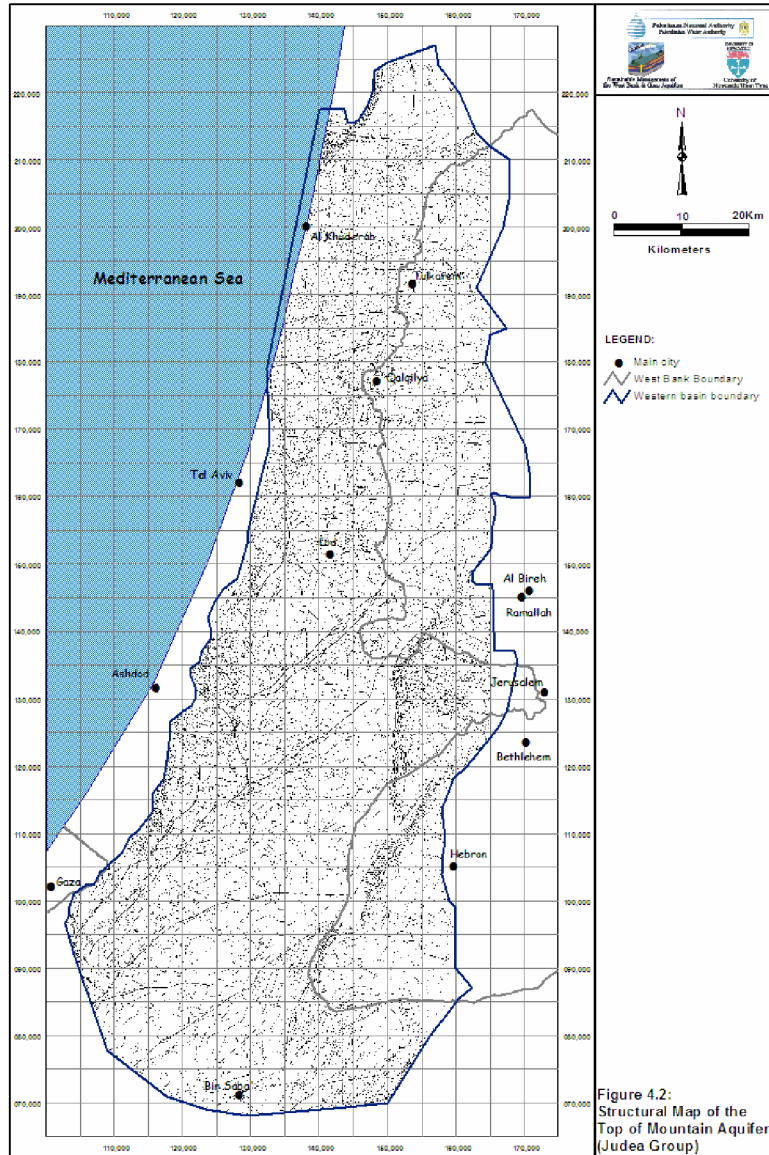


Figure 4.2:
Structural Map of the
Top of Mountain Aquifer
(Judea Group)

Basin Geometry

Layer thicknesses

∅ Total thickness of MA was determined from structural contour maps.

∅ Formation thickness maps were used (from geological maps, wells lithological data and cross sections)to develop thicknesses of UA , Yatta, LA and Yakhini.



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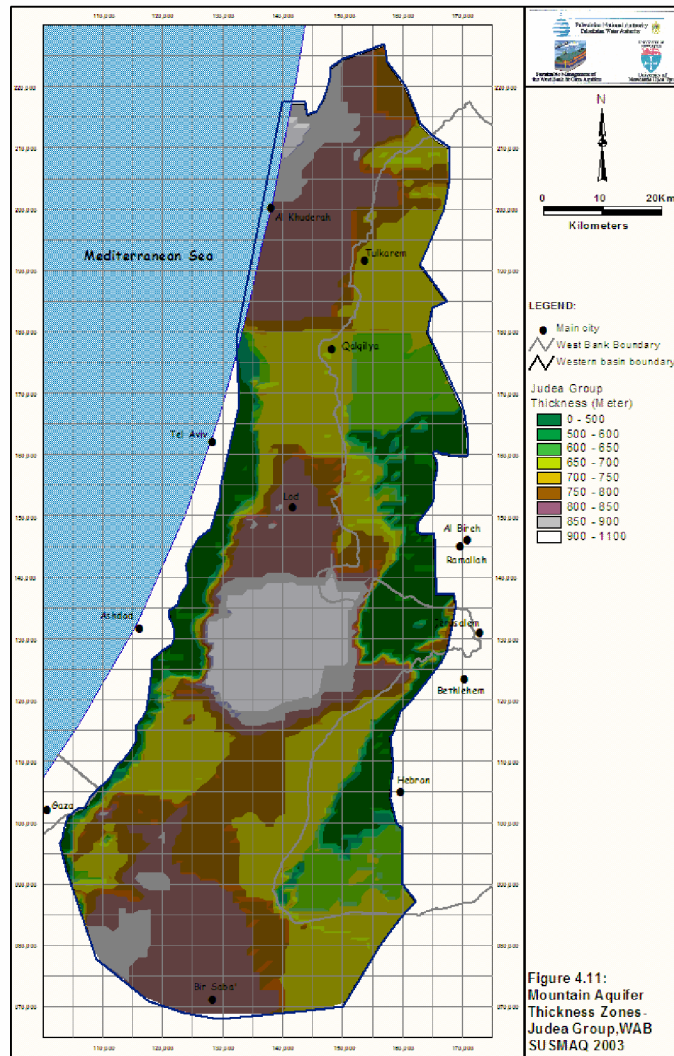
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MA Thickness Zones (650m-900m)



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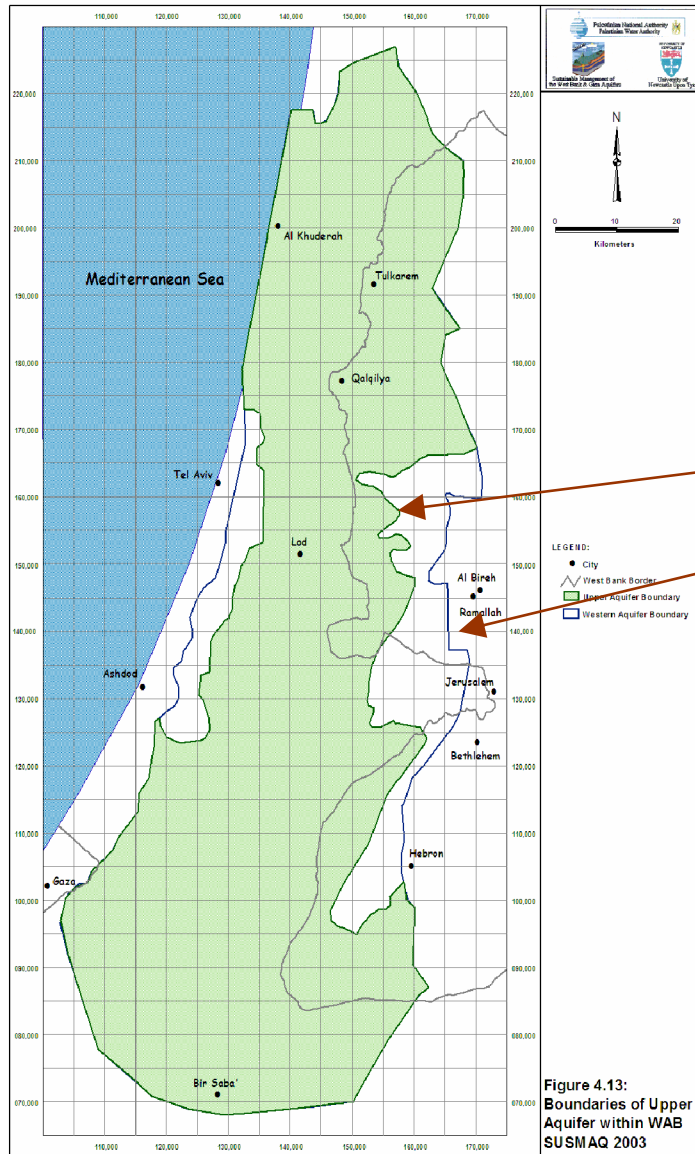


Figure 4.13:
Boundaries of Upper
Aquifer within WAB
SUSMAQ 2003

Aquifers Extension

Ø Extension of UA
and LA

Ø Note the UA is
truncated in the West and
eroded in the east.



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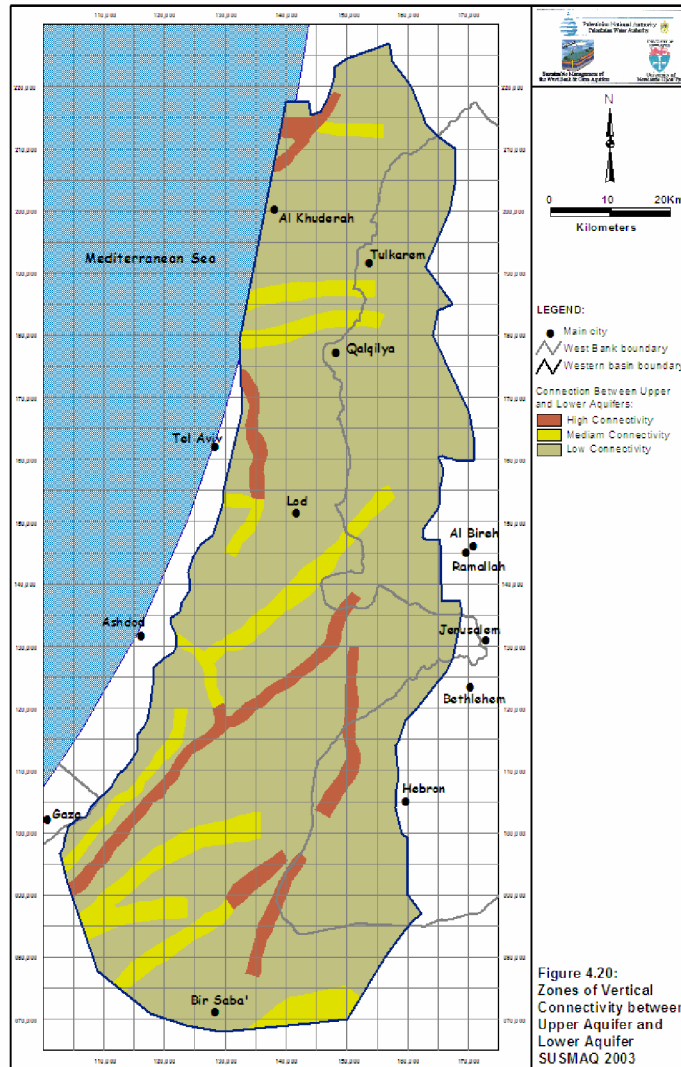
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Connection between Aquifer Units

The UA and LA are
connected where:

Ø The throw of the
faults is greater than
the thickness of Yatta

Ø Lithology of Yatta
changes to make a
continuation of UA
into the LA



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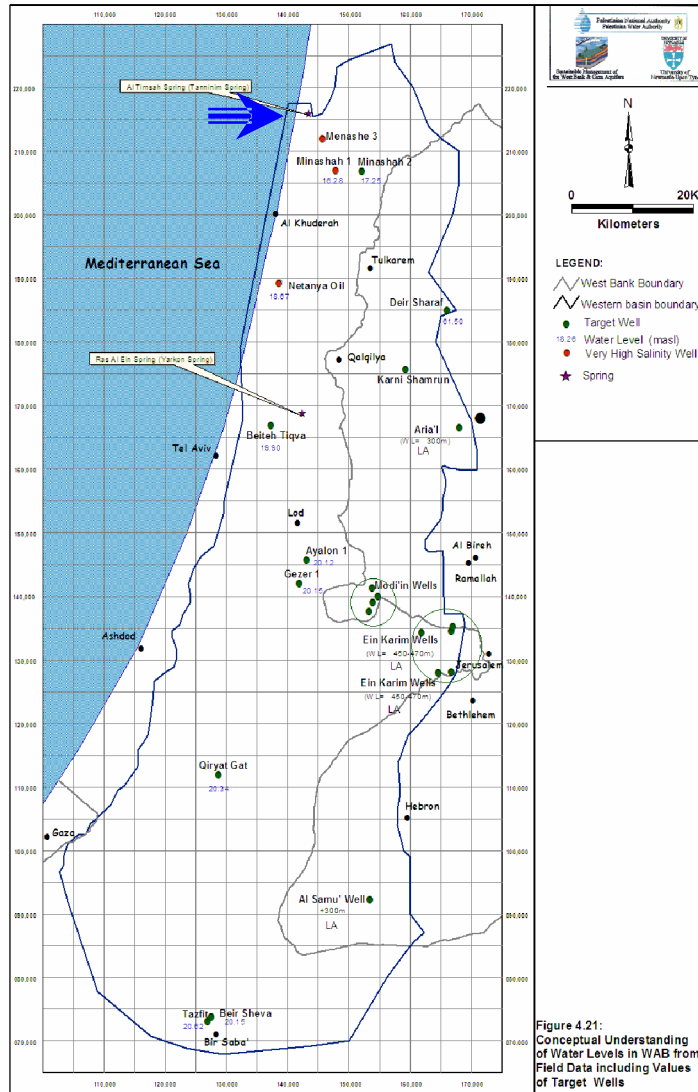


Figure 4.21:
Conceptual Understanding
of Water Levels in WAB from
Field Data including Values
of Target Wells

Connection with the Sea

It is believed that Binyamina fault and other salinisation processes allow 3-4 Mcm/yr from the sea to intrude into the UA, mix with fresh water and leaves through Tanninim spring [average salinity \approx 2000 mg/l]



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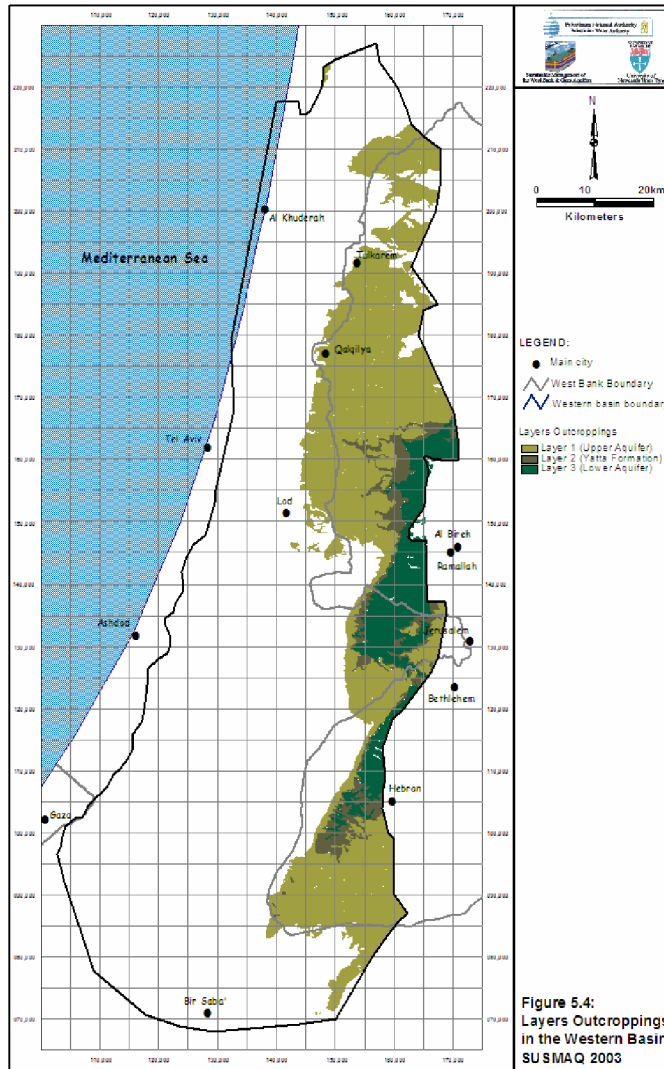


Figure 5.4:
Layers Outcroppings
in the Western Basin
SU SMAQ 2003

Recharge Estimation

Ø Recharge from rainfall

§ On aquifer outcrops

§ Through Shallow aquifer to UA

§ Runoff from rainfall wadis

Ø Recharge from runoff sewage
wadis

Ø Leakage from conveyance
systems

Ø Artificial recharge

Ø Influx from sea



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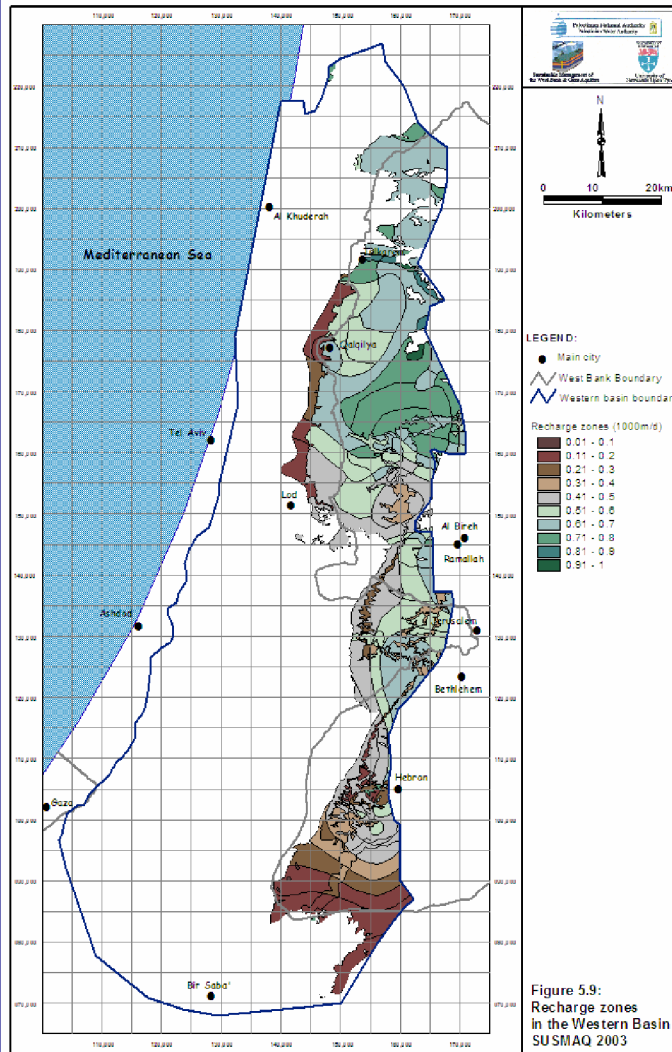
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Total Recharge (Mcm/yr)

Aquifer	Direct Rainfall	Rainfall Runoff	Sewage	Leakage	Sea	Total
UA	244.92	16.99	1.55	5.47	3.6	272.53
Yatta	21.1	1.45	0.02	0.25		22.82
LA	55.4	3.75	0.29	0.71		60.15
Total	321.42	22.19	1.86	6.43	3.6	355.5



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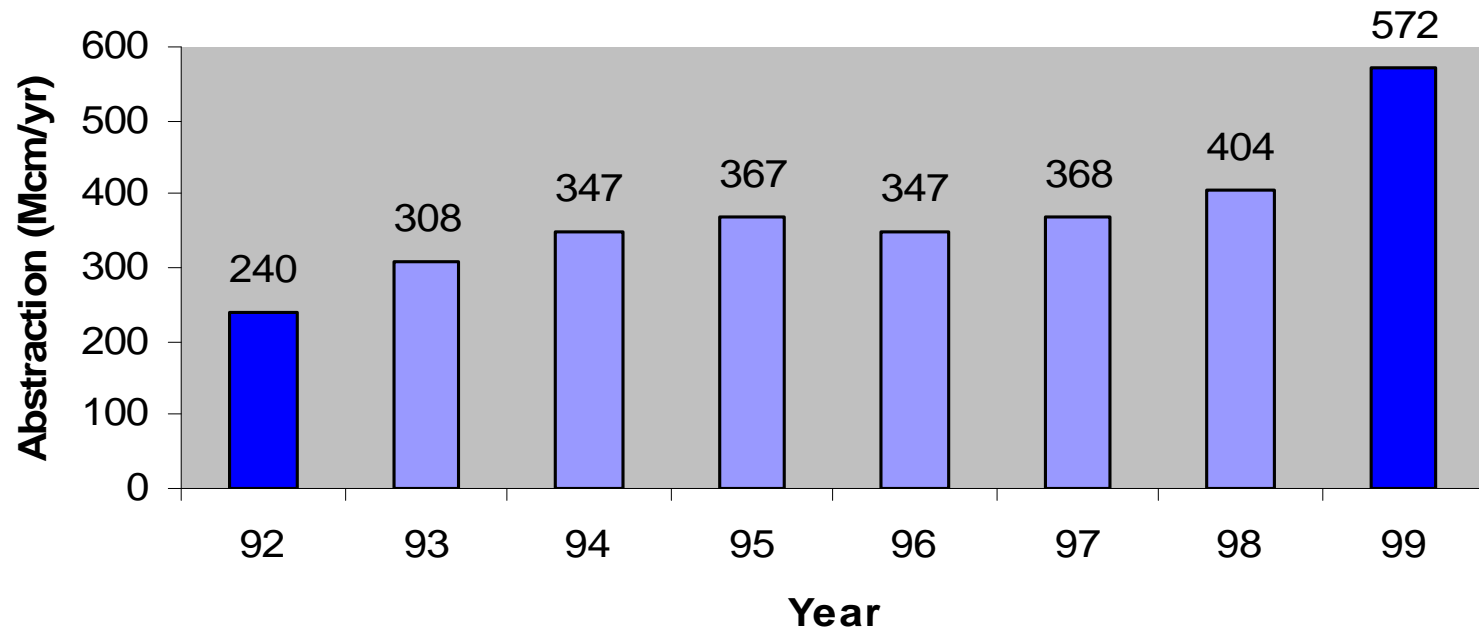
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Total Well Abstractions of WAB



- The period 93-98 gives no anomalies
- Average of 357 Mcm/yr over 93-98



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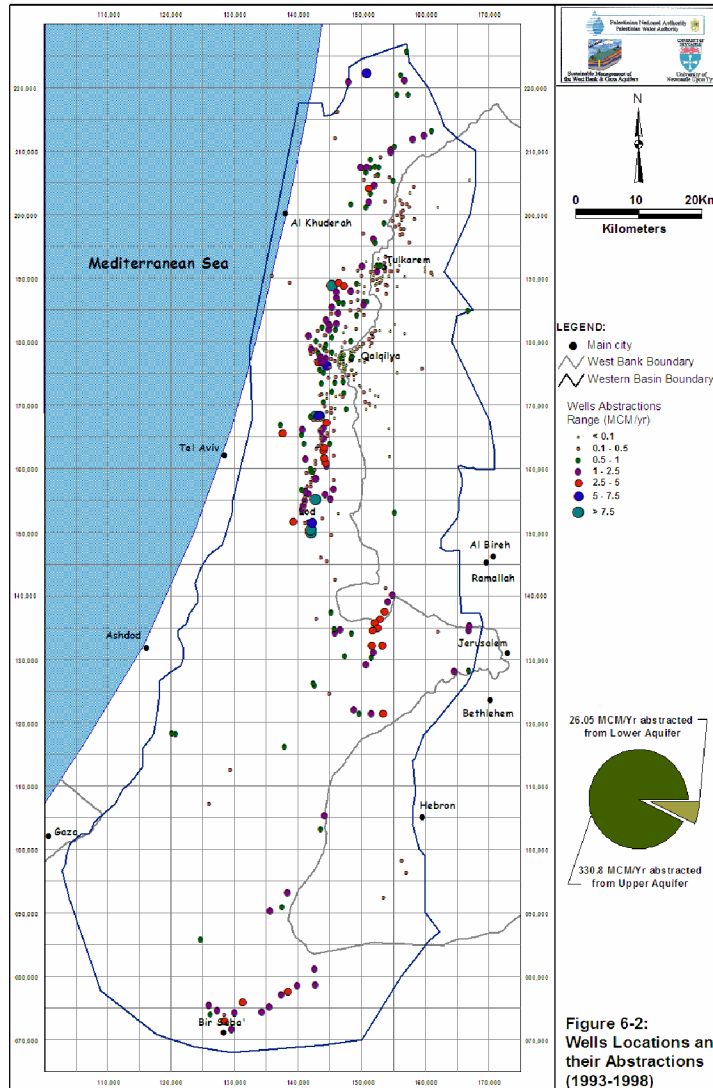
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Well Abstractions

Ø Most wells are located N-S line to the west of the foothills

Ø Most of the wells tap UA (90-92%)



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Spring Discharges

	Rase El Ain(Yarkon)	Al Temsah (Tanninim)
Historical Q	254.5 Mcm/yr	101.3 Mcm/yr
Now	Almost Dry	52 Mcm/yr
TDS	625 mg/l	≈ 2000 mg/l
Water Level	Pool at 16.5 m asl. <i>The Israelis dried up the spring by drilling wells that extract almost the same volume of spring discharge</i>	Water level varies 4.5 -11 m asl <i>Spring dos not issue if water level is less than 4.5 m.</i>

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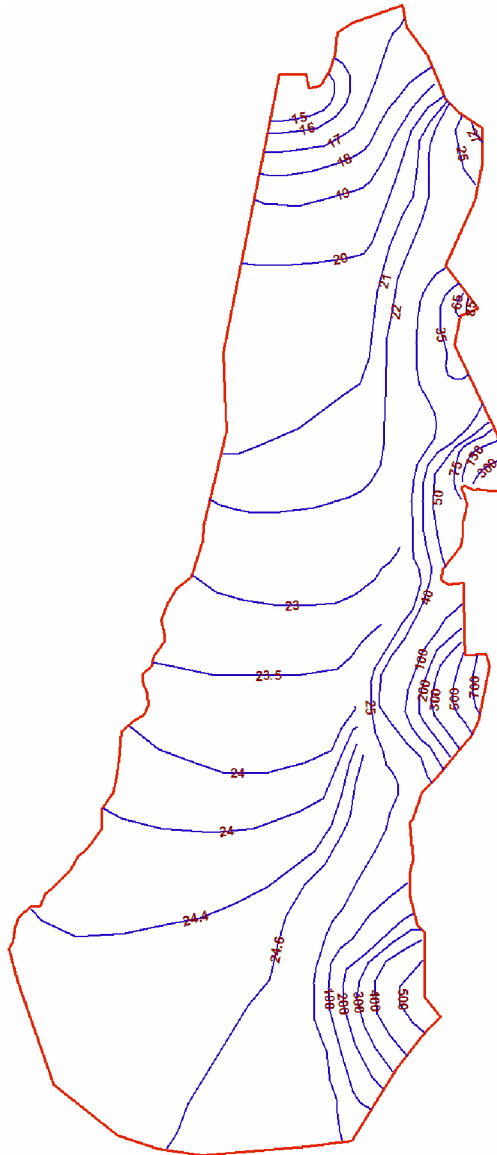


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Water levels

Lower aquifer (BK)

Ø In the recharge areas:
WL are generally high
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Ø Foothills & Coastal
areas: (15 - 24m asl)



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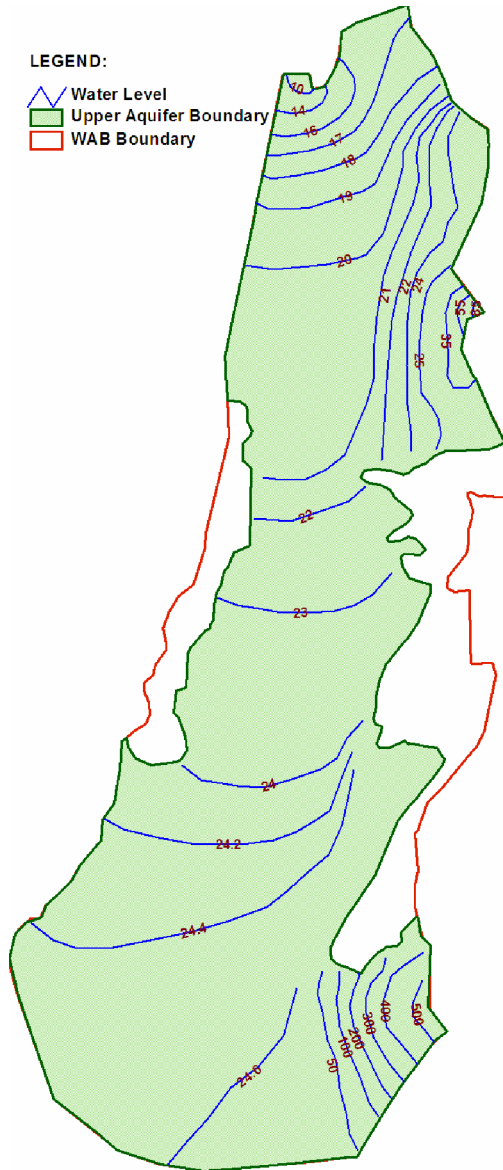


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LEGEND:

- Water Level
- Upper Aquifer Boundary
- WAB Boundary



Water level

For Upper Aquifer (JE, BL & HB)

Ø In the recharge areas: WL are generally high (30- 500 m asl)

Ø Foothills & Coastal areas: (15 - 24m asl)

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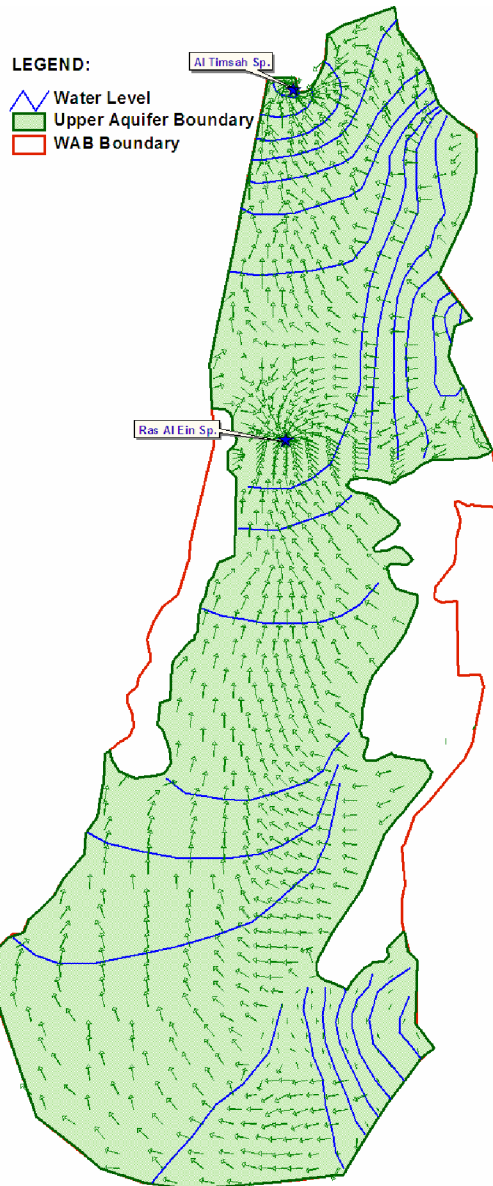


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Flow Patterns /Upper Aquifer

Ø The flow lines originate mainly from the recharge zones

Ø In general the direction is east-west and south-north:

§ Lithological facies changes and truncation of Judea Group prevent the groundwater flow to the west.

§ As a result, the flow direction will be diverted to the natural outlets of the basin in the north.



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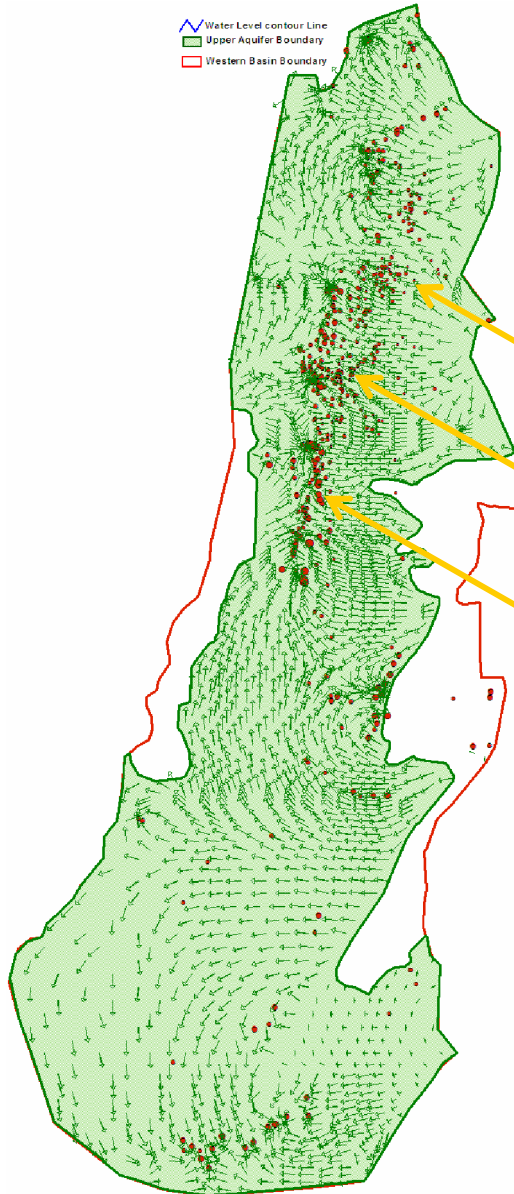


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∅ The flow lines are affected by pumping and due to the changing abstraction rates.



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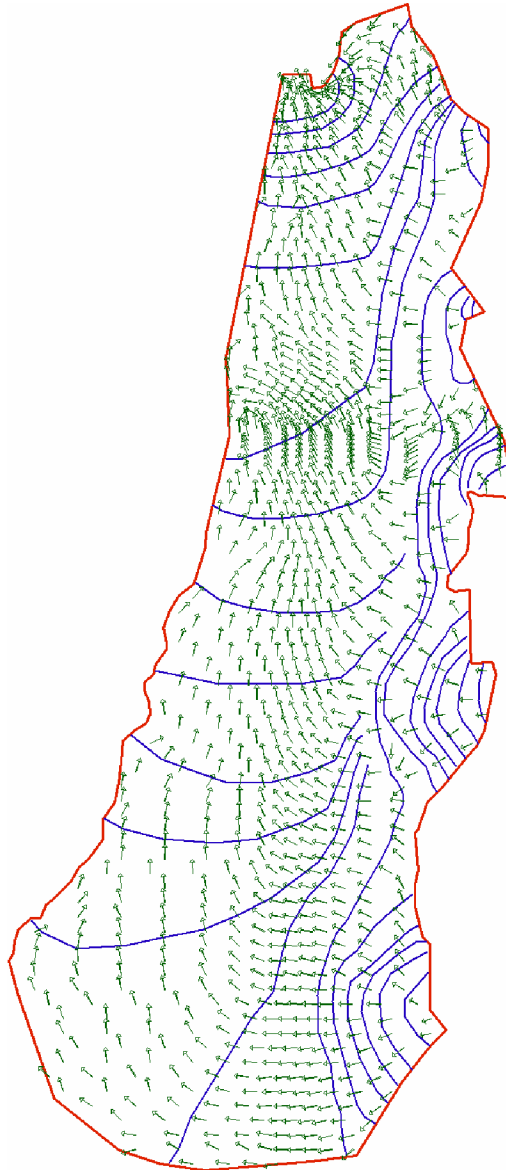


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Flow Patterns / *Lower Aquifer*

Ø The flow lines originate mainly from the recharge zones

Ø In general the direction is west-east and south-north.



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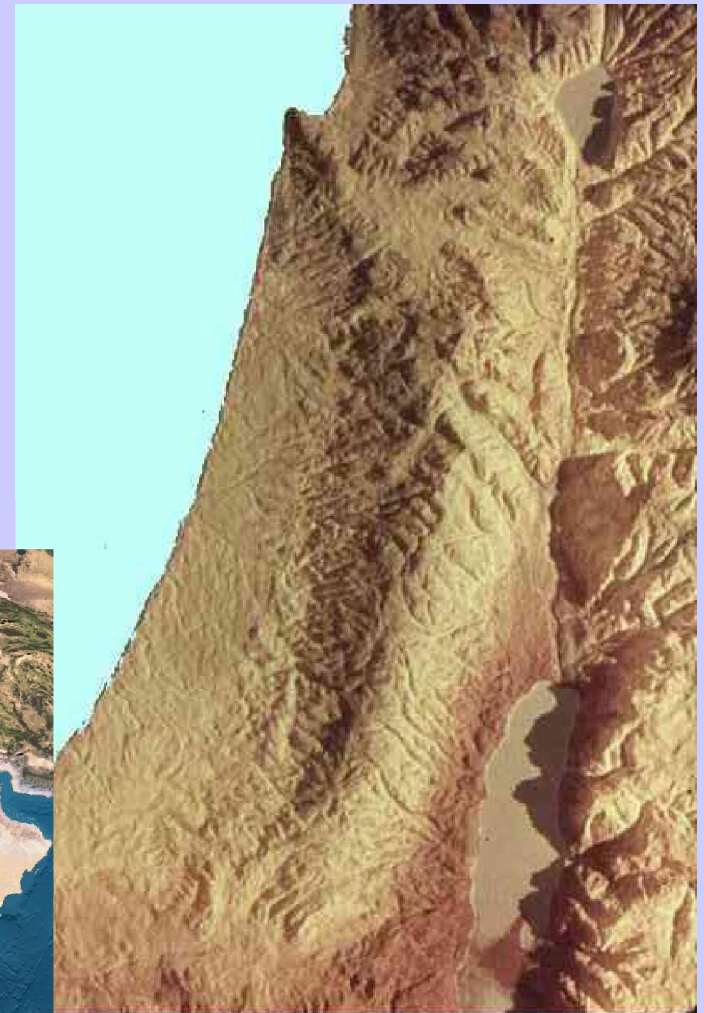
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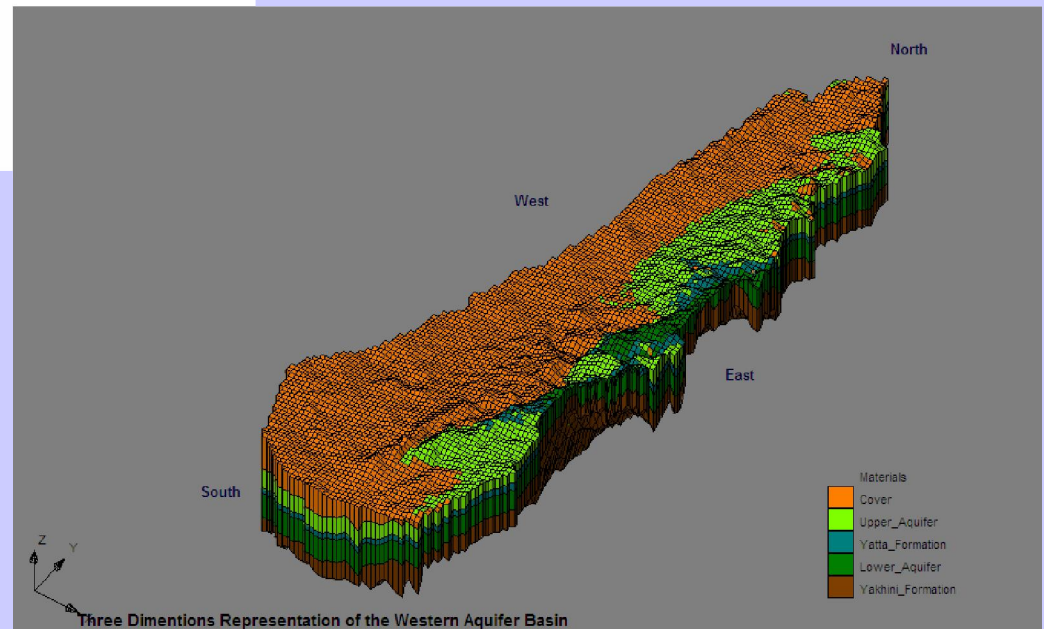
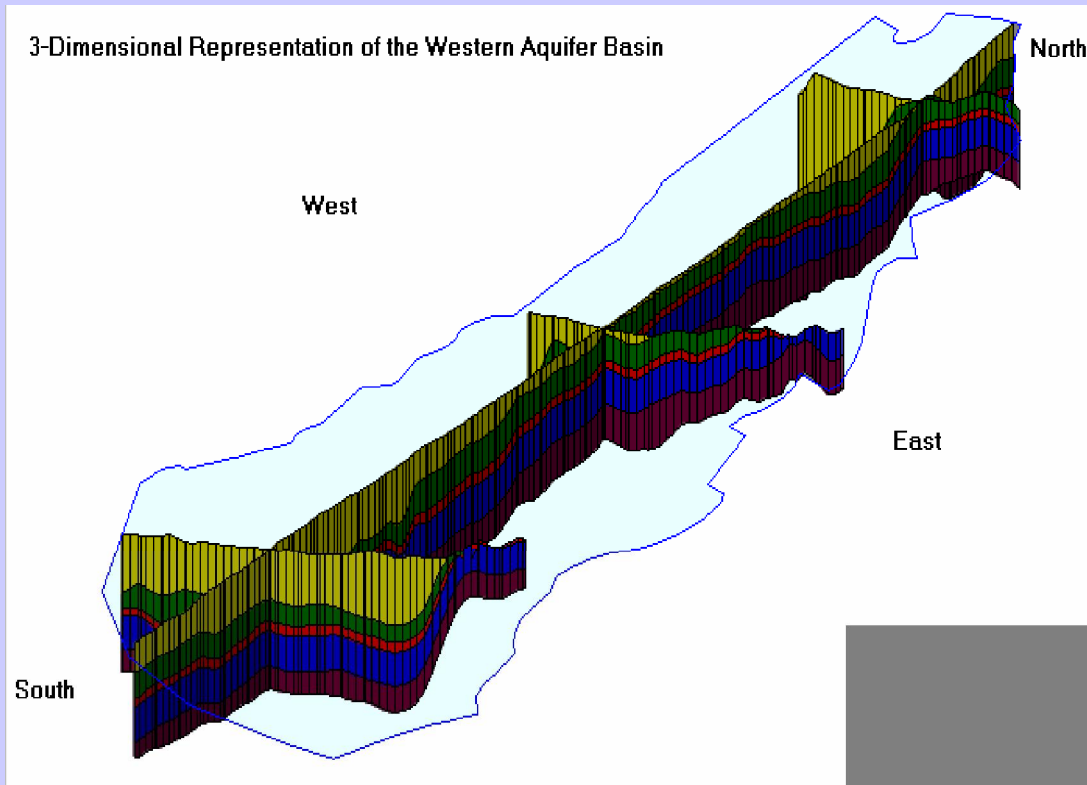
- Ø Topography
- Ø Top Upper Aquifer
- Ø Top Yatta Aquifer
- Ø Top Lower Aquifer
- Ø Bottom Lower Aquifer
- Ø Top Telamim

PGE	PGN	Topography (m asl)	Top Upper Aquifer (Top Jer) (m asl)	Top Yatta Aquitard (Top Yat) (m asl)	Top Lower Aquifer (Top UBK) (m asl)	Bottom Lower Aquifer (Top Qat) (m asl)	Bottom Yakhini Aquiclude (Qat,EQ,T) (m asl)
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q Satellite Images including the study area of the (WAB & NEAB)



q Three Dimensional Presentation of (WAB)



Geological Cross Section and Maps

Stratigraphic Section

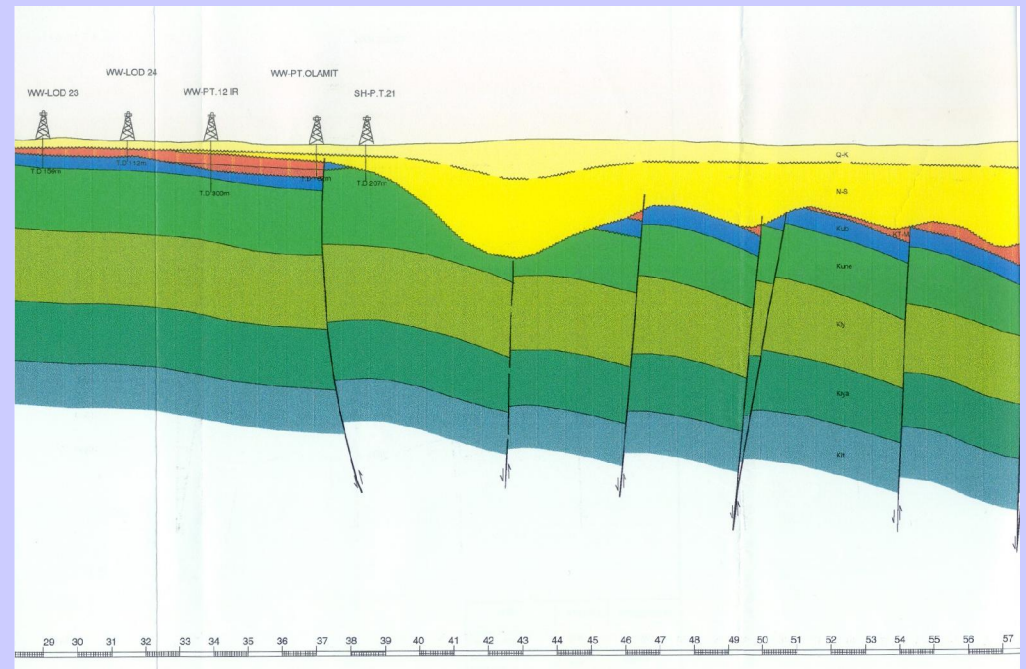
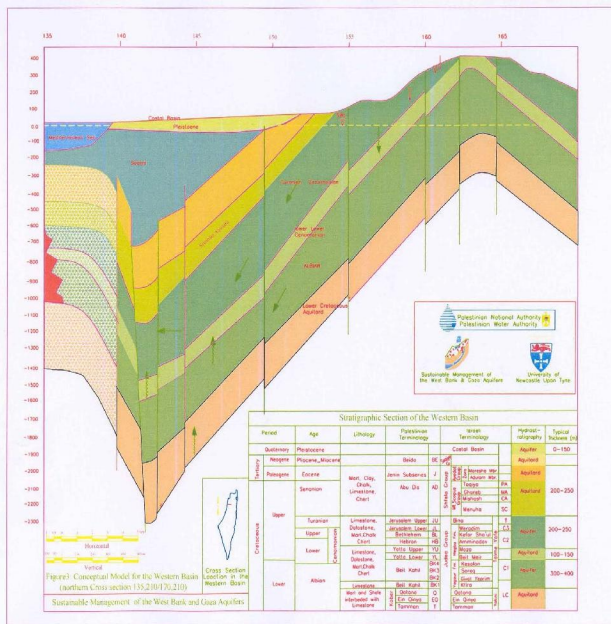
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Quaternary	Pleistocene\Holocene			Costal Basin		Aquifer	0-150			
Tertiary	Neogene	Marl, Chalk, Clay and Limestone	Beida	BE	Saqiyeh Cr.	Aquitard				
	Paleogene		Eocene	Jenin subseries		J	Shfela Group	Aquitard		
Paleocene		Abu Dis	AD	Avedat Group	Zora	Maresha Mbr.				
Cretaceous	Upper	Marl, clay, chalk, limestone, chert			Mt.Scopus Group	Taqiya	PA	Aquitard	200-250	
						Ghareb	MA			
						Mishash	CA			
						Menuha	SC			
	Lower	Albian	Limestone, dolostone, marl, chalk, chert	Jerusalem	J	Judea Group	Bi'na	T	Aquifer	200-250
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				Bethlehem Lower	BLL		Kefar Sha'ul	C2		
				Hebron	HB		Amminadav			
				Yatta Upper	YU		Moza			
		Yatta Lower	YL	Beit Meir						
		Upper Beit Kahil	BK4 BK3	Kesalon	C1	Aquifer	300-400			
		Lower Beit Kahil	BK2 BK1	Soreq						
		Limestone		Giv'at Ye'arim						
		Marl and shale interbedded with limestone	Kobar	Qatana	Yakhini	LC	Aquitard			
			Qatana	Q						
			Ein Qinya	EQ						
			Tammun	T						

Figure 1.9: Stratigraphic Section of the Western Basin

Ø Cross Sections

√ 13 Cross Sections (SUSMAQ/WAB)

√ 16 Cross Sections (Israeli Source/WAB)



2) Production of an inventory of water table and piezometric surface elevation data

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Ø Annual data

Ø Bi annual

Ø Monthly data

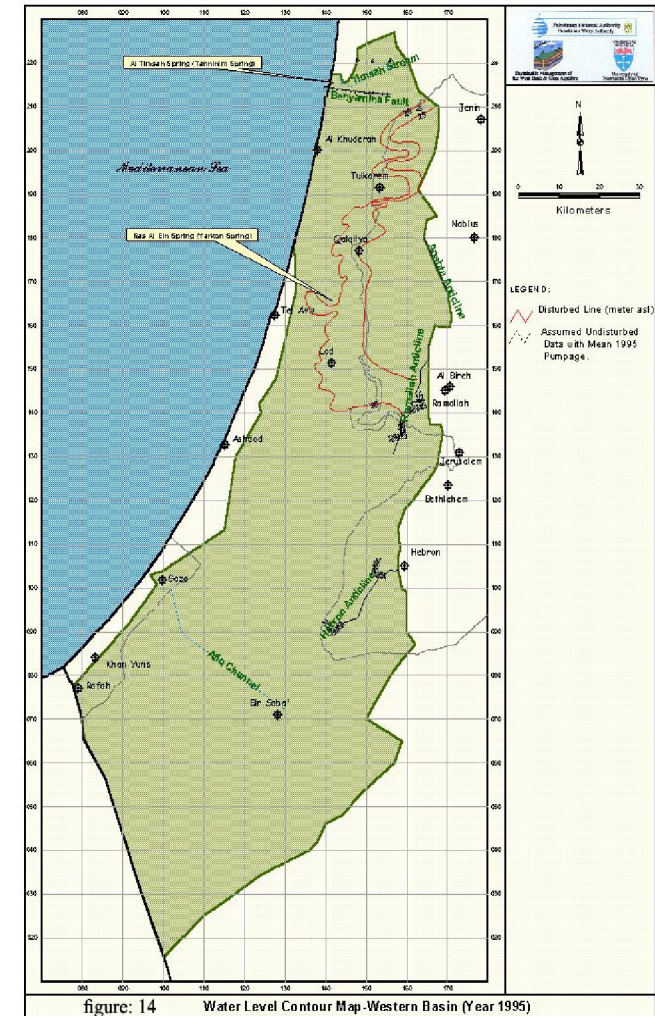
Ø scattered

q Sources of WL data

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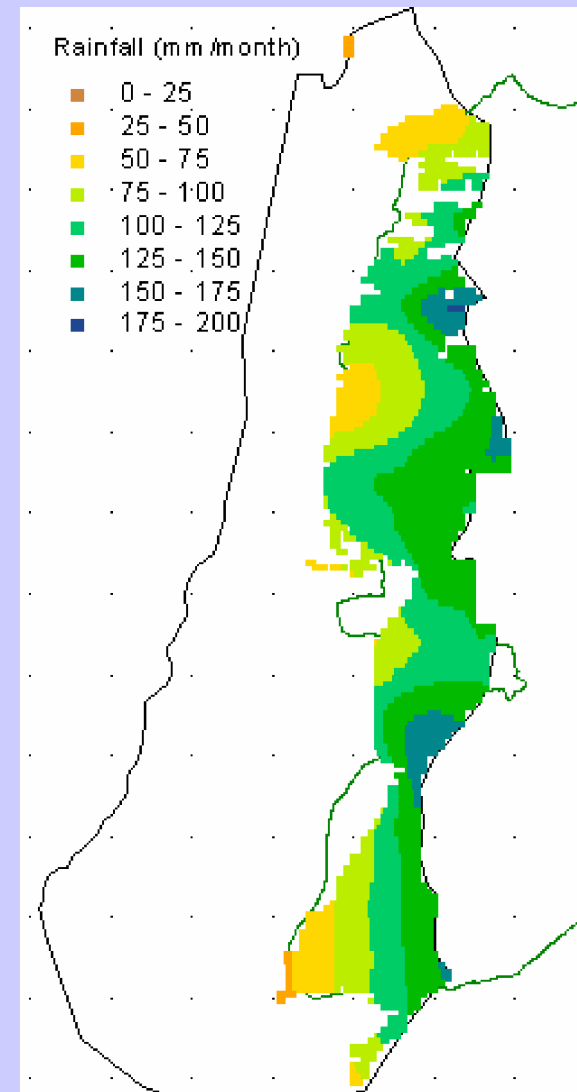
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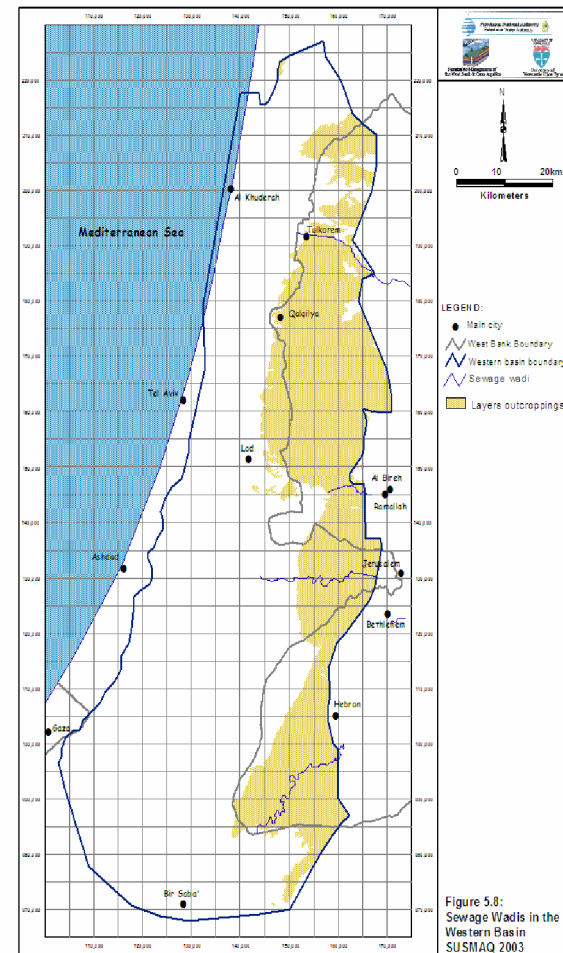
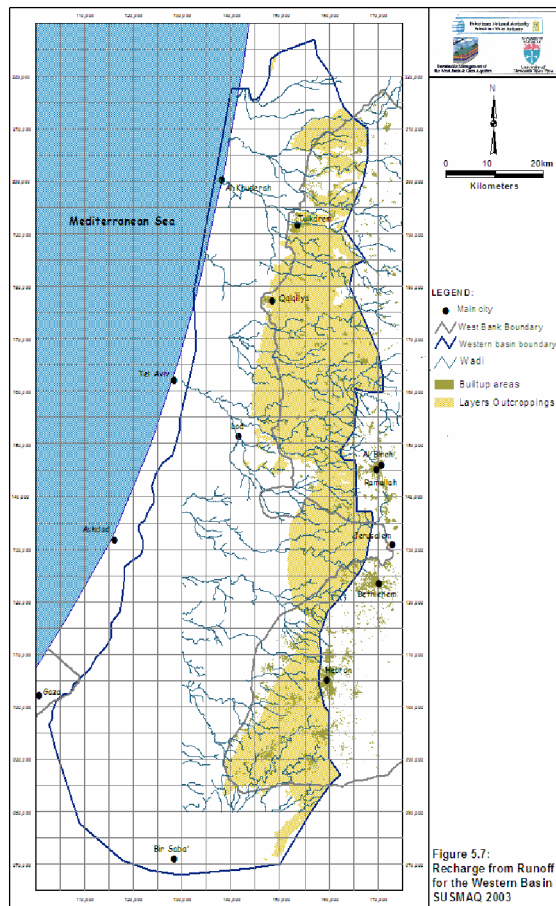
3) Production of an atlas of initial estimates of mean monthly recharge from rainfall

Ø 12 Monthly Values

Ø Monthly Recharge maps for each month for each year (1968-1993)



4) Production of atlas of mean monthly recharge from irrigation, wastewater re-use and other artificial sources

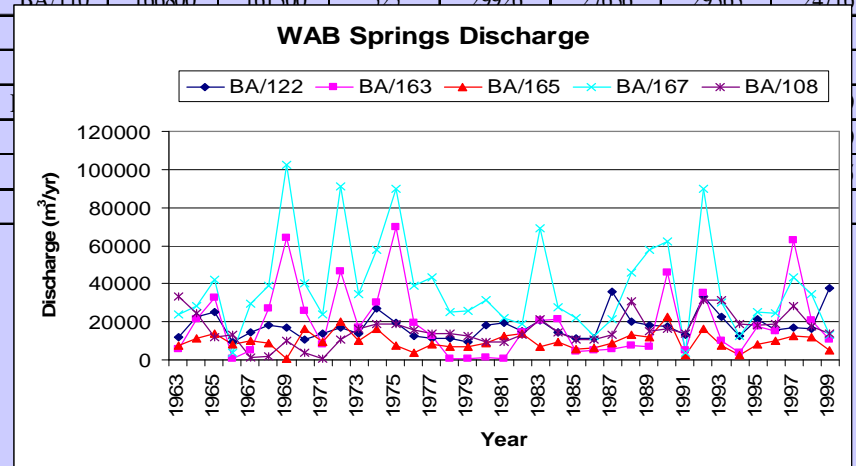


5) Compilation of an inventory of spring discharges

Ø Spring general data

Ø Spring discharges

No	Spring ID	PGE	PGN	Elev. (m asl)	1963	1964	1965	1966
1	BA/121	156880	160080	255	127322	399411	377696	150739
2	BA/122	156960	158960	300	11674	22318	25203	9173
3	BA/163	164380	147920	510	5403	21156	32626	380
4	BA/165	164370	147800	560	7713	11160	13818	8005
5	BA/167	164400	147800	525	23828	28450	42334	3889
6	BA/170	163630	145880	535	76021	99940	95189	63299
7	BA/171	163330	146120	515	2922	102421	125833	83686
8	BA/085	162400	165500	375	59455	58841	100583	59462
9	BA/108	169100	160300	570	33129	24348	12180	13504
10	BA/111	166900	158900	430	30092	32689	29656	22933
11	BA/164	165370	148700	500	31749	127831	209249	87441
12	BB/020	163240	126080	655	3273	67353	41830	54976
13	BB/021	162590	125470	630	2354	42037	43705	18379
14	BB/022	162200	124400	710	2842	7575	12853	1117
15	BB/077	154900	101500	810	9453	98766	28325	18366
16	BB/086	154860	99140	770	10606	48742	38107	25612
17	BA/137	161680	157420	500	3600	2954	631	1537
18	BA/110	166800	161300	525	29926	27636	29363	24716
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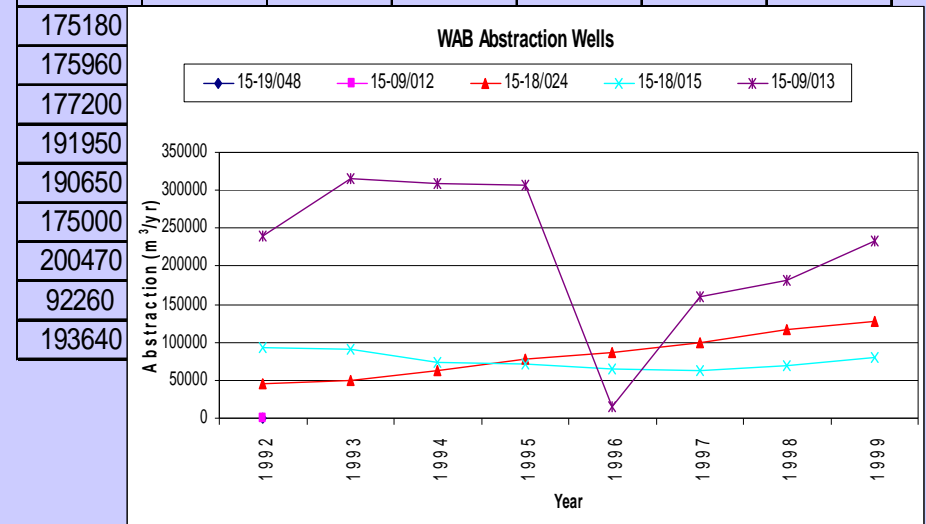


6) Compilation of an inventory of groundwater abstractions

ØWells general data

ØWells abstraction:
annual and monthly

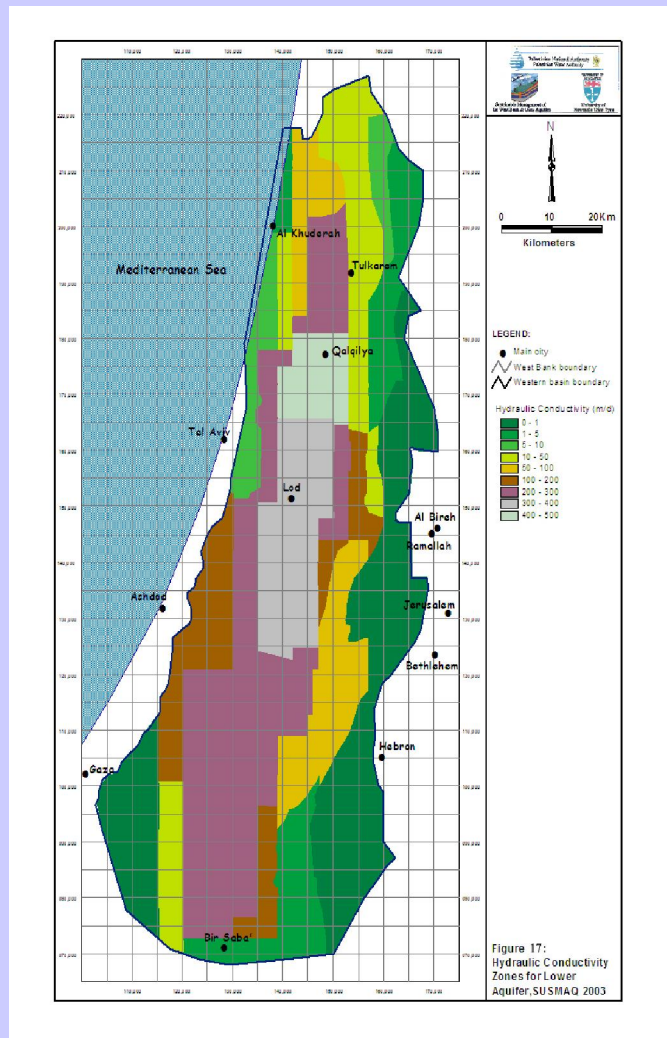
PGN	Elev. (m asl)	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
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96200	700	238953	316253	309252	307225	15804
181600	142	108012	120808	126220	116755	112215
195450	195	132166	99299	189190	216130	251357
174640	75	184623	221571	215778	253751	254765
166150	200	1235	1779	717	875	649
198960	100	111503	131417	149507	160750	173747
177450	120	1030443	1006514	1076349	797560	1157241
204280	130	223531	254058	231788	257127	268424
179100	102	85209	91184	86600	122073	132175
188650	70	130229	240124	230562	227439	236399
177850	50	0	0	14729	9936	
153000	250	627095	628457	731803	675075	623785



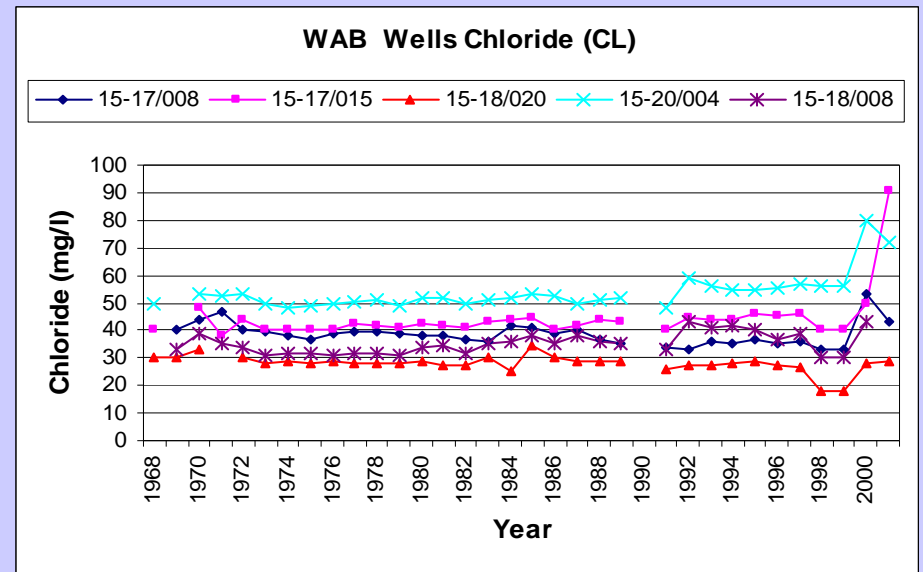
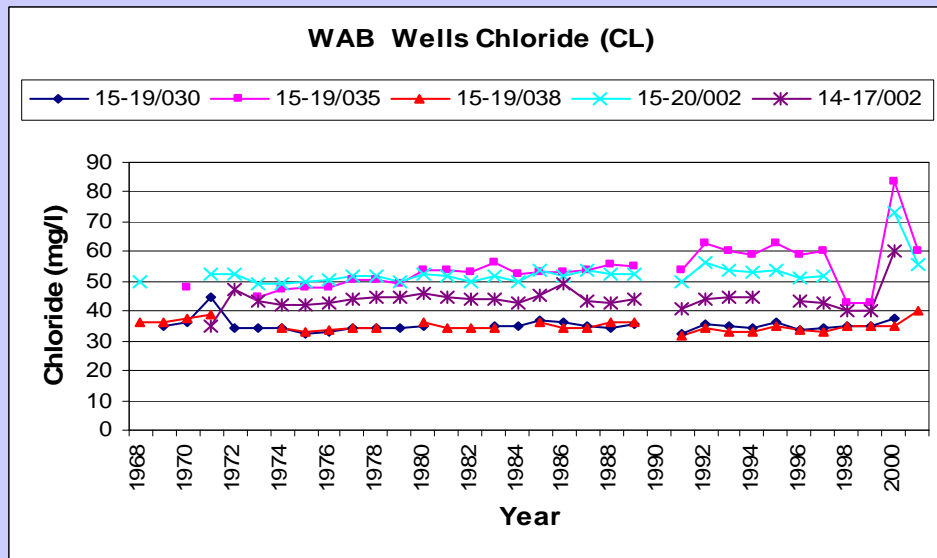
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7) Compilation of an inventory of hydraulic conductivity storage coefficient and leakage estimates

Ø Maps of hydraulic conductivity, T, S, n, etc



8) Compilation of an inventory of water chemistry data



Ø Yearly chloride content data

Ø Yearly Nitrate content data



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