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JORDAN VALLEY AND DEAD SEA AREA

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KEY FACTS

- The Jordan Valley and Dead Sea area covers around 30 per cent of the West Bank, and is home to nearly 60,000 Palestinians.
- Most of the area is prohibited for Palestinian use, earmarked instead for the use of the Israeli military or under the jurisdiction of Israeli settlements.
- Around one quarter of Palestinians in the area reside in Area C, including some 7,900 Bedouin and herders. Some 3,400 people reside partially or fully in closed military zones and face a high risk of forced displacement.
- There are 37 Israeli settlements, with a population of 9,500, established across the area, in contravention of international law.
- Water consumption dips to 20 litres/capita/day in most herding communities in the area, compared to the WHO recommendation of 100 l/c/d and the average settlement consumption of 300 l/c/d.
- Access to the area, which has improved in the past year, is controlled by two checkpoints and two partial checkpoints, the latter of which are rarely staffed.
- Restrictions on access to transportation routes, to agricultural land and to water resources have impeded Palestinian livelihoods. Meanwhile, Israeli settlements have been able to develop highly profitable agricultural, mineral, touristic and other businesses.

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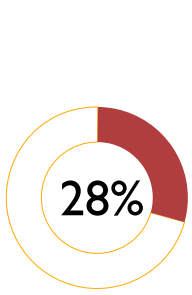

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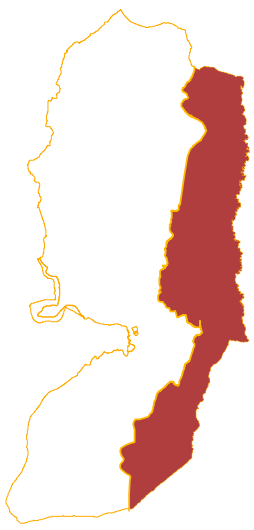

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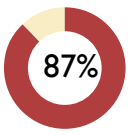

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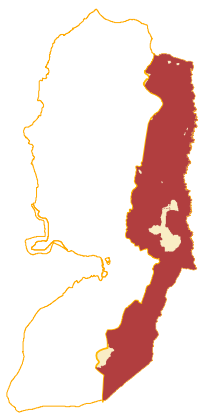

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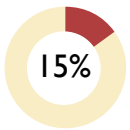

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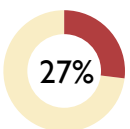
Nature Reserves

Israeli & "Wye River Memorandum"**



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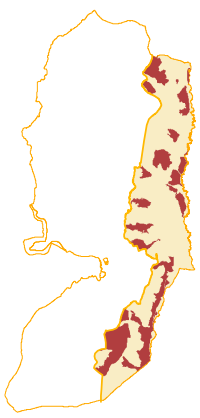

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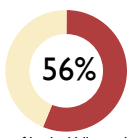

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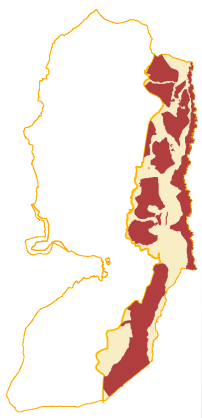
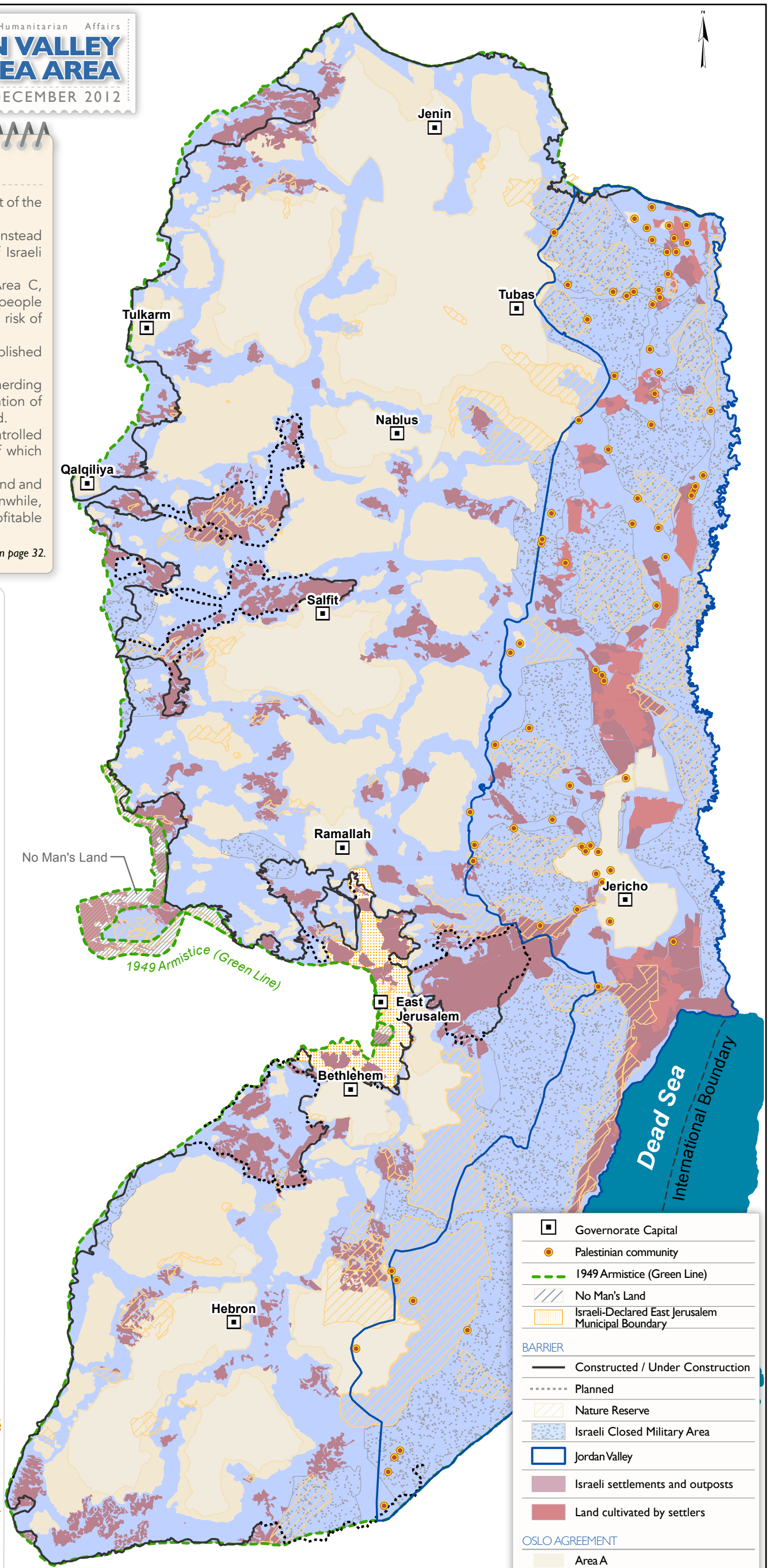


* Includes settlement municipal boundaries, outer limits, outposts and land cultivated by settlers. The settlement regional council is 92% of the Jordan Valley and Dead Sea area.

** Under the Wye River Memorandum of 1998, land reserves, amounting to approximately three percent of the West Bank, were supposed to be handed over to the PA to be set aside as a Green Area/Nature Reserve. To date, the PA has not been allowed to utilize this area.



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