Olive groves behind the electronic fences of settlements

Similarly to more than 50 other settlements, the outer limits of Karmei Zur settlement encompass over 100 dunums of private land cultivated by Palestinians. Access to this area is restricted by a ‘prior coordination’ regime which undermines agricultural livelihoods.

Access restricted areas

The large majority of the olive trees that existed in areas within 1.5 km from the perimeter fence were destroyed in recent years by the Israeli military. Farmers refrain from replanting these areas due to the weekly leveling incursions and the risk of receiving ‘warning shots’ when approaching the area.

Formerly lavish olive groves were leveled by the IDF in the access restricted areas along the border fence, Gaza 2012, photo by OCHA.