



EcoPeace

Friends of the Earth Middle East

# THE EFFORTS OF FOEME USING WATER TO ADVANCE PEACEMAKING

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# Who we are

- Unique organization that brings together Jordanian, Israeli and Palestinian environmentalists
- Founded in 1994 to promote sustainable development and the protection of our shared environmental heritage
- FoEME has offices in Amman, Bethlehem, and Tel-Aviv



# How we work

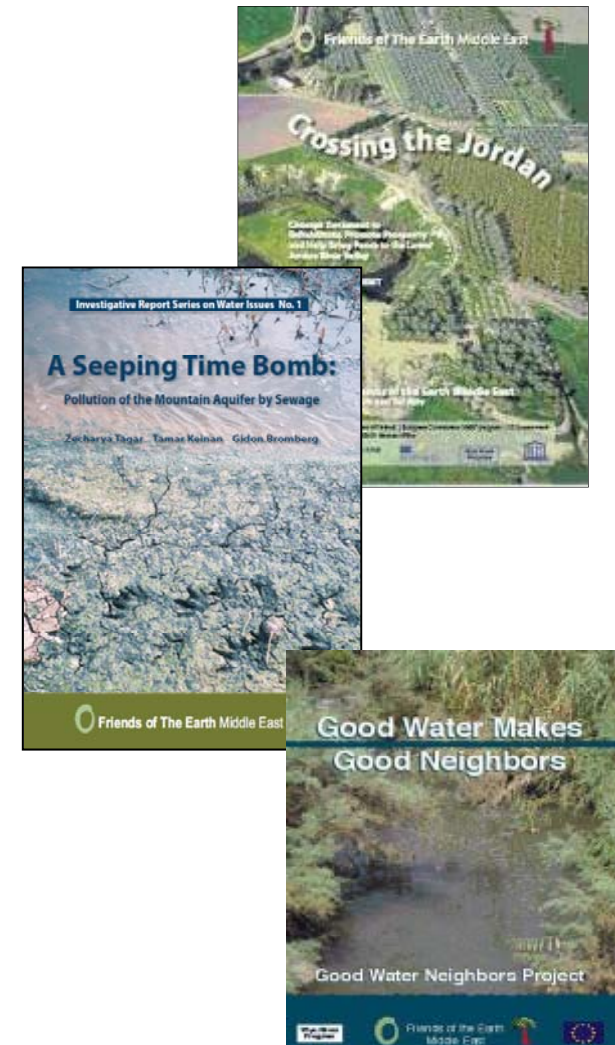
## 1. “TOP DOWN” - Research / Lobby / Advocacy

- ▣ Dead Sea
- ▣ Jordan River
- ▣ Mountain Aquifer
- ▣ Climate Change
- ▣ Fair Water Accord

## 2. “BOTTOM UP” - Community / Grass Roots

- ▣ “Good Water Neighbors”

This combination of lobby activities & community work has proved extremely successful...



# Water Characteristics in the ME



- ❑ Scarce resource
- ❑ + Interdependent nature
- ❑ + Competing demands by countries and by sectors
- ❑ + Unequal distribution
- ❑ + Increasingly polluted

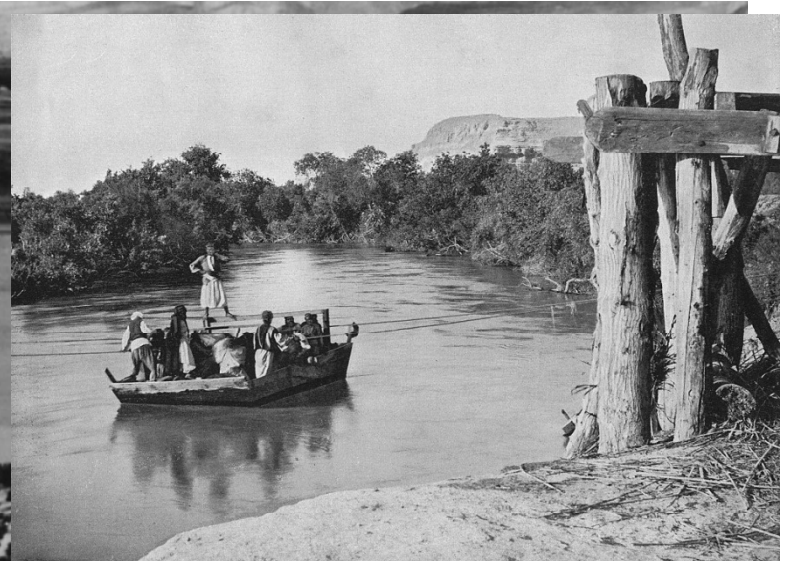
# Shared Water Resources

- Jordan River
- Dead Sea
- Mountain Aquifer
- Coastal Aquifer





# The Mighty River Jordan



# Not So Mighty Today





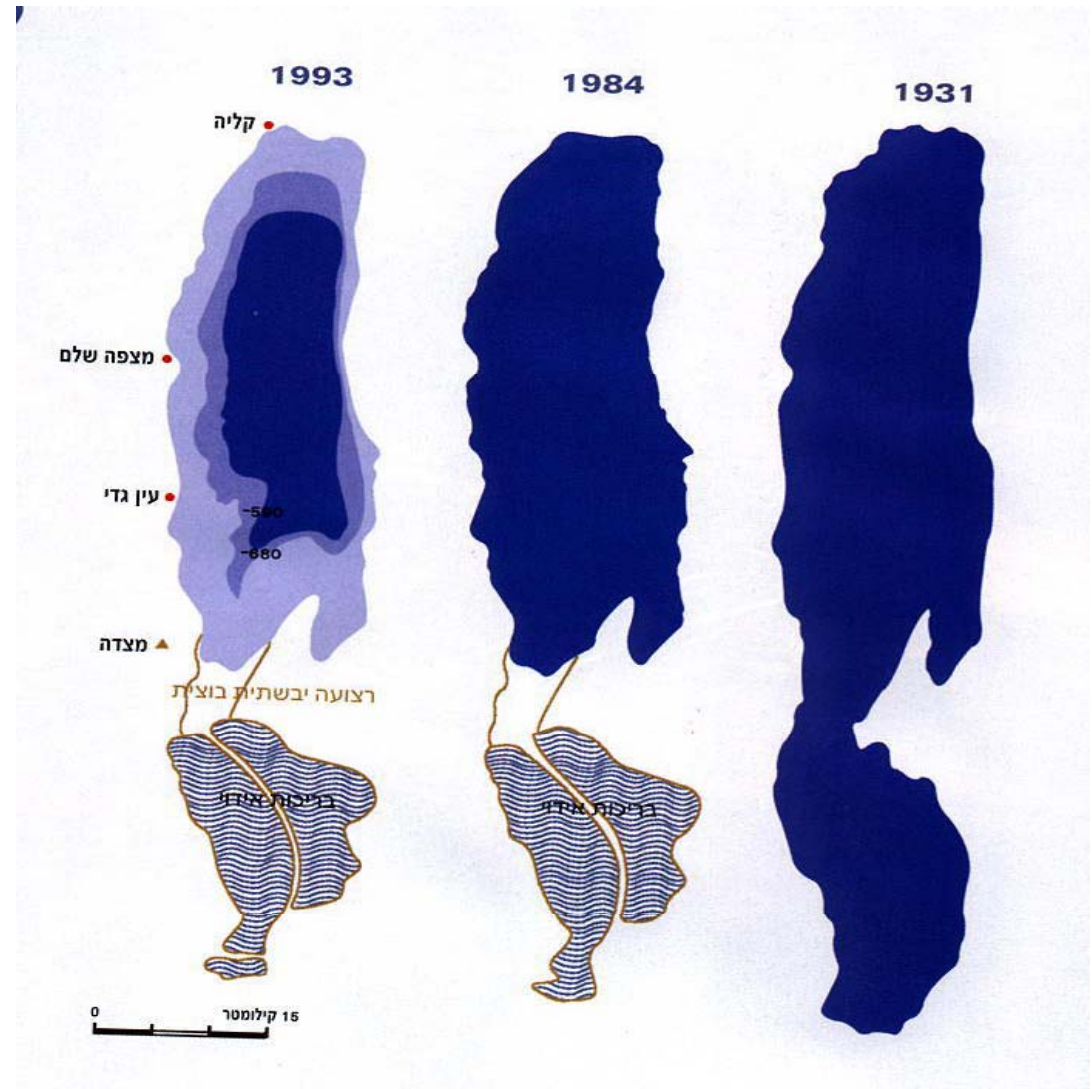
# The Mysterious Dead Sea





# Demise of the Dead Sea

- Dead Sea has lost 1/3 of surface area
- Dropping by over 1 meter every year
- Man made Tragedy of the Commons



# Current Water-Sharing Regime

- 1995 Oslo II accord (Art. 40 on water)
- Joint Water Committee (JWC)
- ***Effective Israeli veto on Palestinian access to shared water. For Areas C second layer of approvals – Civil Admin***
- Israel extracts ca. 80% of Mtn. Aquifer
- **JWC arrangement “interim” 5-year agreement btw. Israel and P.A.**



# Is technology always the right Solution!





Need for new water arrangements now  
One example of concrete people to people  
citizen diplomacy activities - building the peace  
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