



ALL ACROSS THE JORDAN: TRANS-BOUNDARY FOEME MASTER PLAN OF THE LOWER JORDAN RIVER BASIN

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- **Friends of the Earth Middle East** is a tri-lateral Jordanian, Palestinian, Israeli **environmental peacemaking** organization.
FoEME's Strategic Pillars
- **Fair Share between People and Nature:** Master plans balance the needs of people and nature
- **Cross-border Water Justice:** Palestinian riparian rights and fair share of the benefits of a accessible and rehabilitated river central to the master planning process.
- **National Environmental Activism:** encourages the national adoption of Integrated Water Resource Management and other international best practices.

The Lower Jordan River



Friends of the Earth Middle East

EcoPeace

- Rich in Cultural, Historical Heritage, and Holy to Jews, Christians, and Muslims
- Unique Eco-system
- Meeting point for flora and fauna of three continents, and Migratory flyway for 500 million birds twice annually

- Average annual flow of over **1.3 billion cubic meters** including:
 - Upper Jordan: 540 mcm
 - Yarmouk: 480 mcm
 - Side Wadis: 280 mcm



The Great Water Grab & Demise of the Jordan

- Over 96% of the Jordan River's flow is diverted by Israel, Syria and Jordan.
- Resulting in ecological devastation of the Jordan River system.
- Loss of cultural heritage/ tourism revenue.



What is left for the Jordan?

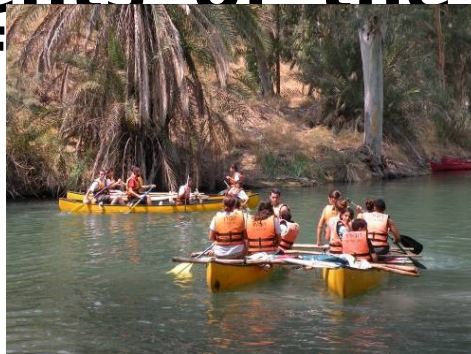


Project's Objectives

- To create a **regional FoEME master plan** for the Lower Jordan River by developing and harmonizing national master plans into a single cohesive FoEME transboundary master plan.
- Project will lay the groundwork for **effective transboundary water governance** for integrated water resource management of the Lower Jordan River.

Target Groups and Beneficiaries

- Relevant Jordanian, Palestinian and Israeli government ministries and authorities, national level decision makers and local government leaders.
- The final beneficiaries include the 300,000 Palestinian, Jordanian and Israeli residents of the Jordan Valley,



building

Project Partners

- **WEDO/ Friends of the Earth Middle East (FoEME)** tri-lateral Jordanian, Palestinian, Israeli environmental peacebuilding organization
- **Stockholm International Water Institute (S.I.W.I)** knowledge hub and policy support organization
- **Global Nature Fund (GNF)** Water Expertise on Economic aspects of EU Water Framework Directive



Project Activities

- **Consultant RHDHV** selected through an international tender process to undertake the development of the FoEME Master Plan. Team led by RHDHV with leading regional experts from Jordan, Palestine and Israel.
- **RHDHV inception report** submitted **January 2013**: includes detailed descriptions on the project's objectives and outputs, expert team, scope of work, background work to date, data collection, workplan, public consultation process and more.

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Activities....cont.

- **First SWIM-JR SIWI Middle East Seminar held September 9-11, 2012 in Amman** bringing together approximately 80 high level officials from the region, including representatives of all key Jordanian, Palestinian and Israeli decision making bodies relevant for the rehabilitation of the Lower Jordan River, representatives of four major transboundary river basins, SWIM demo projects as well as numerous leading international experts on transboundary river management



Upcoming Activities

2013 - 2014

- **Spring 2014:** National Master Plans for Jordan and Palestine submitted; gap analysis and synchronizing with Israeli Master Plan prepared by Israeli government.
- **Summer 2014:** Presentations of Master plans at national and regional conferences.
- **Ongoing:** Advocacy efforts to support the implementation of the master plan's recommendations including media tours, parliamentary



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