

How many reports has WSRW produced on occupied Western Sahara?

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Is Morocco dependent on Western Sahara for its energy supply?

But these developments have made Morocco partly dependent on Western Sahara for its energy supply. Morocco already gets 18% of its installed wind capacity and 15% of its solar from the occupied territory, and by 2030 that could increase to almost half of its wind and up to a third of its solar.

What is Western Sahara resource watch (WSRW)?

Western Sahara Resource Watch (WSRW), an NGO registered in Belgium, has been the most prolific in terms of publications in this area. We first review WSRW's body of work, then move on to look at research by other NGOs, then finally we review non-fiction book chapters and monographs.

Why is Western Sahara so important?

Rich in resources and small in population, Western Sahara, victim since 1975 of a brutal and illegal Moroccan occupation, has a history shaped to a large extent by its immense resources. Indeed, natural resources have always been at the centre of the Western Sahara conflict, and were a key demand of the anti-Spanish protestors in the early 1970s.

Is Western Sahara an interdisciplinary field?

"Western Sahara, Resources, and International Accountability." Global Change, Peace and Security 27 (3): 285-299. The production of research on natural resource exploitation in Western Sahara is accelerating. Yet this field remains interdisciplinary, and the work is carried out by researchers from academic, no...

Is the Sahara based on economic resources?

The idea of the economic viability of the SADR being based on its economic resources is also found in Shelley (2004) and echoed by MINURSO and UN Special Envoy to the Sahara, James Baker. Kingsbury (2015) establishes that Western Sahara is illegally and militarily occupied by Morocco.

The North Western Sahara Aquifer System stands out as one of the water scarcest regions in the world. Moreover, in recent decades agriculture activity has grown exacerbating the pressure on groundwater resources and pumping energy requirements. ... The title picture, Figure 1, shows NWSAS systems, energy and water resource flows. The blocks ...

Western Sahara Resource Watch has today launched a report detailing how Morocco intends to build over 1000 MW (megawatts) of renewable energy plants in Western Sahara, a territory that Morocco partially

occupies.

Western Sahara is connected to the Moroccan grid via the capital Laayoune. A new 400kV power connection is planned between Laayoune and Dakhla, and to Mauritania. Through this power-line, Morocco plans to export renewable energy to West Africa.

Western Sahara is very sunny and surprisingly windy - a natural renewable energy powerhouse. Morocco has exploited these resources by building three large wind farms (five more are planned)...

In a July letter celebrating the 25th anniversary of Moroccan King Mohammed VI's coronation, French President Emmanuel Macron announced a change in France's policy regarding the long-running Western Sahara dispute, declaring that "the present and future of Western Sahara lie within the framework of Moroccan sovereignty." That followed similar ...

assessment of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in the North Western Sahara Aquifer System (NWSAS). Shared by Algeria, Libya and Tunisia, the aquifer is the biggest transboundary groundwater reserve of North Africa, extending over one million square kilometres. Its water resources are largely non-renewable, with limited replenishment.

The green energy vision sees the Sahara as the golden ticket to a renewable energy-powered future, its topography dotted with large-scale energy plants. However, at present, this vision does not ...

GOAL: to promote an understanding, on a global scale, of the dynamics of change in energy systems, quantify emissions and their impacts, and accelerate the transition to carbon-neutral, environmentally benign energy systems while providing affordable energy to all.

Through its roll-out of massive energy projects in occupied Western Sahara, Morocco becomes more economically connected to, and dependent on, the territory it holds under illegal, military occupation. It intends to export energy generated in the territory to Morocco proper, and to sell off any surplus to surrounding countries, including the EU.

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The conflict in Western Sahara has been unresolved for fifty years. While Morocco is positioning itself as a

pioneer in green energy, climate change is exacerbating the situation for the people in the Sahrawi refugee camps. To ensure they are not forgotten, the young activist Fatma Moulay is working tirelessly for justice. Sand and...

Morocco drives renewable energy projects in Western Sahara. Morocco has claimed authority over Western Sahara since 1975, but the UN does not recognise Moroccan control, calling Western Sahara a "non-self-governing territory." The UN has called for a referendum to decide the region's future.

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