



The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan  
Ministry of Water and Irrigation

### Groundwater Vulnerability Map of the Ajloun and Balqa Group Aquifers

خريطة حساسية المياه الجوفية في الطبقات المائية التابعة لمجموعتي عجلون والبلقاء

Scale 1: 650 000

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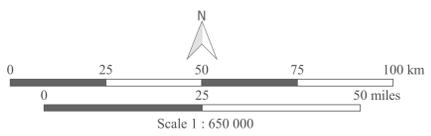
#### Vulnerability

- Very Low
- Low
- Moderate
- High
- Very High

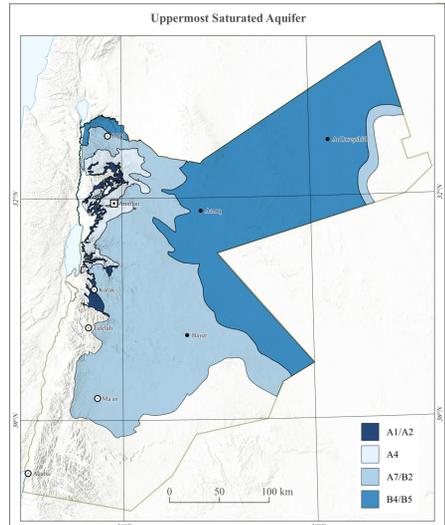
- #### Hydrology
- Sea, Lake
  - Salt Pond
  - River

- #### Topography
- National Border
  - Main Road
  - Capital
  - Governorate Main Town
  - Town

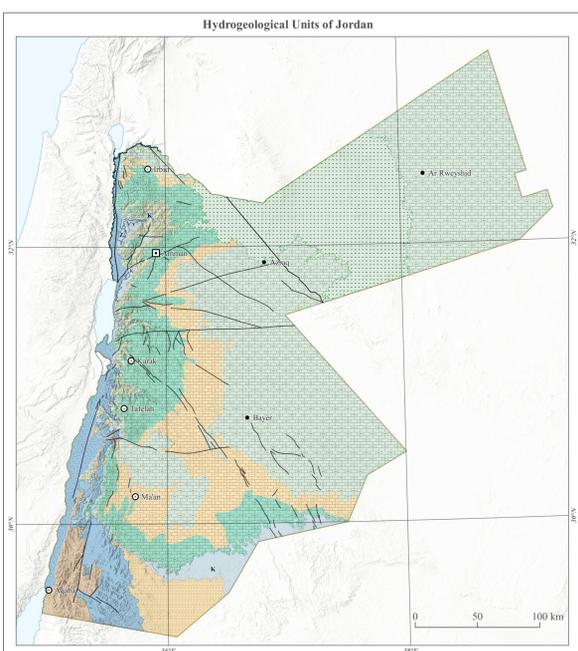
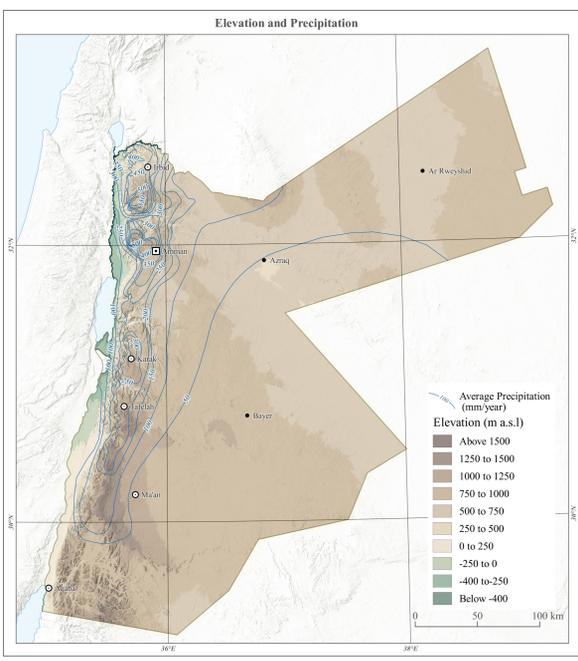
- JVA Jurisdiction
- Uppermost Saturated Aquifer Limit
- Tectonic Lineament
- Major Fault



COORDINATE SYSTEM:  
 -Major Grid: Projected Coordinate System Palestine 1923/Palestine Belt  
 Datum: Clarke 1880 (Benoit), Units: Meter  
 EPSG: 24952  
 -Minor Grid: World Geodetic System 1984  
 Datum: WGS 84, Units: Degree  
 EPSG: 4326



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#### Aquifer Category

Integrantular Flow Fissured

Integrantular aquifer, including fossil groundwater aquifer

- Extensive and highly productive aquifer
- Local and discontinuous productive aquifer or extensive but only moderately productive aquifer

Fissured aquifer, including karst aquifer

- Extensive and highly productive aquifer
- Local and discontinuous productive aquifer or extensive but only moderately productive aquifer
- Stratum with intermediate characteristics
- Stratum forming insignificant aquifer
- Minor aquifer with local and limited groundwater resources
- Stratum with essentially no groundwater resource

#### Lithology

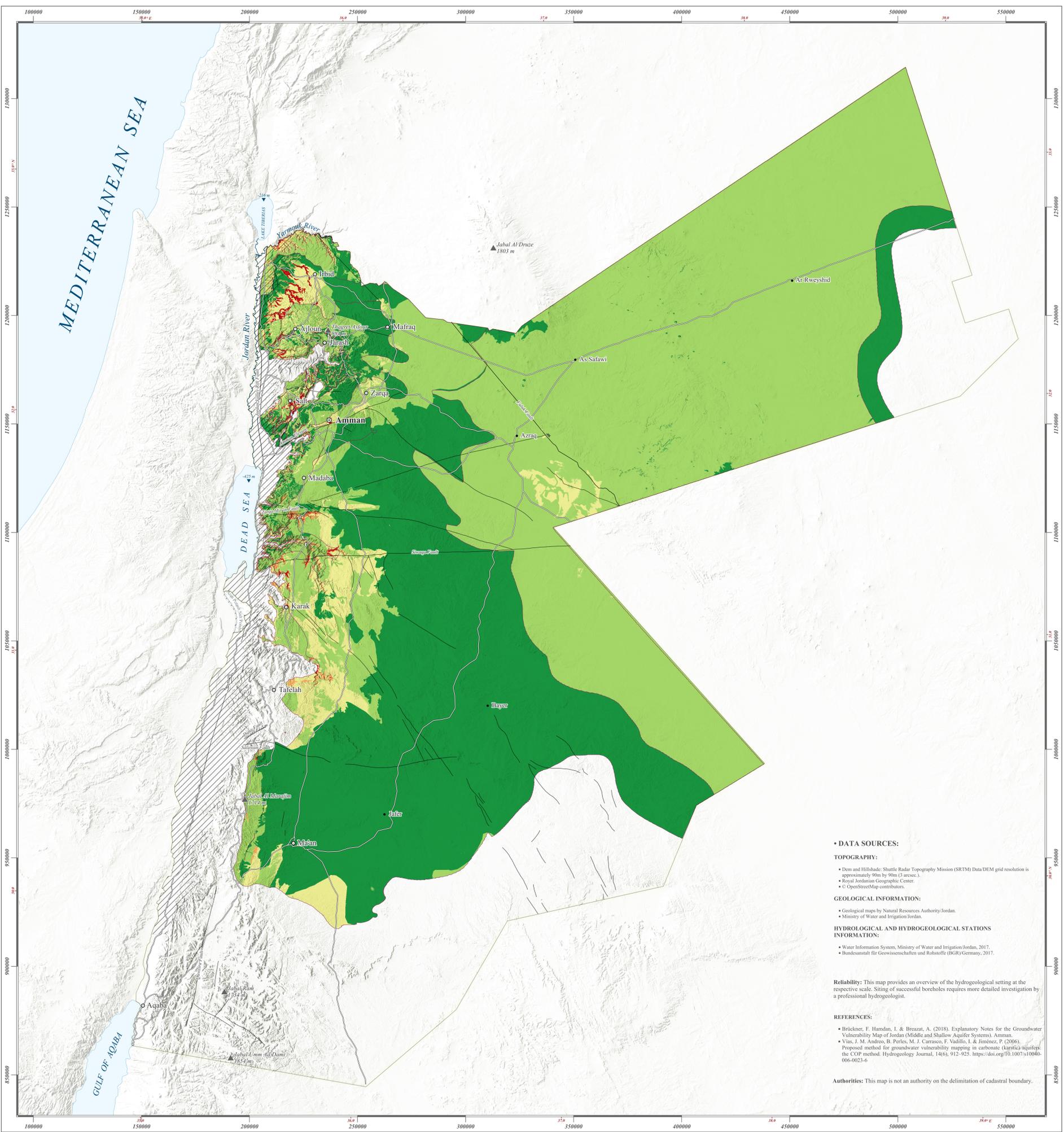
- Alluvium/Loose Sediments
- Basalt
- Limestone with Chert
- Marl, Limestone, Marly Limestone, Chalk
- Sandstone
- Siltstone, Limestone
- Granitic Basement Rocks

#### Local names of the hydrogeological units

- Alluvium
- Basalt
- B4/B5
- B3
- A7/B2
- A1/A6
- Zarqa (Z)/Karnub (K)
- Khriem
- Ram

#### Tectonic Lineament

- Major Fault



**DATA SOURCES:**

**TOPOGRAPHY:**

- Dem and Hillshade: Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) Data DEM grid resolution is approximately 90m by 90m (3 arcsec.).
- Royal Jordanian Geographic Center.
- OpenStreetMap contributors.

**GEOLOGICAL INFORMATION:**

- Geological maps by Natural Resources Authority/Jordan.
- Ministry of Water and Irrigation/Jordan.

**HYDROLOGICAL AND HYDROGEOLOGICAL STATIONS INFORMATION:**

- Water Information System, Ministry of Water and Irrigation/Jordan, 2017.
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**Reliability:** This map provides an overview of the hydrogeological setting at the respective scale. Siting of successful boreholes requires more detailed investigation by a professional hydrogeologist.

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