

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.

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.

Is natural resource exploitation a problem in Western Sahara?

As the issue of natural resource exploitation in Western Sahara has been conceptualised in very different ways and from the perspectives of a variety of disciplines, the authors have opted for a semi-systematic review of the work done encompassing academic, non-academic, and activist backgrounds.

Does Morocco export phosphorus from occupied Western Sahara?

P for Plunder: Morocco's Exports of Phosphates from Occupied Western Sahara. Brussels: WSRW. Western Sahara Resource Watch. 2019. P for Plunder: Morocco's Exports of Phosphates from Occupied Western Sahara. Brussels: WSRW Western Sahara Resource Watch. 2020. P for Plunder: Morocco's Exports of Phosphates from Occupied Western Sahara.

How many reports has WSRW produced on occupied Western Sahara?

WSRW has produced four reports on the energy industry in occupied Western Sahara, two on renewables and two on oil and gas. Totally Wrong (2013b) focuses on the activities of the Total oil company in occupied Western Sahara.

What role did natural resources play in the Western Sahara conflict?

The majority of research undertaken from a historical perspective on the role of natural resources in the Western Sahara conflict focuses on phosphates. Both Laluthe (1976) and Camprubí (2015) see the potential exploitation of phosphates as the key factor in motivating Morocco to invade Western Sahara.

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)...

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The US company GE Vernova on 30 January 2024 announced [or download] that it has signed a deal for the construction of a green hydrogen plant in occupied Western Sahara. The firm is partnering with ONEE, Morocco's state agency for electricity and water, and Nareva, an energy company that is in the portfolio of the Moroccan king.

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The expansion of renewable energy infrastructure in Morocco's southern provinces is part of a broader strategy to meet the increasing electricity demand across the country in preparation for the...

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The UN regards Western Sahara as a non-self-governing-territory without an administering power in place. The International Court of Justice has found Morocco's claim to the territory null-and-void, findings echoed in a body of EU ...

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