Water stress in the Mediterranean basin



Water Exploitation index[1]
Percentage, 2000-2010

- Less than 20
- 20 to 40
- 40 to 60
- 60 to 80
- more than 80

1. Ratio of annual volume extracted from natural esources/annual average volume of renewable natural sources

Existing and planned desalination plants

Capacity, thousand cubic metres

- More than 50
- 50 or less

Desertification

- Severe desertification area

Sources: Blue Plan, informations based on national sources; *Water, energy, desalination & climate change in the Mediterranean*, 2008; IDA Worldwide Desalting Plants Inventory; Beilstein, M;, Bournay, E., Environment and Security in the Mediterranean: Desertification, ENVSEC, 2009.