

# Red-Dead Water Conveyance Project

## The Israeli View

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# History

- The 19<sup>th</sup> century – competition to the Suez Canal
- Power generation – different routes: Med-Dead and Red-Dead
- Promotion of peace and regional cooperation – the 90<sup>th</sup>
- Saving the Dead-Sea, water production and economic development.

# Save the Dead Sea

- Environmental degradation
- Infrastructure and planning
- Damage prevention

# Desalination

- Water scarcity & successive droughts.
- Growing accumulated replenishable fresh water deficit.
- High rate population increase.
- Pollution of ground and surface water sources.

# Regional development

- Development of the Arava valley – Jordan and Israel

tourism, agriculture, industry, infrastructure

- Development of the Jordan Valley – Jordanians, Palestinians and Israelis

Tourism, agro-industrial parks, infrastructure

# Political aspects

- Regional cooperation
- Promotion of peace
- Dealing with common issues
- Pragmatic and moderate approach

# Feasibility study

- Political benefits
- International concern
- Professional, scientific approach

**Environmental issues**