

Which country controls Western Sahara?

Morocco controls territory to the west of the berm (border wall) while the Sahrawi Republic controls territory to the east (see map on right). Western Sahara was partitioned between Morocco and Mauritania in April 1976, with Morocco acquiring the northern two-thirds of the territory.

Is Western Sahara a disputed territory?

Western Sahara[a] is a disputed territory in North-western Africa. It has a surface area of 272,000 square kilometres (105,000 sq mi). Approximately 30% of the territory (82,500 km² (31,900 sq mi)) is controlled by the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR); the remaining 70% is occupied and administered by neighboring Morocco.

What is the economy of Western Sahara?

Western Sahara's economy is based almost entirely on fishing, which employs two-thirds of its workforce, with mining, agriculture and tourism providing modest additional income. Most food for the urban population comes from Morocco.

Is Western Sahara a self governing territory?

Previously occupied by Spain as the Spanish Sahara until 1975, Western Sahara has been on the United Nations list of non-self-governing territories since 1963 after a Moroccan demand. [clarification needed] In 1965, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution on Western Sahara, asking Spain to decolonize the territory.

Does Western Sahara have phosphate reserves?

Aside from its rich fishing waters and phosphate reserves, Western Sahara has few natural resources and lacks sufficient rainfall and freshwater resources for most agricultural activities. Western Sahara's much-touted phosphate reserves are relatively unimportant, representing less than two percent of proven phosphate reserves in Morocco.

What types of ecosystems are in Western Sahara?

Western Sahara contains four terrestrial ecoregions: Saharan halophytics, Mediterranean acacia-argania dry woodlands and succulent thickets, Atlantic coastal desert, and North Saharan steppe and woodlands. The earliest known inhabitants of Western Sahara were the Gaetuli.

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“Morocco to Double West Sahara Green Power Output for World Cup”, 16 October 2024 The government has set a 2027 deadline to build 1.4 gigawatts of new wind and solar capacity in the region... The projects are likely to cost about 21 billion dirhams (\$2.1 billion) and will be led by local and foreign private investors, according to the official

Electricity generation has been dominated by overdependence on coal as a primary source of energy largely because of its abundance and alleged cost-effectiveness. Most electric power is generated thermally in installations run by the Botswana Power Corporation (BPC), a public enterprise established in 1970.

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.

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