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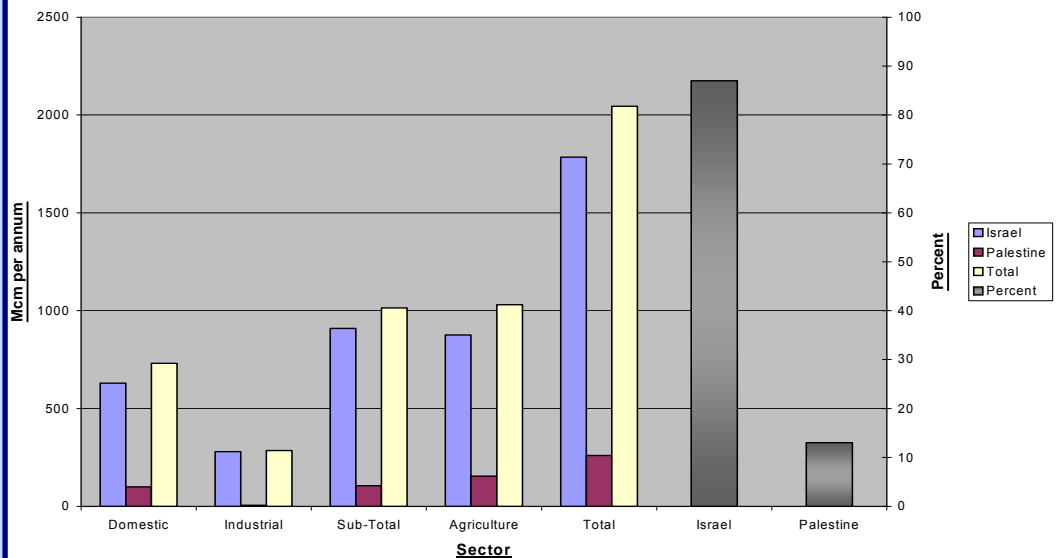
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Section A: INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

1 Scope and objectives

This report presents a background to the macro socio-economic conditions impacting on Sustainable Water Resources Management Options under Changing Social and Economic Conditions in Palestine. The report as such therefore represents a basis on which the Futures, Scenarios and Management Options has been evaluated in order to develop an appropriate Decision Support Toolkit. This report presents the initial background research, record and analysis of the consultations, participatory workshops which took place up to mid- 2004. The subsequent work to develop this framework with measureable data is reported in SUSMAQ Report #39. The work contained in the Phase 1 Management Options report (SUSMAQ Report #14) is not incorporated in this report but references are made as appropriate in the text.

The basis of the findings in the report is as follows:

- Phase 1 Management Options Report
- Discussions with senior PWA staff and other stakeholders in Ramallah during July, August and November, 2003 and January, March, June, July and September, 2004.
- Review of literature as referred to in Annex A
- SUSMAQ MO workshop in Cyprus 14th-15th October, 2003
- Management Options workshop, Ramallah, 29th October, 2003
- Technical meeting, Newcastle, 3rd December, 2003
- SUSMAQ workshop, Cyprus, 21st – 22nd January, 2004
- SUSMAQ workshop, Ramallah, 28th June – 1st July, 2004

The consolidation of the initial information from the various workshops, meetings, discussions and analysis by different members of the SUSMAQ team was put forward for consideration and further development at the SUSMAQ workshop in Cyprus in January 2004. Further follow up on the management options selected at this workshop was carried out together with PWA representatives in Palestine from the 27th to 29th January and was taken forward in further planning to develop the Decision Support Toolkit presented for final approval at the Ramallah workshop in June/July 2004.

This report presents all background information in Section B and the process and logic of developing the possible futures and management options from this in Section C. An initial assessment of practical management options is then presented in Section D. The final definition of these futures, scenarios and management options is presented in report SUS #39.



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