Proven and New Plays in the Levant Basin -The Next Step in Developing Hydrocarbon Resources Offshore Israel

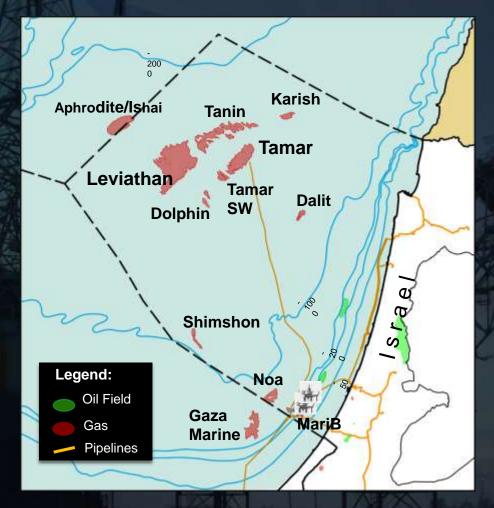
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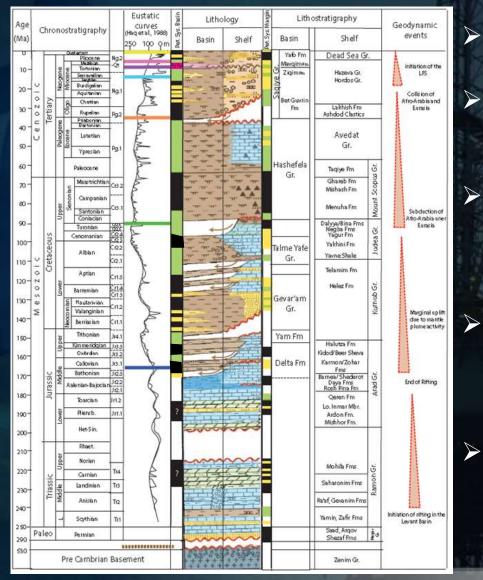


## Status of E&P Offshore Israel

- 10 gas fields were discovered in the past 15 years
- Recoverable gas reserves & resources:
  > 30 TCF of gas
  50 MMBL of condensate
- 3 gas fields were completed and producing
- Leviathan and Krish are being developed with first-gas in 2019-2020
- Gas production has large effect on Israel's economy, export options are opening
- Developing our offshore hydrocarbon resources was set as a primary objective of the Ministry of Energy



## Levant Basin Characteristics



Multi-phase tectonic evolution

Potential source rocks in Mesozoic and Cenozoic successions

Evidence for extensive coarse-graind siliciclastic transport into the basin throughout its history

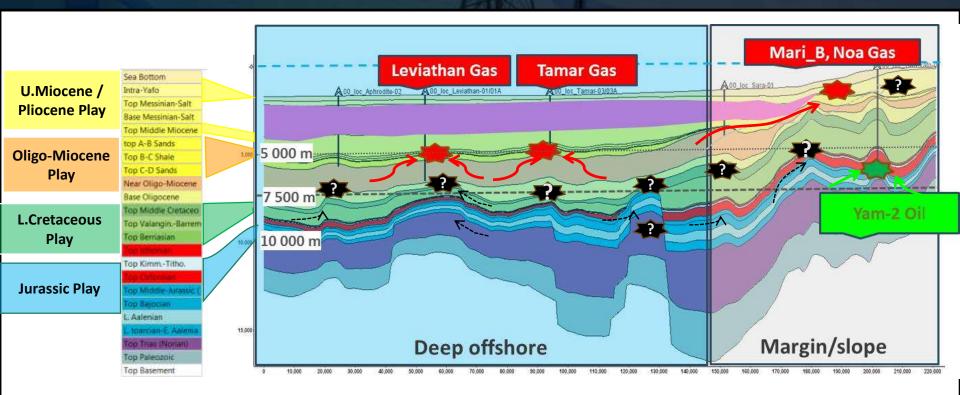
Favorable condition for deep thermogenic systems and shallow biogenic systems

Basin analysis study estimates unrisked resources in the range of 7000 BCM of gas and 26 BBL of oil

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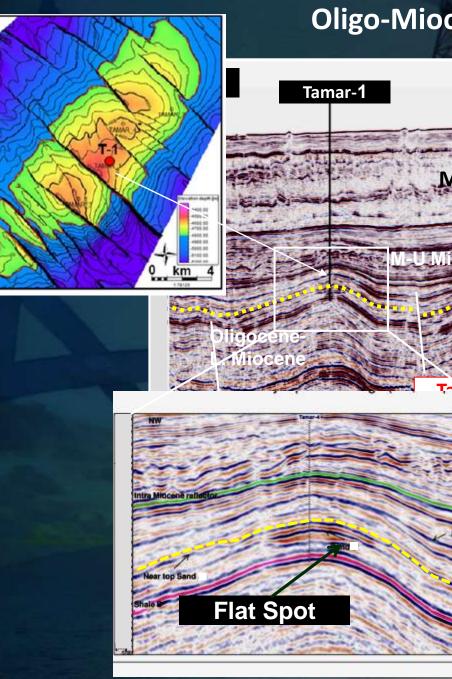
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## **Proven and Potentiel Hydrocarbon Plays**



- Oligo-Miocene, Tamar Sand Play (Proven)
- Pliocene, Yafo Sand Play (Proven)
- Middle Jurassic, Fractured Carbonate Play (Proven)
- Lower Cretaceous Sand Play (Potential)
- Jonah High Multiple Plays (Potential)





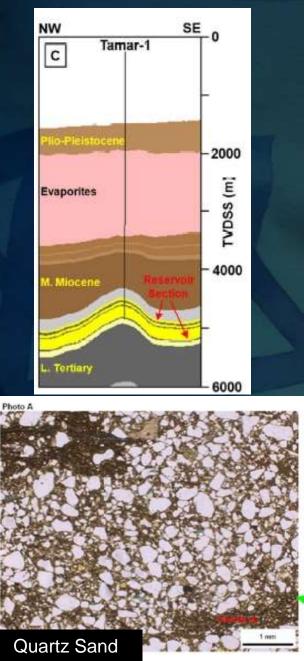
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**Oligo-Miocene Tamar Sand Play** 

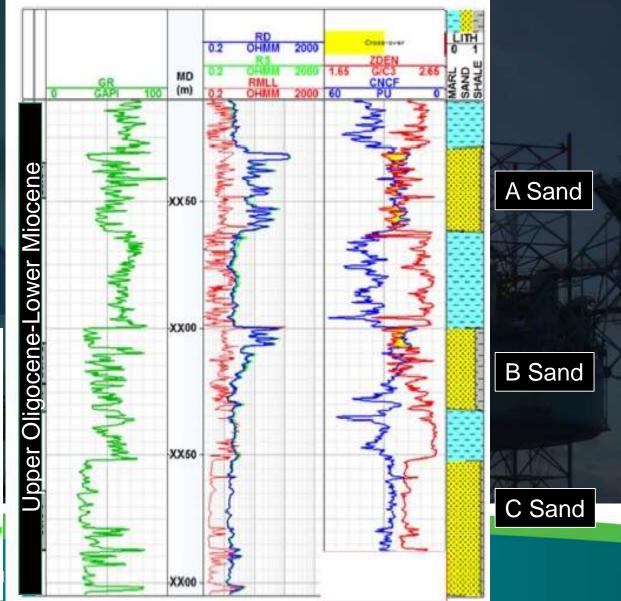
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Turbidite sands of Chatian to Aquitanian age, charged with dry, biogenic gas and trapped within Syrian-Arc type structures in the deep basin; source is Oligo-Miocene shale

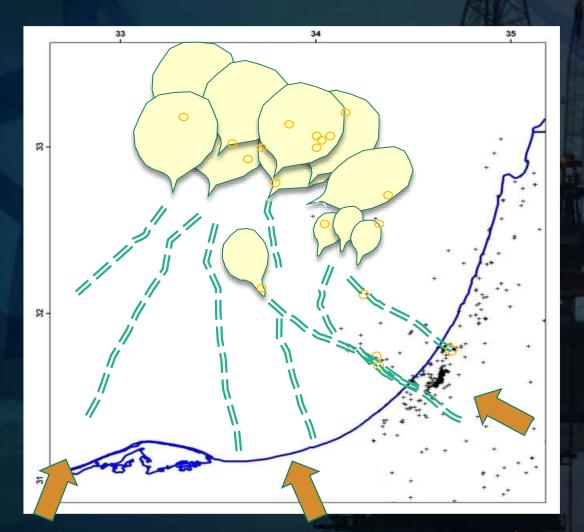


## **Oligo-Miocene Tamar Sand Play**



### Christensen and Powers (2013)

## **Oligo-Miocene Depositional System**



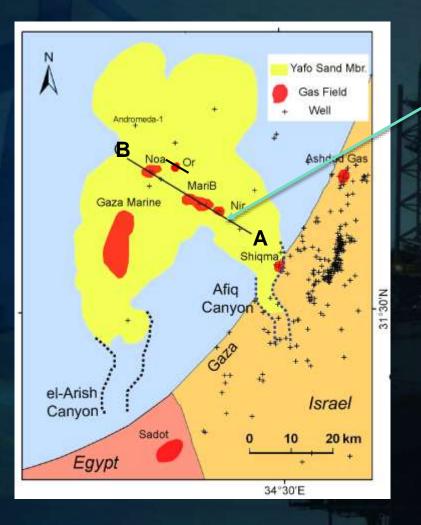
Arabian-Nubian Shield

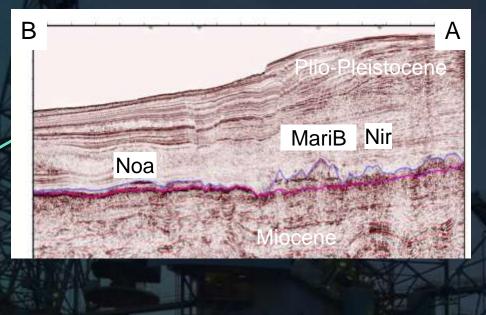
Vast sandy, submarine channel-fan systems were deposited during Oligo-Miocene times in the Levant Basin

The origin of sands is not well constrained, however, sand transport is associated with the uplifting and erosion of the Arabian-Nubian Shield prior to the break-up of the Suez-Dead Sea Rift system



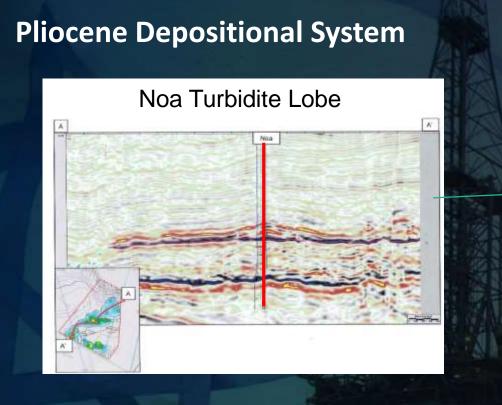
## **Pliocene Yafo Sand Play**

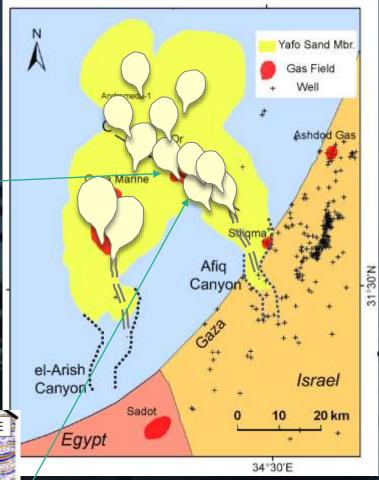




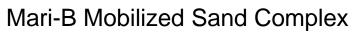
Turbidite Sands of Lower Pliocene age, charged with dry, biogenic gas and trapped within lobes and domes above Messinian Evaporites; source is Miocene shale

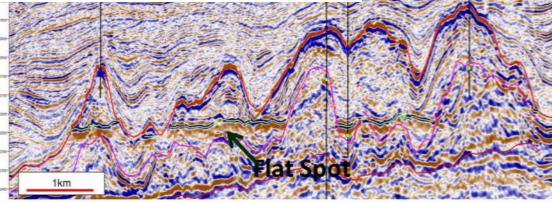
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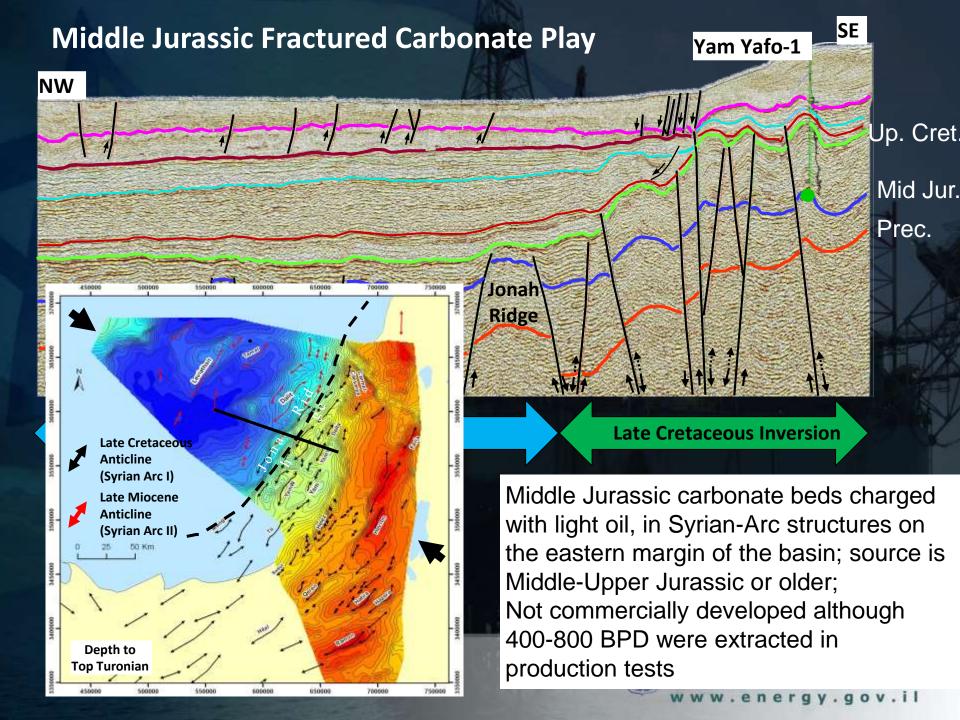




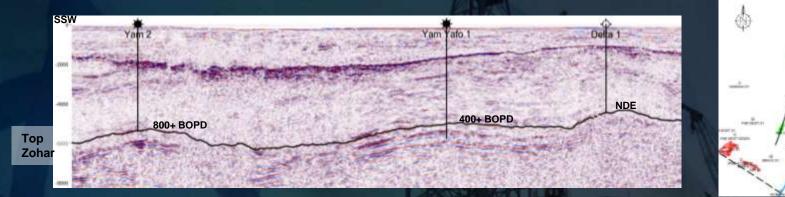
Potential for other gas-bearing turbidite lobes further north, pending on existence of a transport system







## Middle Jurassic Fractured Carbonate Play



Evidence for extensive fracture systems in seismic and well data

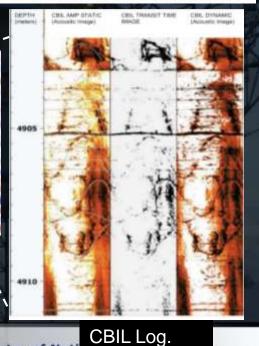
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If properly developed, Jurassic carbonate beds may produce large quantities of light oil

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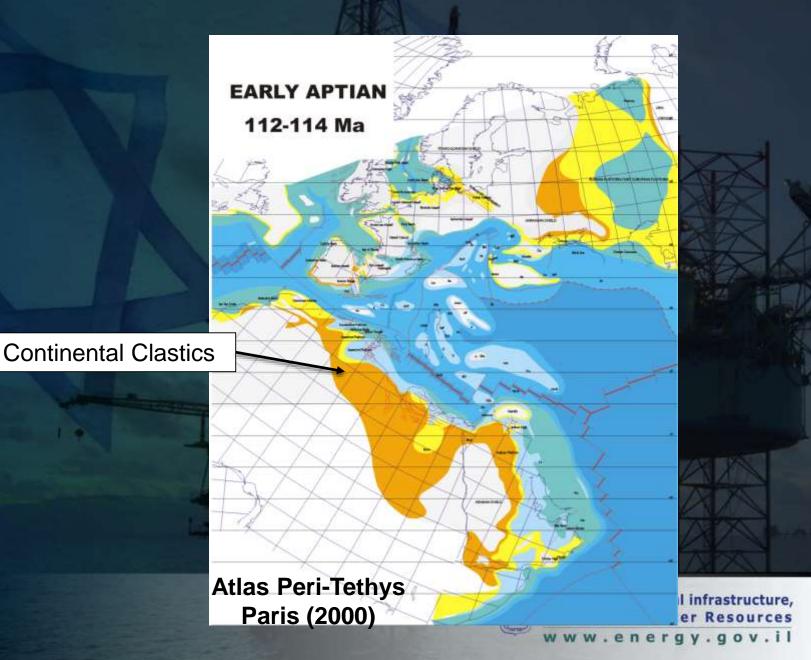
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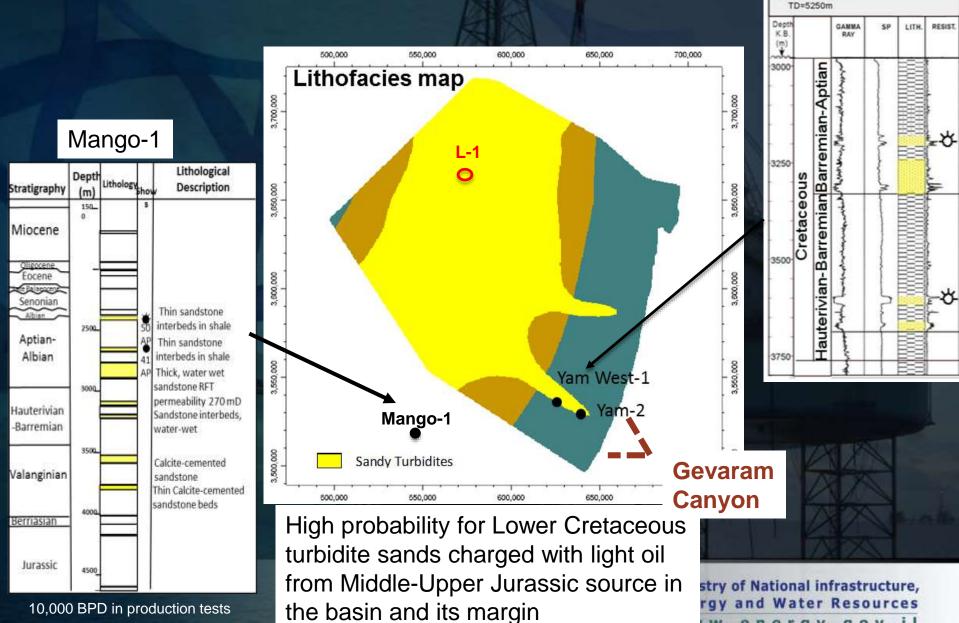
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## Lower Cretaceous Sand Play

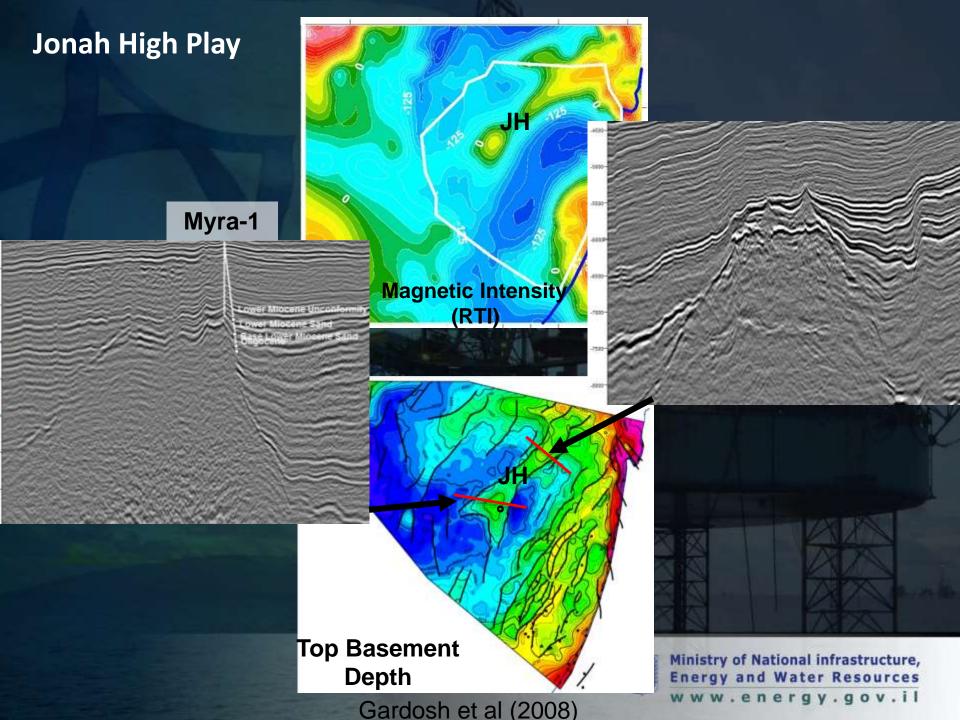


## **Oil and Gas Shows in Lower Cretaceous Sands**



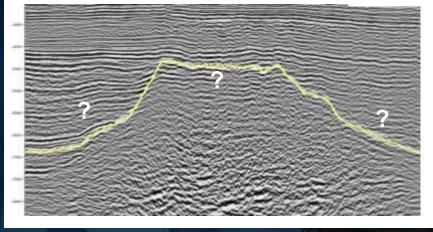
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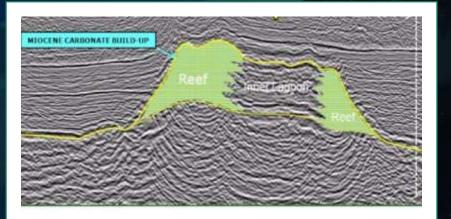
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## Jonah High Play

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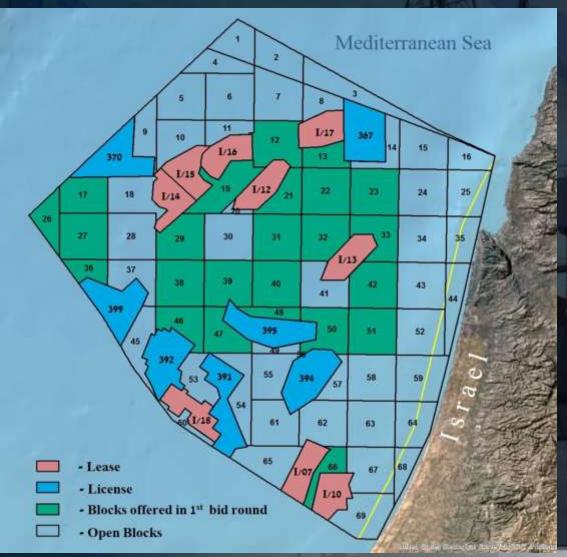




Potential reservoirs at the top of the Jonah High and on its flanks can be charged with oil and gas from surrounding Mesozoic and Cenozoic source rocks

## Zohr (ENI, 2014)

## **First Israeli Offshore Bid Round**



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All five plays shown here may be found in exploration blocks that are open for bidding offshore Israel



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## **Conclusions:**

Five hydrocarbon plays had been identified and described offshore Israel

Three proven plays: Pliocene, Oligo-Miocene and Jurassic can be further developed

Two new plays need to be proved by drilling, but if exist may hold significant additional potential

The Ministry of Energy invites companies to explore these and other plays in open blocks offshore Israel

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