



# Moroccan Hydrocarbon Exploration Opportunities and Future Cooperation Prospects

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# **SUMMARY**

Energy & Hydrocarbon Exploration Outlook
Proven Petroleum Systems
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Summary

# A GROWING ENERGY DEMAND: A SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

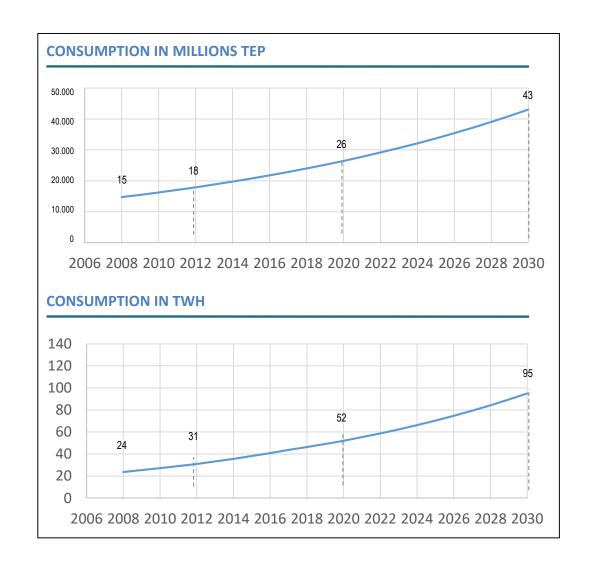
#### Morocco's primary energy demand

- x2 by 2020
- x3 by 2030

#### Morocco's electricity demand

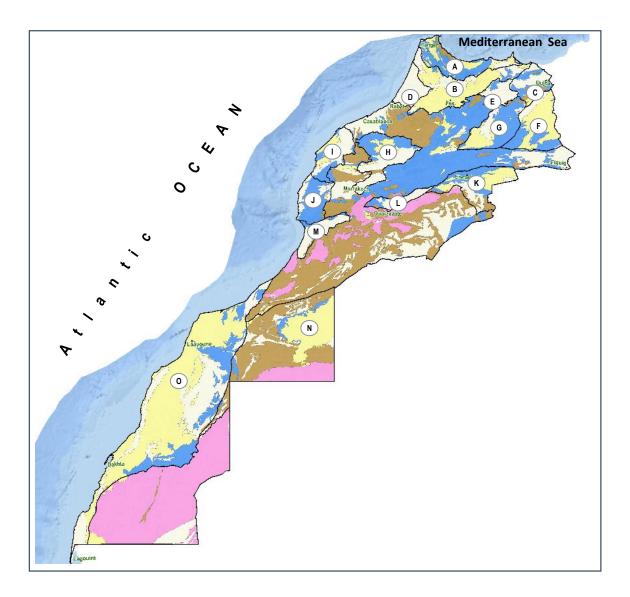
- x2 by 2020
- x4 by 2030

Morocco's dependency on imported fossil fuels around 93%



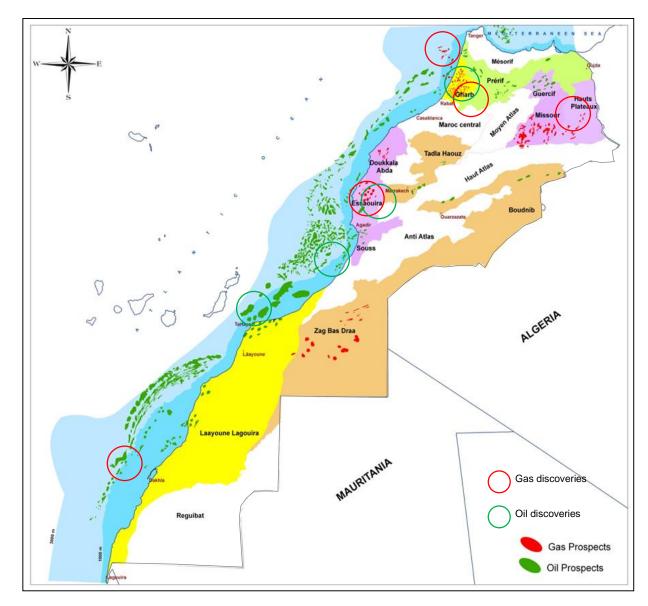
# **HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION: KEYS FACTS**

- A very extended offshore domain:
  - 3 000 Km of coast line on the Atlantic and
     500 Km on the Mediterranean sea.
- Large sedimentary basins of several geological and structural types:
  - Total surface area: 740 000 Km² (Onshore & Offshore)
  - But underexplored: 360 wells drilled Many objectives have not yet been tested



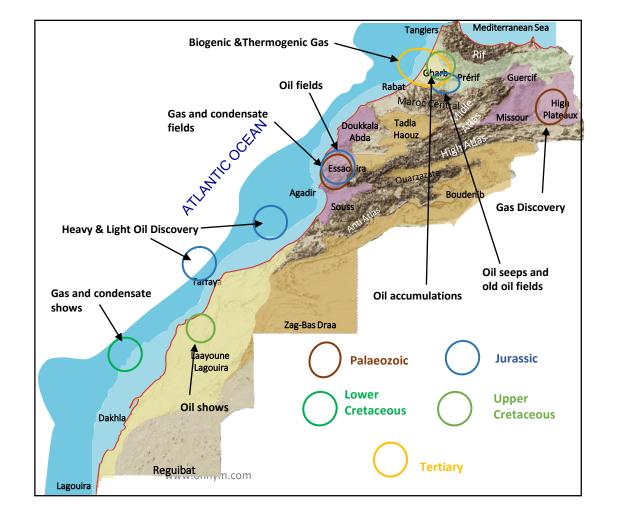
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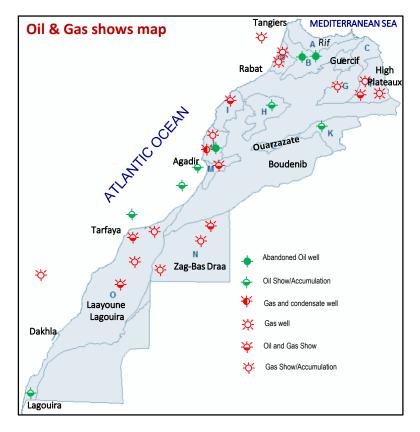
- ☐ 740 000 Km² of sedimentary basins with multiple identified petroleum systems ranging from Paleozoic to Cenozoic and proven source rocks.
- More than 850 identified prospects and leads offshore and onshore.
- Sedimentary basins in Morocco remain underexplored: Only 0.04 wells/100 km².
- ☐ The prospects drilled so far showed hydrocarbon accumulations and discoveries that have proven their potential.
- □ The identified prospects and leads range into Pre-Salt, Salt Related, Subsalt, Platform, Turbidite and Thrust Related Play categories.



## MULTIPLE PROVEN PETROLEUM SYSTEMS OFFSHORE AND ONSHORE

 The petroleum systems are widely extended in stratigraphic time from Paleozoic into Tertiary. These are proven in the Onshore and Offshore Moroccan sedimentary basins through hydrocarbon occurrences (discoveries, shows, surface oil seeps).





- Palaeozoic petroleum systems (Silurian/Triassic & Silurian/ Ordovician-Devonian): e.g.
   Meskala gas & condensate field and High Plateaux gas discovery
- Jurassic petroleum systems (Toarcian-Callovian/ Jurassic): e.g. oil fields in the rides prerifaines & Essaouira and oil discovery in the Offshore
- Lower cretaceous petroleum systems (Jurassic-Lw. Cretaceous/ Lw. Cretaceous): e.g. oil and gas shows encountered in Offshore Atlantic
- Upper cretaceous petroleum systems (Cenomanian-Turonian/Upper Cretaceous-Tertiary): e.g. Ain Hamra oil accumulation and oil shows in the Onshore
- Tertiary petroleum systems (Tertiary/Tertiary): e.g. biogenic gas fields in Gharb basin

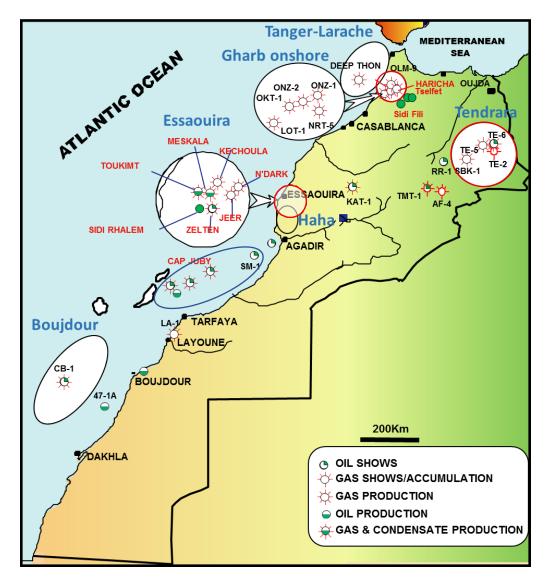
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#### PRODUCING FIELDS AND DISCOVERIES

3 main producing or under development fields:

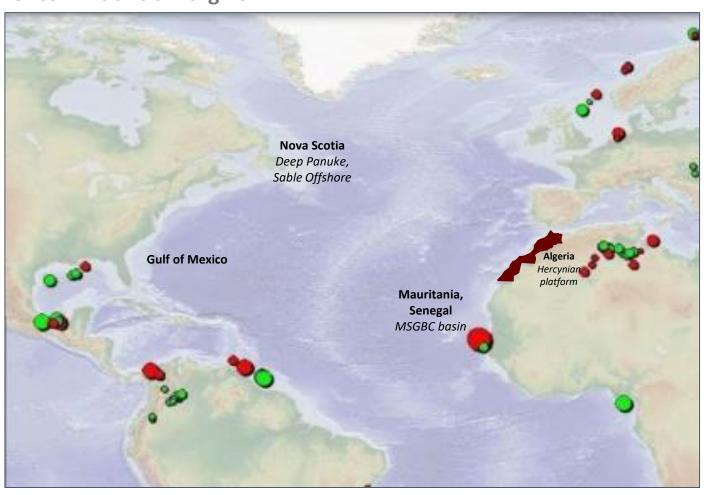
- Essaouira Basin onshore : Meskala Gas and condensate.
- Gharb Basin onshore: Biogenic and thermogenic gas.
- Tendrara : Natural gas in High Plateaus onshore.

Multiple heavy oil and gas shows offshore identified as a result of drilling.



# **ANALOGIES WITH MAJOR RECENT DISCOVERIES**

#### **Circum Atlantic Margins**



- Morocco basins have analogies with many recent discoveries and some of the biggest producing fields in the world.
- Continuity of the Algerian Triassic Province and the Saharan Hercynian platform in Eastern Morocco.
- Morocco is part of the Atlantic Mesozoic -Cenozoic Passive Margin where recent big discoveries have been made (MSGBC Basin).
- Nova Scotia analogies : Sable basin and Deep Panuke field.

Gulf of Mexico in terms of salt tectonics.

# **HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION STATUS OFFSHORE & ONSHORE**

#### FREE OF CHARGE AND EXTENSIVE G&G DATABASE

#### **Offshore Atlantic**

2D Seismic: 164 808 Km

3D Seismic: 70 242 Km<sup>2</sup>

2D Multi-clients: 13 195.9 Km

42 exploration wells

#### **Offshore Mediterranean**

2D Seismic: 10 745 Km

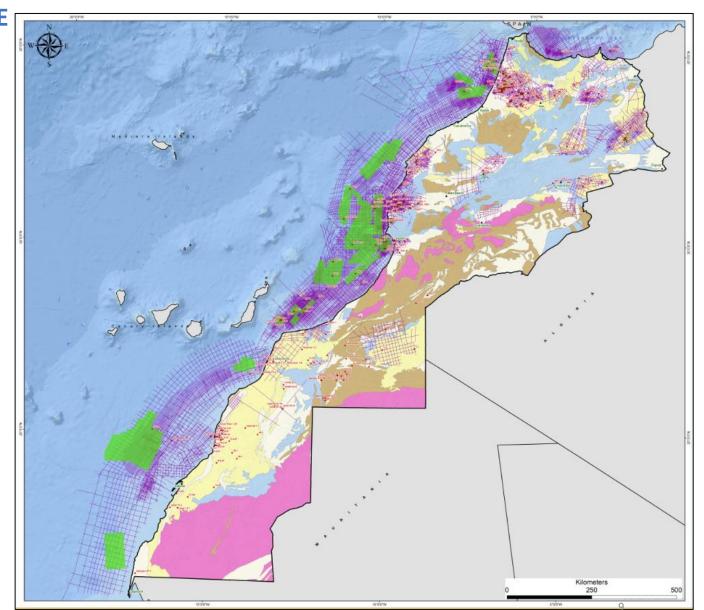
2 Exploration wells

#### **Onshore**

2D Seismic: 56 808 Km

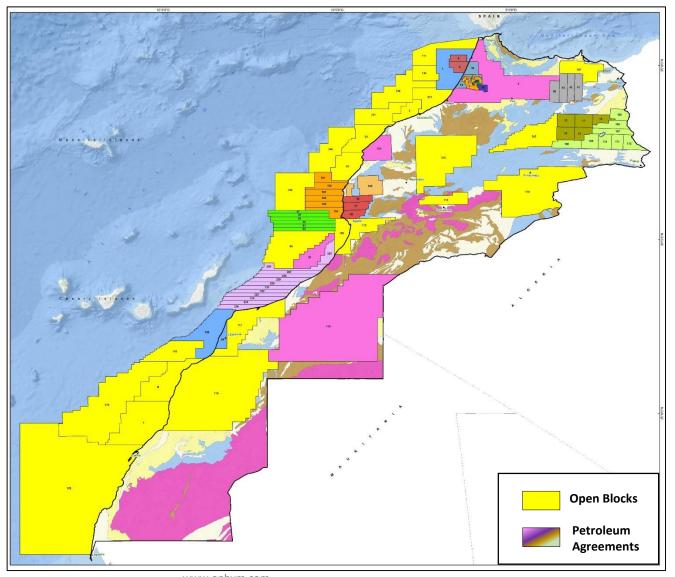
3D Seismic: 2 192 Km²

317 Exploration wells



# **HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION STATUS OFFSHORE & ONSHORE**

#### **E&P ACTIVITIES**



#### **Licensing status**

- 54 Exploration Permits: 26 Offshore & 28 Onshore
- 4 Reconnaissance Licenses: 1 Offshore & 3 Onshore
- 9 Exploitation concessions (including 1 ONHYM)
- 24 Open Blocks: 16 Offshore & 08 Onshore
- **3** Blocks under negotiation

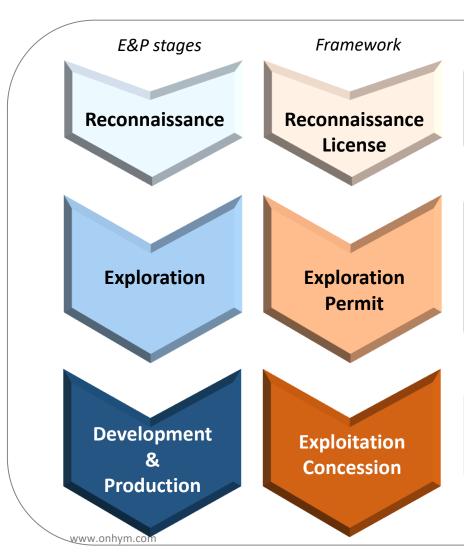
Main ongoing Exploration Activities in Offshore & Onshore Morocco (ONHYM & Partners)

- 3D & 2D seismic processing
- ☐ G&G Evaluation of the Areas of Interest
- Reservoir distribution studies & geochemical modelling
- Drilling activity in the Rharb onshore Basin
- Mid stream project
- Organization of Virtual Data Room

# **LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

#### A FLEXIBLE CONTRACTUAL FRAMEWORK TO ADAPT TO OPERATORS EVOLVING NEEDS DURING E&P STAGES

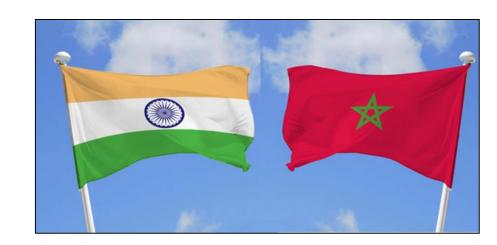
#### **Government interest share: 25% maximum**



- Reconnaissance License granting exclusive rights over an area
- 1 year contract, renewable
- Reconnaissance License provides a framework for conducting data reinterpretation or acquisition
- **Exploration Permit** granting exclusive rights for an area between 200 km2 and 2000 km2
- Exploration permit awarded after signing a Petroleum agreement between investors and the Moroccan State represented by ONHYM on the basis of a work program (seismic acquisition, drilling ...)
- Up to 8 years in 2 or 3 periods
- Can be extended for 2 years to assess a discovery
- Concession awarded after commercial discovery
- Concession granting production ownership over production in proportion of participating interest
- Concession granted for 25 years with an extension up to 10 additional years

# **MOROCCO INDIAN COOPERATION PROSPECTS**

- Bilateral relations between India and Morocco reinforced following the India-Africa Forum Summit in New Delhi in 2015.
- The accelerated economic growth of India has contributed towards the growing of energy demand and dependence on energy imports. India would be crucial for the future of the global energy markets.
- Increasing of the demand for energy of India: Diversification of energy basket. Morocco would be considered as one of the alternatives.
- Morocco is a safe and a stable country for investors. It is fast becoming one of the best emerging markets for investment.
- Morocco has become a favored destination for energy seekers :
  - New technological advances (Access to deep offshore resources).
  - Very favorable contractual terms to international and national oil companies.

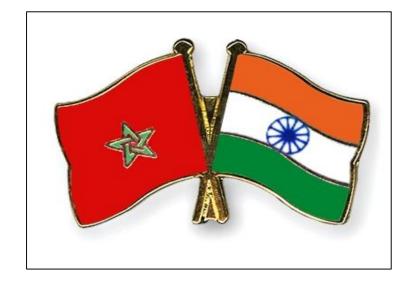




# **MOROCCO INDIAN COOPERATION PROSPECTS**

Future cooperation between India and Morocco covering the following aspects:

- Downstream cooperation in refineries, pipeline projects and other energy-related infrastructure.
- Encouraging Indian state-owned and private energy companies to acquire assets, through acquiring equity in oil, gas blocks or stakes in exploration and production (E&P) companies abroad.
- Investing in capacity building, human resources and infrastructure development, bridging the information gap, and forging closer cultural contacts with Morocco.
- Providing the relevant experience and technical & financial resources, by India, to assist Morocco to exploit its untapped potential for hydrocarbons.
- Partnership between Indian companies and Moroccan or foreign companies to produce more sustainable and cleaner forms of energy to combat climate change pressures.





# **SUMMARY**

- Favourable Geology for oil and gas exploration and production
- Still largely underexplored onshore and offshore basins
- Play concepts with analogues to those identified in North Africa, Nova Scotia, West Africa and the Gulf of Mexico
- Myriad of prospects and leads. The so far drilled wells have discovered modest local hydrocarbon to prove existence of working petroleum systems
- Favourable and attractive terms
- An easy place to operate and an outstanding opportunities







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