

Jerusalem environmental sustainability

Despite its complex biogeographical location and sociocultural dimensions, the city of Jerusalem has been successful in nurturing its urban biodiversity in line with sustainability. At between 650 and 850 meters above sea level and midway between the Mediterranean and Dead seas, the municipality of Jerusalem occupies 125 square kilometers of a plateau in the Judean Hills, 57 percent of which is built up and 43 percent of which represents non-built-up areas in and around the city.

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