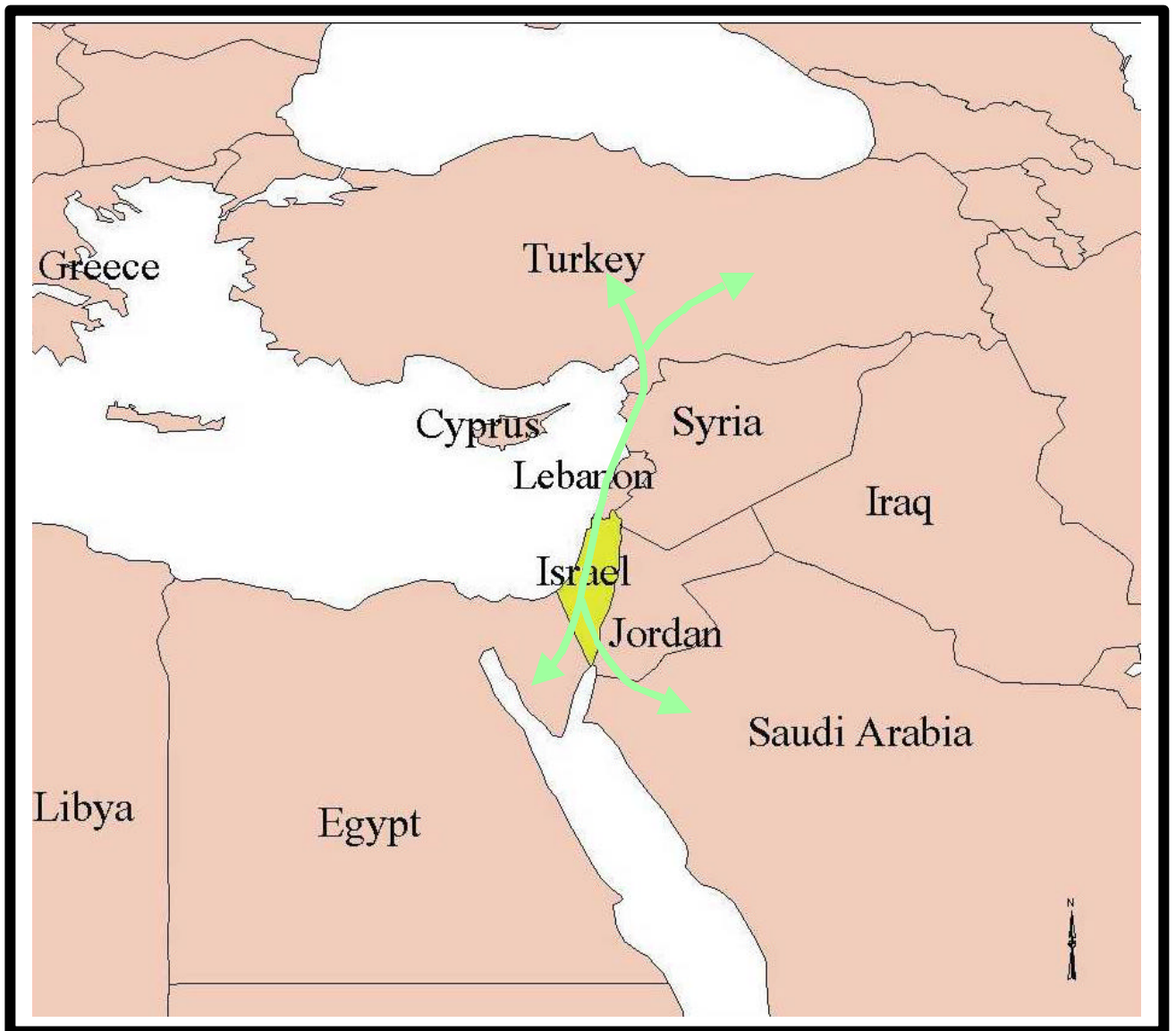


Insure ecological land corridor in the western part of the Mediterranean

The Project Purpose

To establish an ecological land corridor in the western part of the Mediterranean (Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan and Saudi Arabia).

Fig 1. Proposed Ecological Corridor



The General Purpose

To create process of integrated planning to central part of the country.

Benefits

- Involvement of surrounding community in conservation process as partners.
- Conservation of biodiversity in the proposed area

Barriers List

Long- term barriers

- a. Political instability in the Middle East.
 1. This situation hinders the communication among the stakeholders (countries)
 2. The high security fence built by Israel disturbs the continuity of the ecological corridor drastically.

Short-term barriers

- a. Continuity of Protected Area
- b. Private lands and Agricultural Lands in between the Protected Area
- c. Conflicting views of the NGOs and the Governmental Green Groups
- d. Hard construction pressure
- e. The present construction situation
- f. Miscommunication and mistrust between the stakeholders of the process

The benefits

Long term benefits

- International ecological land corridor in the western part of the Mediterranean

Short-term benefits

- Continuity of ecological land corridor in the central part of Israel.
- Community involvement in the conservation process
- Establishment of a Natural recreation area and a forest in the central part of Israel
- Ecological education programs for school children and adults all over the country and especially for the specific local communities.
- Building of leadership among the communities

- Improvement of authenticity and loyalty between all parties that taking part in the process.
- Development of monitoring system that leads to feedback process resulting a flexible plan.

Activates, Indicators and Resources

Activities	Indicators of success	Resources Needed
Community involvement process	Motivated community groups and community leadership	Professional people to built and lead the process
Built Pronunciation committee	Loyalty, trust and integrative work demonstrated through international endorsement of the corridor	-Professional people with good experience -Loyal people from the community -Funds
Data collection	Wide and authentic database	-GIS Computer facility -Funds
Planning	Integrative Flexible ecological Plan	- Experience professional planners -Funds

Positive Impacts (for the short term)

Impact Entity	How Impacted
Visitors and community next to the proposed area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep the area without constructions - Ecological recreation area
Citizens next to the Proposed Corridor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good feeling of being involved in the planning group and good relationship of trust with managers and Foresters of the area - Good feeling of taking part in the monitoring system of the area. - Good feeling of ability to influence on renewing the plan.
Managers and foresters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better relationship of trust and involvement with the citizens - Better Working atmosphere

Negative Impacts (for the short term)

Impacted Entity	How Impacted
Community around the Proposed Corridor	Limitation of construction development in the Proposed Corridor
4X4 vehicles drivers	Limitations on driving area
Farmers in and around the Proposed Corridor	-Limitations on use of exterminate chemicals - Reduction in income.

I think and hope that we as professionals have the opportunity and the duty to improve some of our zonal ecological situations. Lets do it...!!!