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Coastal Cities at the Forefront of CLIMATE CHANGE

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COASTAL CITIES OF ISRAEL



"The sea and the coast are national natural resources - a public domain, we must commit to sustainable development, so that future generations can enjoy them".

(Source: the convention of the Israeli Coastal Authorities' Forum).



The Israel Coastal Cities Forum was established in 2015 by the mayors of the 22 coastal authorities of Israel, from Nahariya in the north, through Eilat in the south, including major cities like Haifa and Tel Aviv Yafo. Coastal Authorities, as you well know, face unique challenges, and share common boundaries and responsibilities. As such, they established the forum in order to strengthen their cooperation and joint mission.

24 Local Authorities:

16 cities and towns, 8 regional authorities



	Annual visitors	# of supervised beaches
Eilat	6,250,000	5
Haifa	9,000,000	12
Tel Aviv	9,000,000	13
Rishon	2,500,000	6
Netanya	2,500,000	8
Hertzelia	1,000,000	7
Ashkelon	200,000	6
Ashdod	200,000	7
Nehariya	40,000	2
Bat Yam	NA	6
Hedera	NA	2
Akko	NA	2

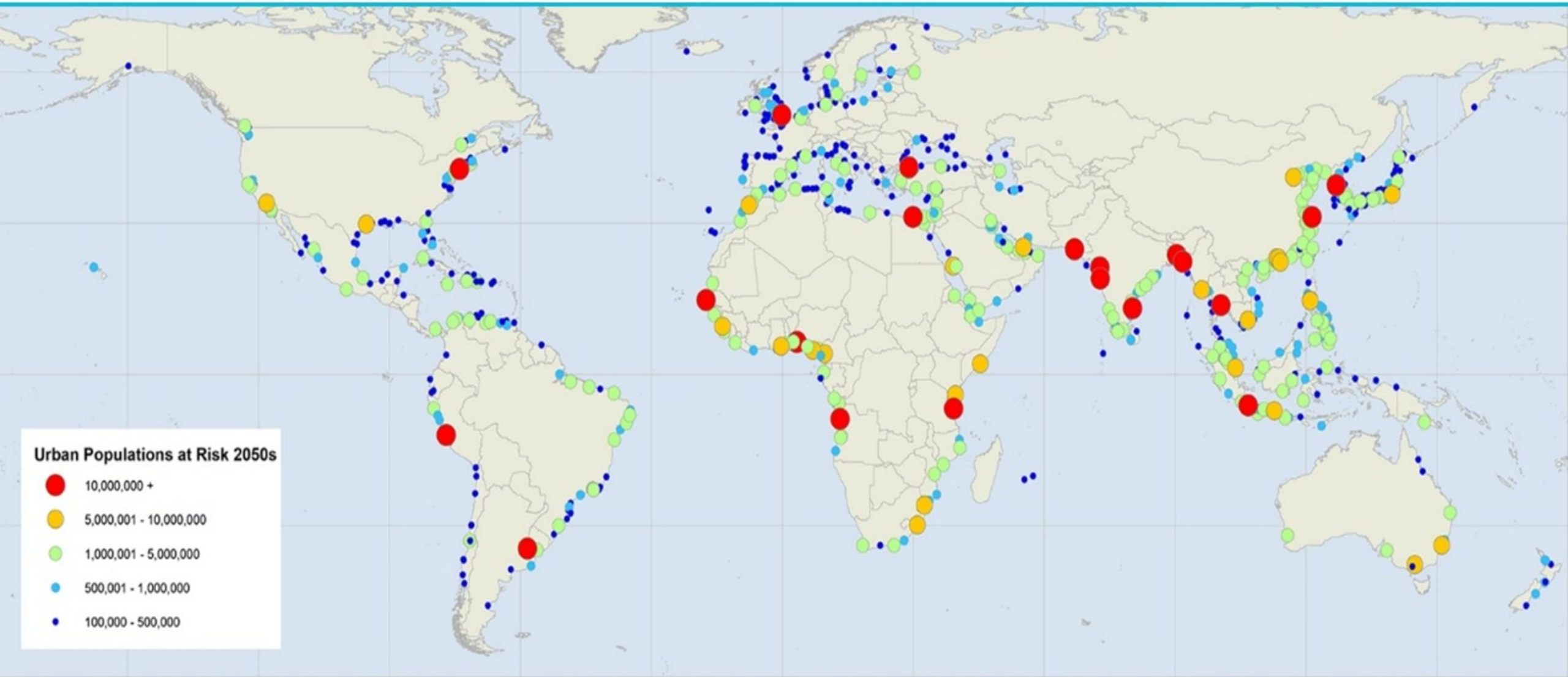




CITIES AT THE FOREFRONT – GLOBAL CONTEXT

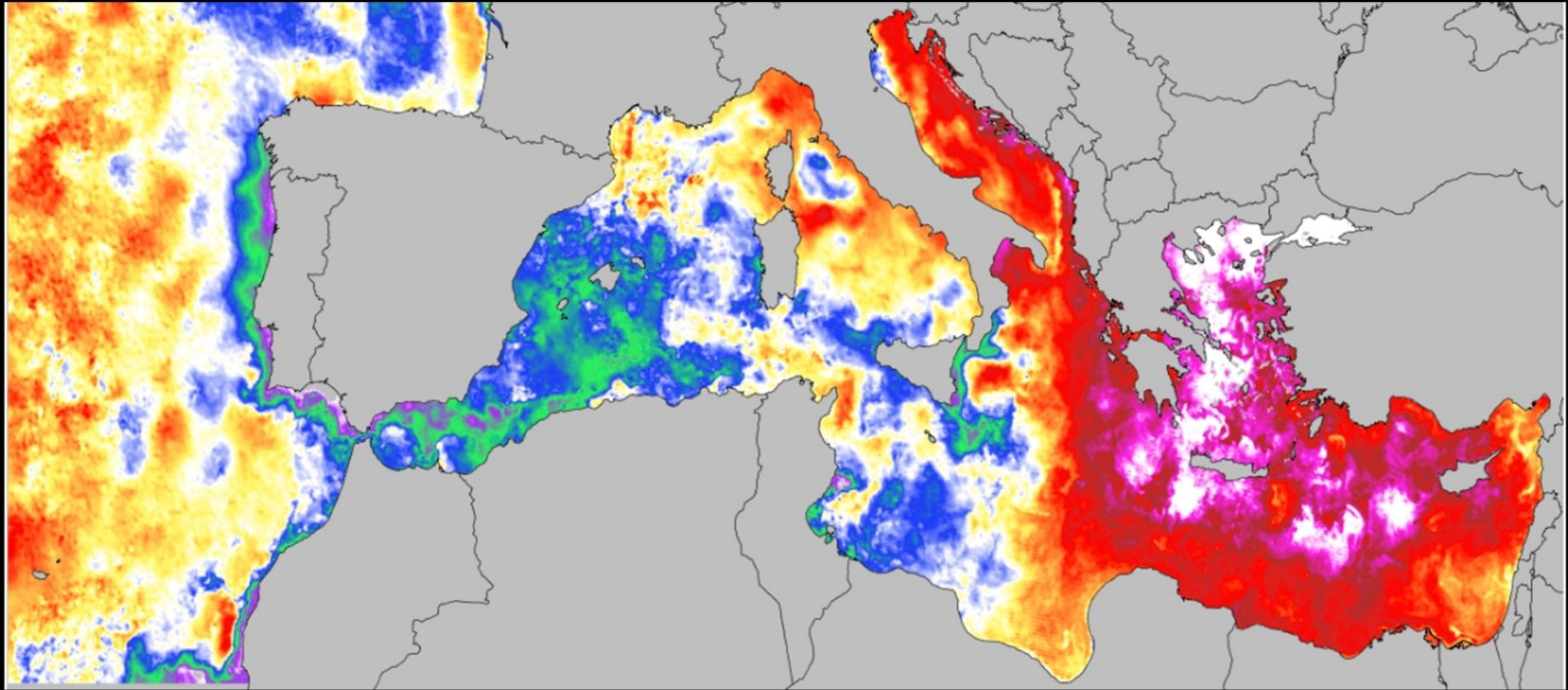
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In Israel, 50% of the big cities are coastal cities



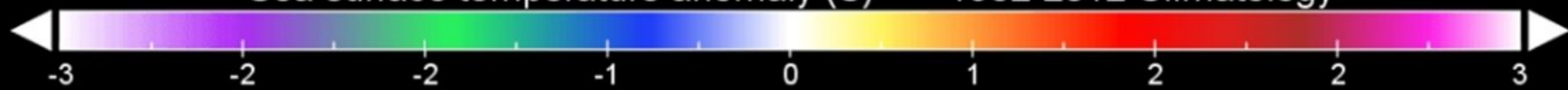
CNR-MED SST Analysis 20/November 2019

www.severe-weather.eu Andrej Flis (@Recretos)



Sea surface temperature anomaly (C)

1982-2012 Climatology



CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

- Mediterranean coasts are expected to suffer further severe disturbance due to intensive urbanization and other land uses.
- In the future, coastal storms and floods, probably more frequent and intense, will have adverse impacts, particularly in Mediterranean coastal cities (medium confidence).
- Only few Mediterranean cities have local climate plans that consider mitigation and adaptation in a joint manner.
- Cities, in particular, need to become more resilient to environmental change as impacts will be disproportionately high in these locations due to a concentration of population and assets in combination with hazard-amplifying conditions (e.g., increased runoff through soil sealing, urban heat island effect).



RISKS ASSOCIATED TO CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

*A preliminary assessment by the MedECC Network
Science-policy interface - 2019*

COASTAL HAZARDS – QUADRUPLE JEOPARDY

SEA LEVEL RISE

**STORM-WATER
OVERFLOWS**

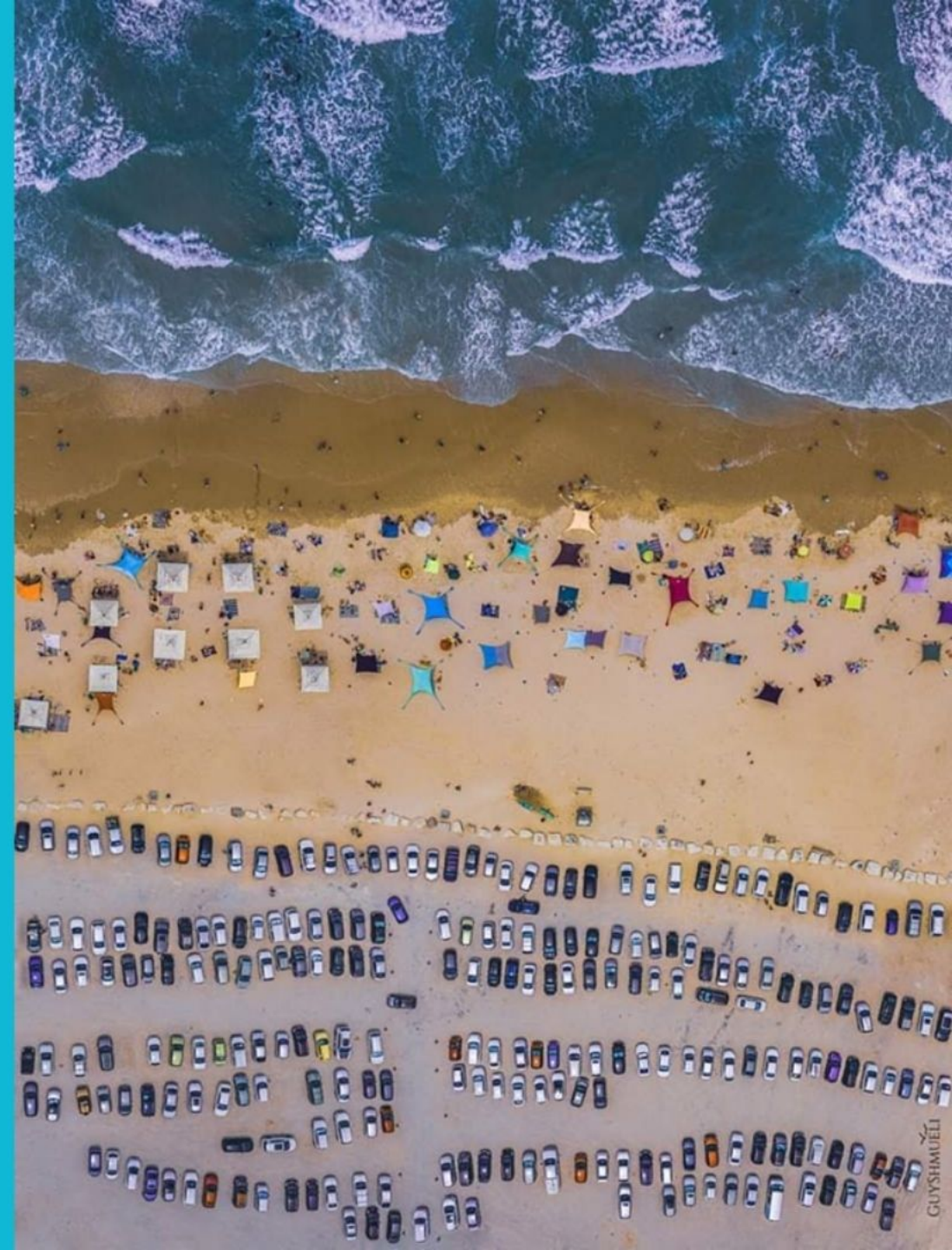


**MORE EXTREME
WEATHER**

**MORE PEOPLE,
MORE
BUILDINGS**

KEY CHALLENGES

- **Limited authority of local governments**
- **Lack of adequate funding for management of land and sea**
- **Lack of collaboration between local authorities**
- **Lack of civic and stakeholder engagement**
- **Limited enforcement**
- **Great variation in management mechanisms and practices among coastal authorities**
- **LIMITED CLIMATE AWARENESS AND READINESS**



An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Tel Aviv, showing a dense urban landscape with numerous high-rise apartment buildings and commercial structures. The city is situated along a coastline with a sandy beach and waves breaking on the shore. The sky is clear and blue. The text 'CITIES AT THE FOREFRONT - ISRAEL CONTEXT' is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif font across the upper portion of the image.

CITIES AT THE FOREFRONT - ISRAEL CONTEXT



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GUIDELINES FOR LOCAL COASTAL ADAPTATION PLANS



פורום רשויות החוף
Coastal Authorities Forum, Israel

COASTAL RESILIENCE

RESPONSE TO RISING DEMAND

- 1.Open new supervised beaches**
- 2.Expansion of beach services**
- 3.Expansion of shade**
- 4.Accessability and mobility to the coast**

PROTECTION OF POPULATION AND ASSETS

- 5.Adaptation of coastal buildings to rising sea levels**
- 6.Readiness to storm flooding**
- 7.Readiness to coastal impacts**
- 8.Assessment of risks to coastal assets**

PROTECTION OF COASTAL CLIFFS

- 9.Establishment of Coastal Climate Change monitoring mechanisms**
- 10. Complete cessation of flows from the east**
- 11.Expansion of Coastal Cliffs protection**

PRESERVATION OF THE COASTAL ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS

- 12.Nature Based Solutions**
- 13.Protection from invasive species**
- 14.Protection of Rocky Reefs**

CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Hazards | Events and disasters that can occur

Vulnerability | Sensitivity of communities to disaster and people or property exposed to them

Capacity | The ability to cope with and absorb the disaster



ISRAEL – CLIMATE TRENDS



**MORE
EXTREME**
Increase in
extreme
weather events



HIGHER
Gradual Sea
Level Rise



DRIER
By 2100
precipitation
will decrease
by 15-25%



HOTTER
Since 1950 the
average temp.
rose by 1.4
degrees

VULNERABILITY

- CLIFF EROSION
- INFRASTRUCTURE
- RUNOFF
- SEA LEVEL RISE



RISING SEA LEVELS – CONTINGENCY SCENARIOS - Israel Oceanographic and Limnological Research Inst.

	2050	2070	2100
Moderate Scenario	0.14-0.32	0.21-0.47	0.27-0.68
Mid Range Scenario	0.15-0.33	0.24-0.51	0.39-0.82
Severe Scenario	0.18-0.37	0.3-0.61	0.58-1.1

**NATIONAL SEA LEVEL RISE CONTINGENCY SCENARIOS TO BE
PUBLISHED BY AUGUST**

A dramatic seascape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with a bright orange and yellow glow from the sun just below the horizon. The ocean is dark blue with white-capped waves breaking. In the middle ground, a person is seen swimming in the water. The overall mood is somber and intense.

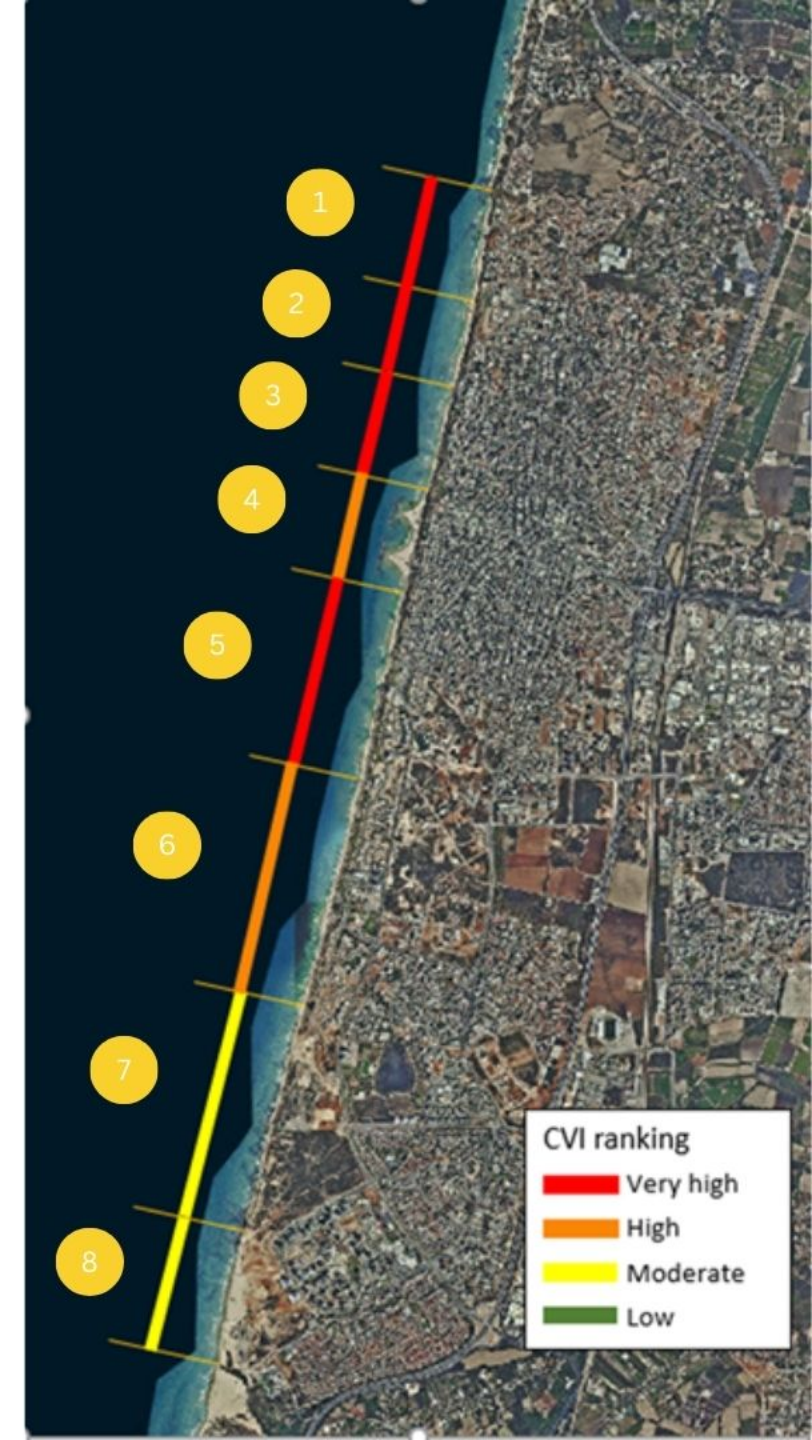
Case Study, Netanyahu

- **Central city, along a coastal strip**
- **"The Israeli Riviera"**
- **45% increase in population by 2030 (Netanya master plan)**
- **Very high and steep coastal cliff reaches a peak of above 40 m**



CVI, Netanya

Variable	Segment							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Geomorphology and geology	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4
Erosion	4	4	5	4	4	3	3	3
Sea level rise	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Wave height	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Emerged beach width	5	4	4	4	5	4	4	2
Land use	3	3	3	4	4	3	1	3
Coastal defenses	4	5	5	3	5	5	2	5
Coastal cliffs	4	4	3	3	4	3	4	-
	$CVI = \sqrt[n]{a_1 * a_2 * \dots * a_n}$							
CVI Value	109.54	109.54	106.07	84.85	141.42	82.11	34.64	32.07
CVI Category	Very High	Very High	Very High	High	Very High	High	moderate	moderate



Coastal Management ACTION

- 2022** • **Treating drainage in the coastal strip**
- 2024** • **Carrying out a risk assessment and building a set of guidelines for climate-adapted operational and management of the coastal strip, including the coastal hinterland, ecosystems and assets**
 - **Comprehensive economic damage analysis in the coastal strip**
 - **Adding shading on the beaches**
 - **Assessing nature-based solutions to protect the coastal strip**
- 2030** • **Monitoring marine and coastal ecosystems, cliffs and infrastructure**



Conclusions



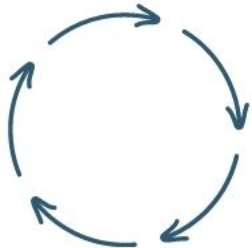
Today already, the coastal vulnerability to the climate change effects is high, and projections are an increase in all phenomena, which means adaptation measures must begin today.



There is an acute information gap needed for the adaptation plans, especially in the field of local projections



Coastal development has a major impact on coastal vulnerability that requires attention at the planning stage



Any action taken to reduce the level of vulnerability of one parameter, may affect a one or several other parameters, and therefore it required that any plan must include all the influencing factors.





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