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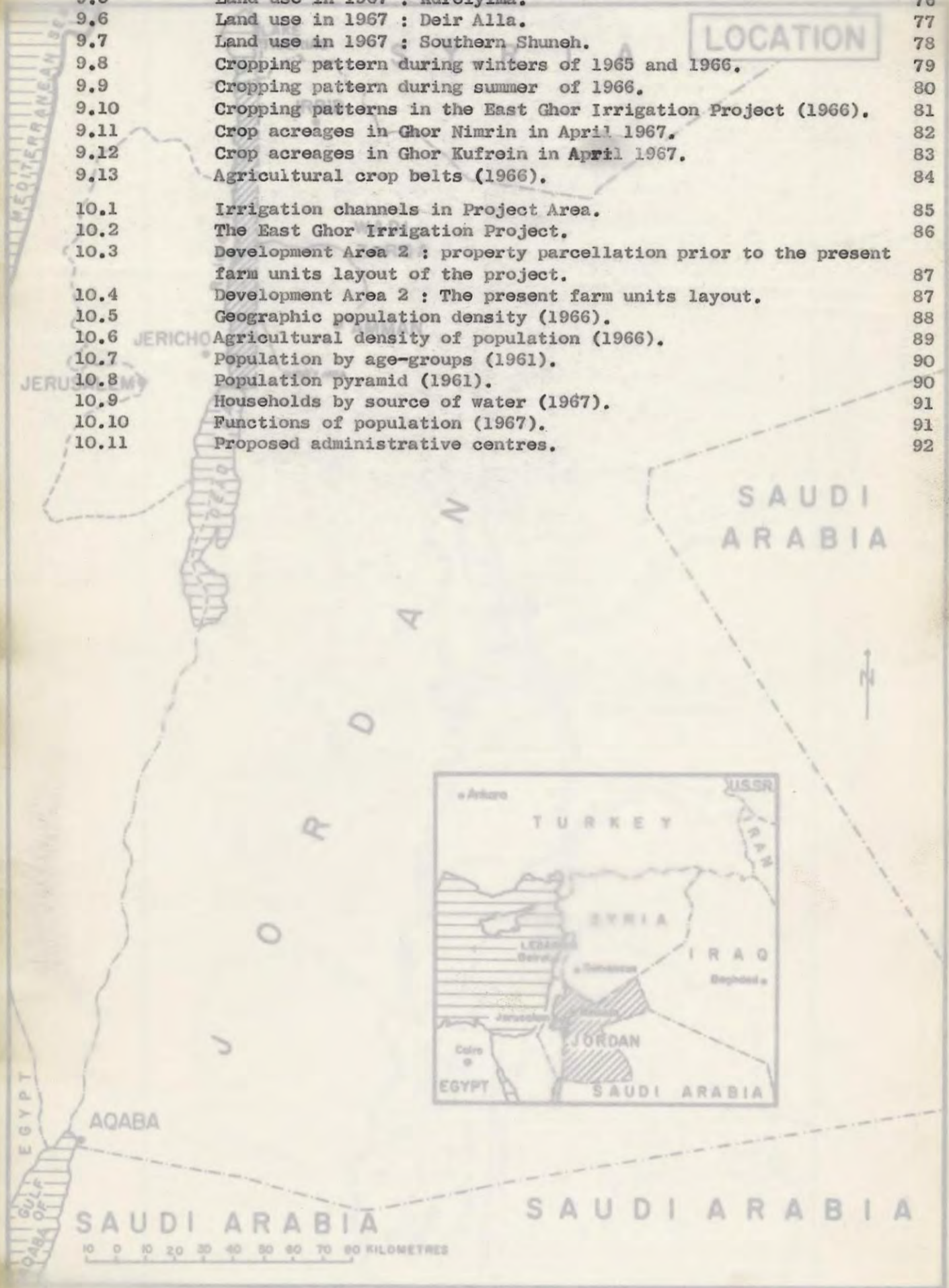


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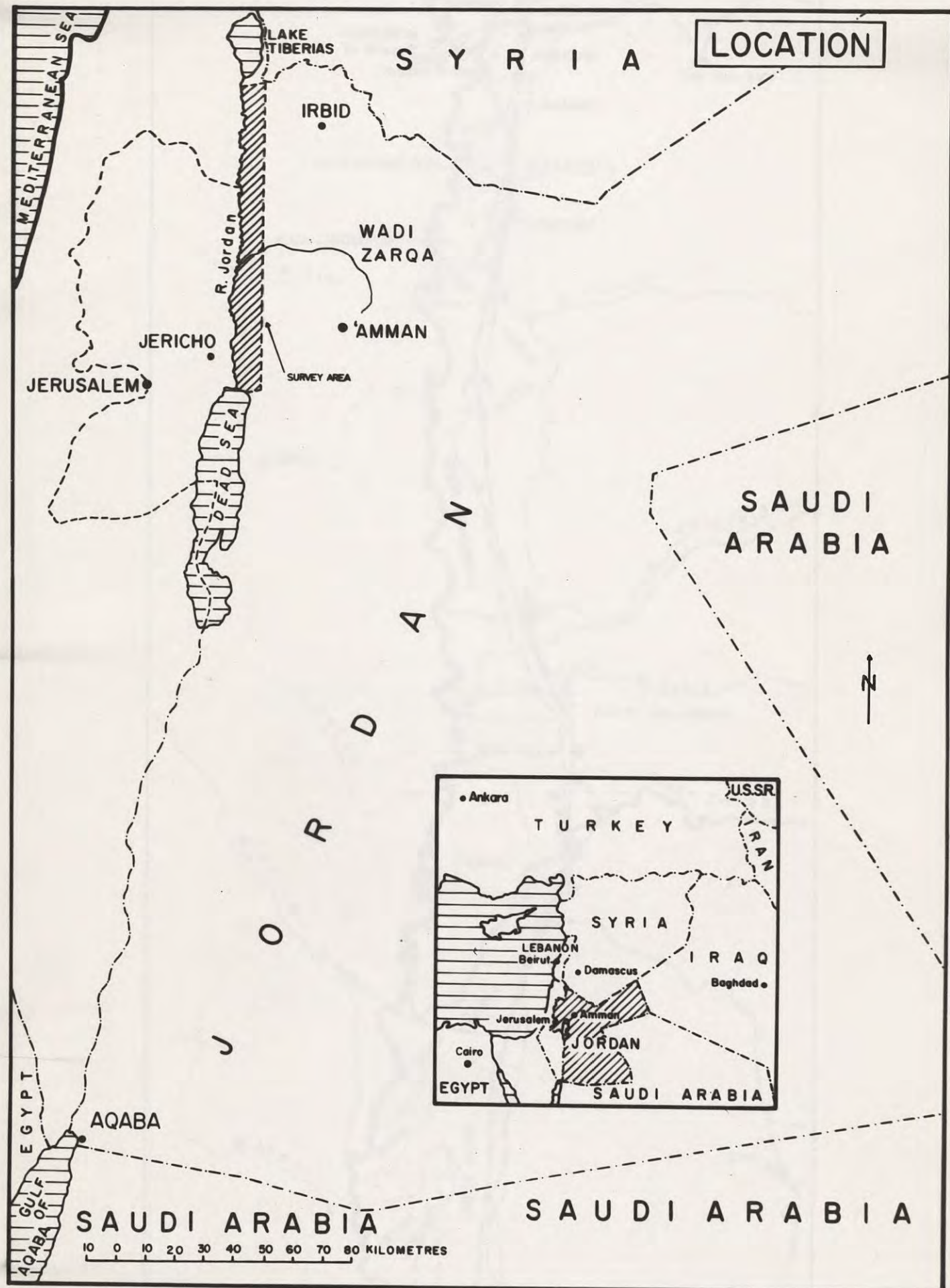


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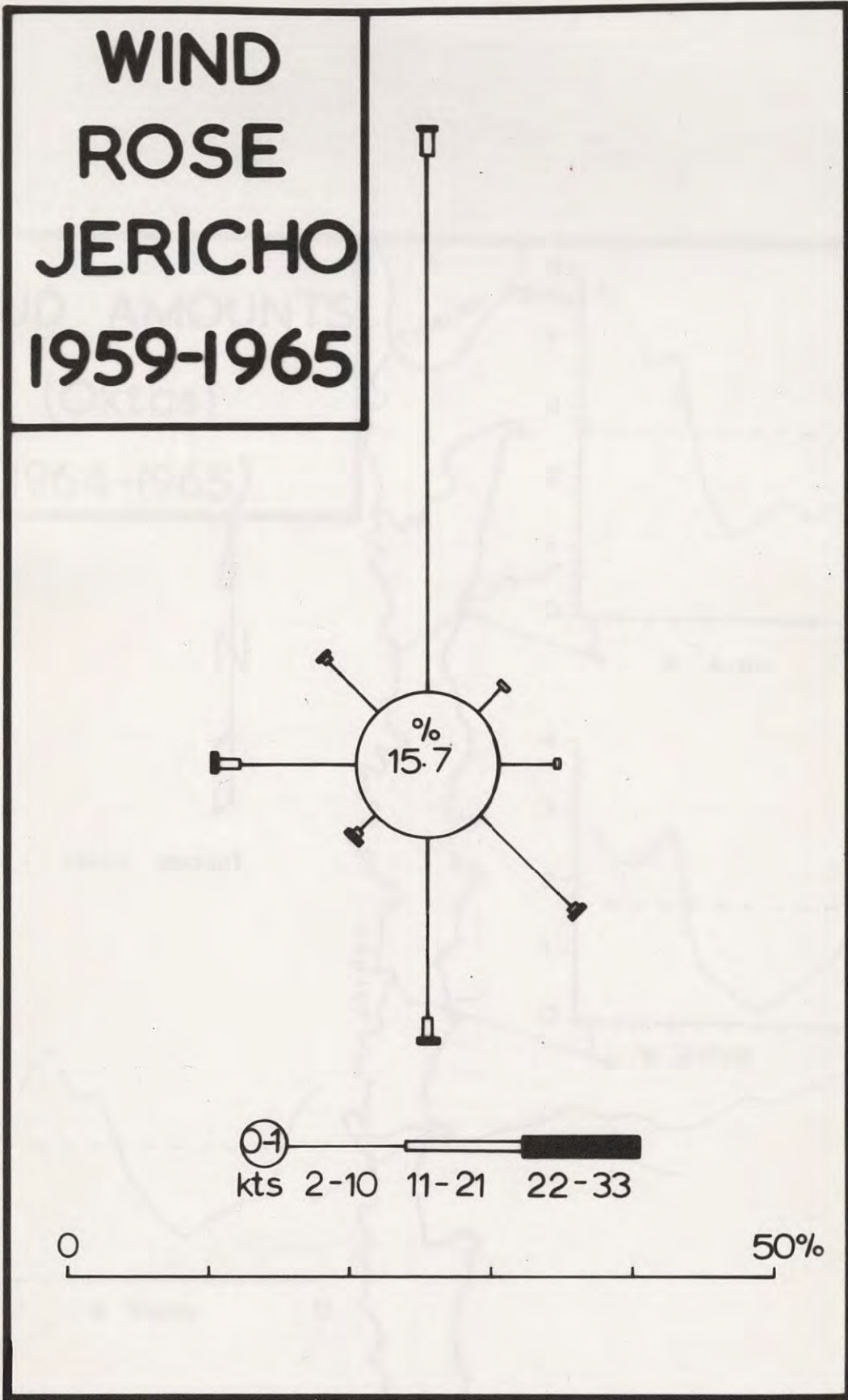


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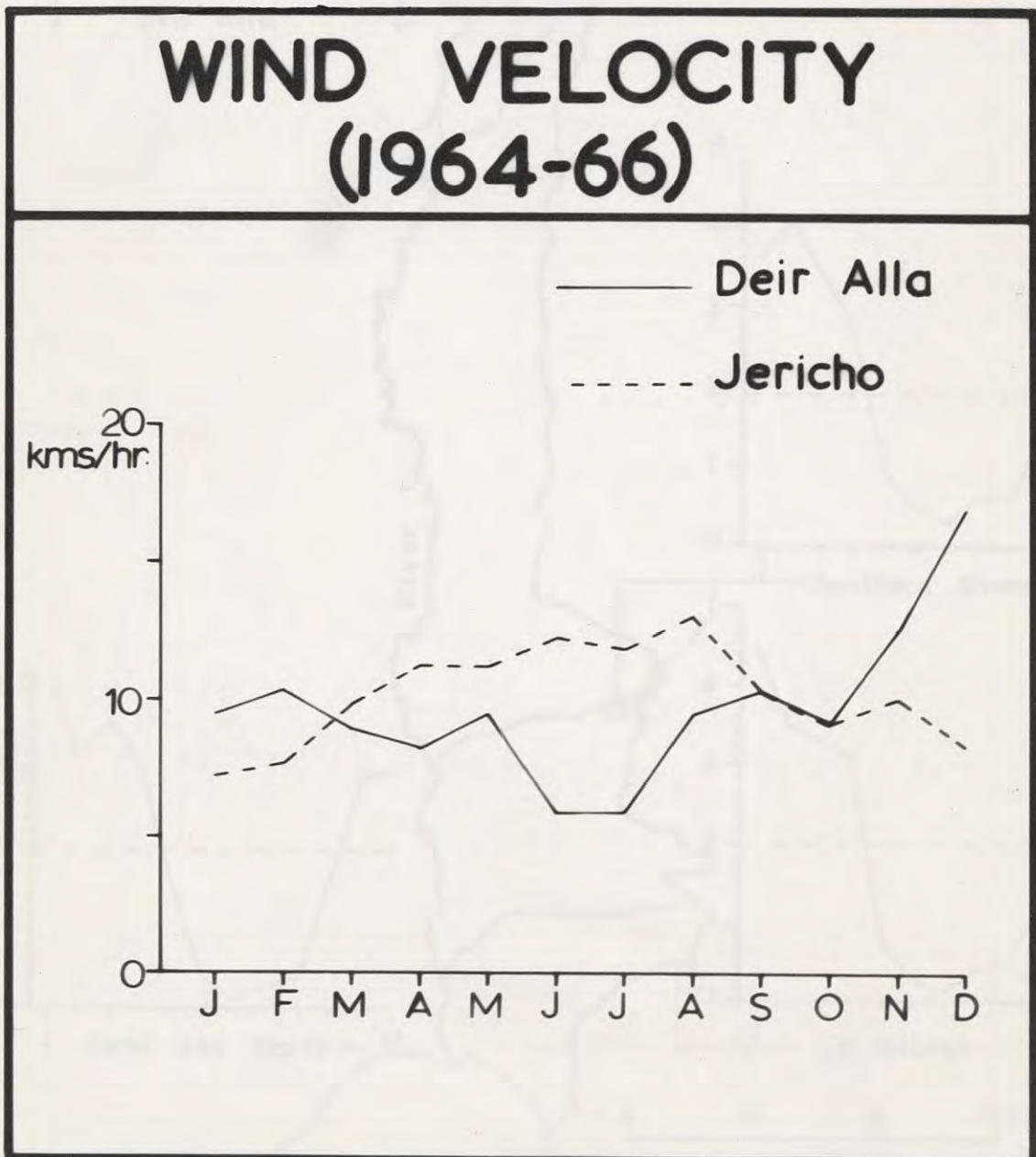


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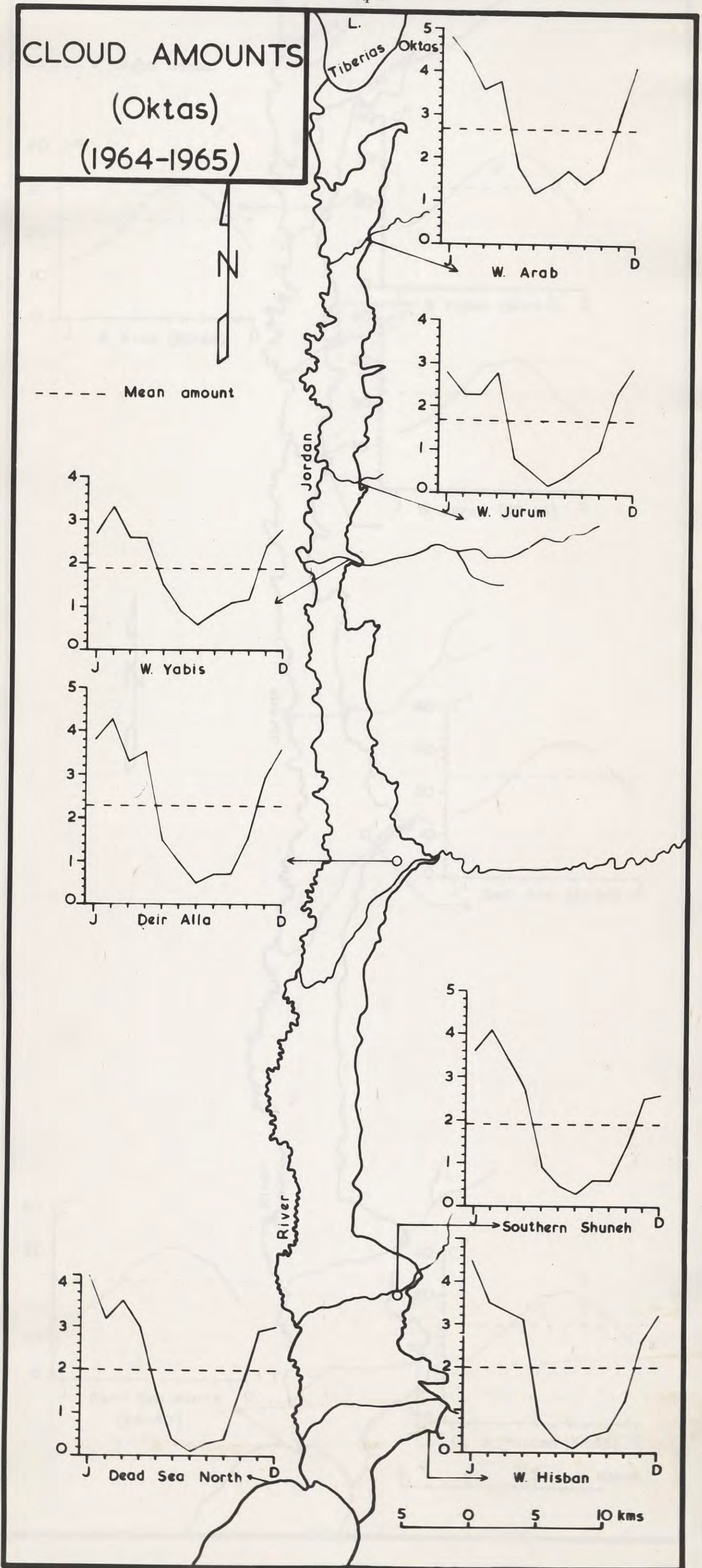


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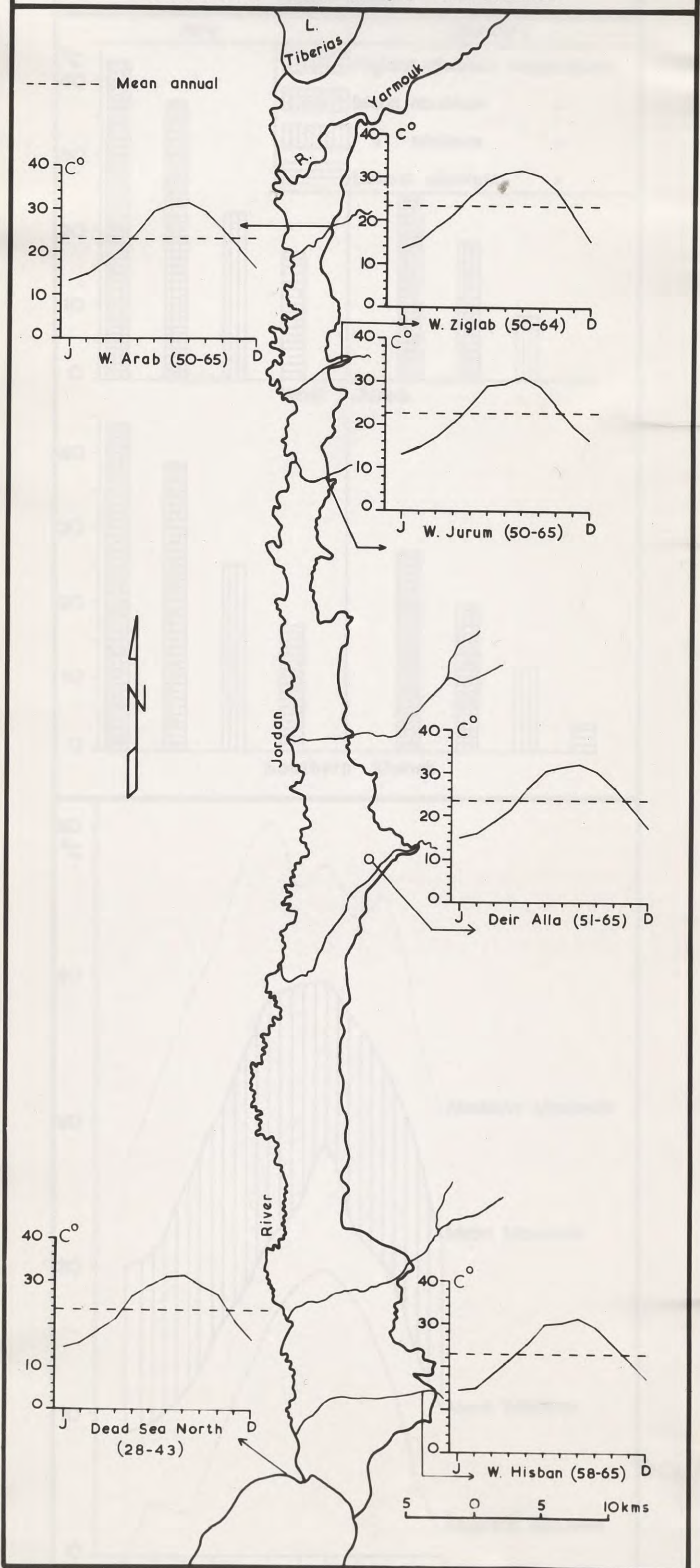


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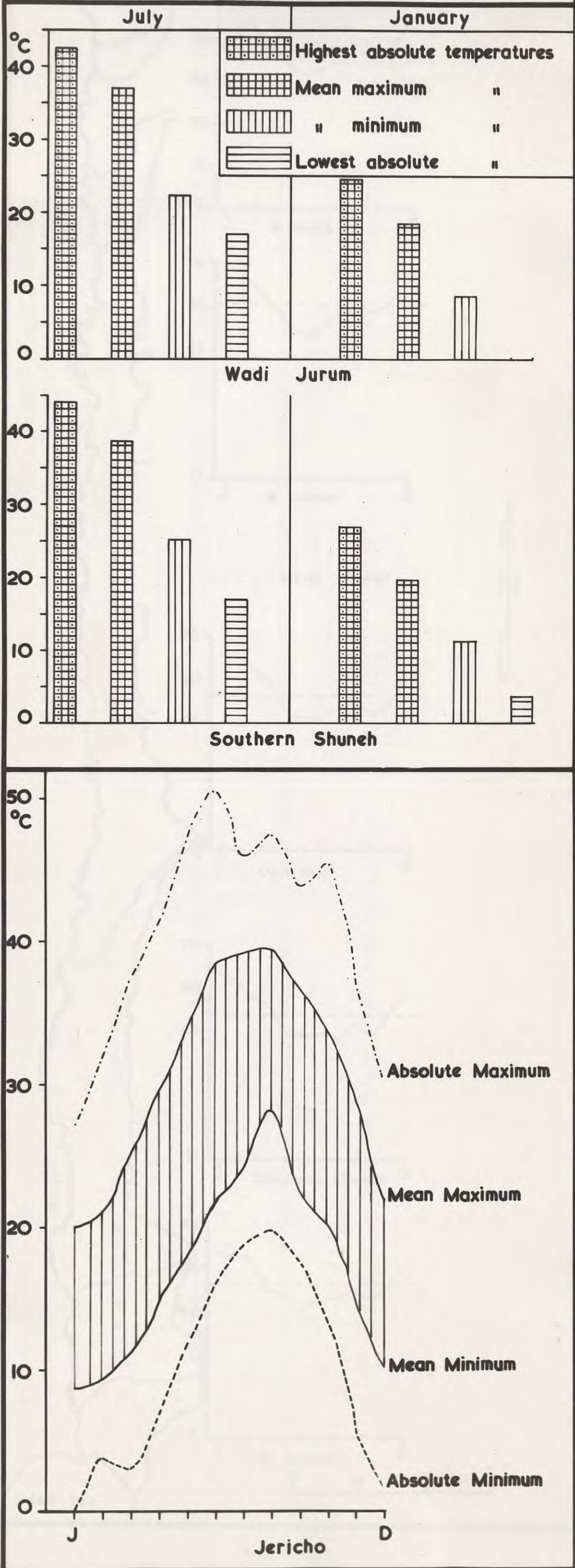


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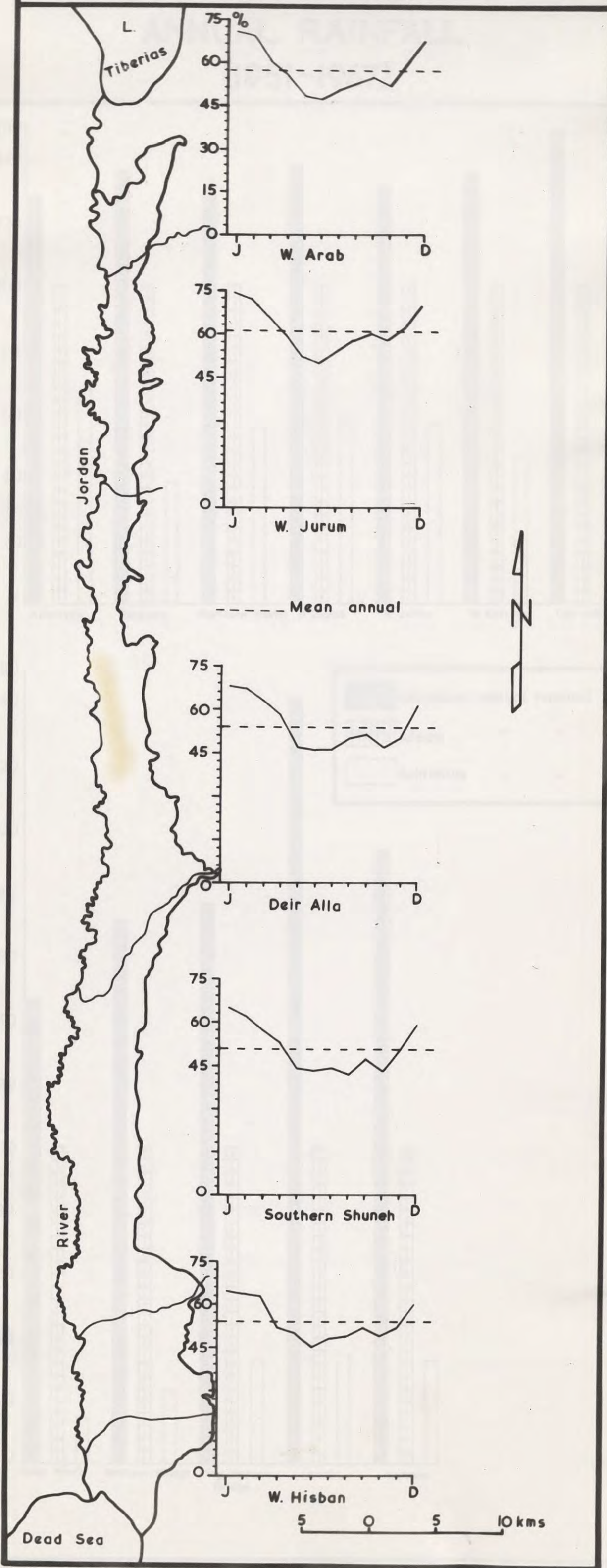


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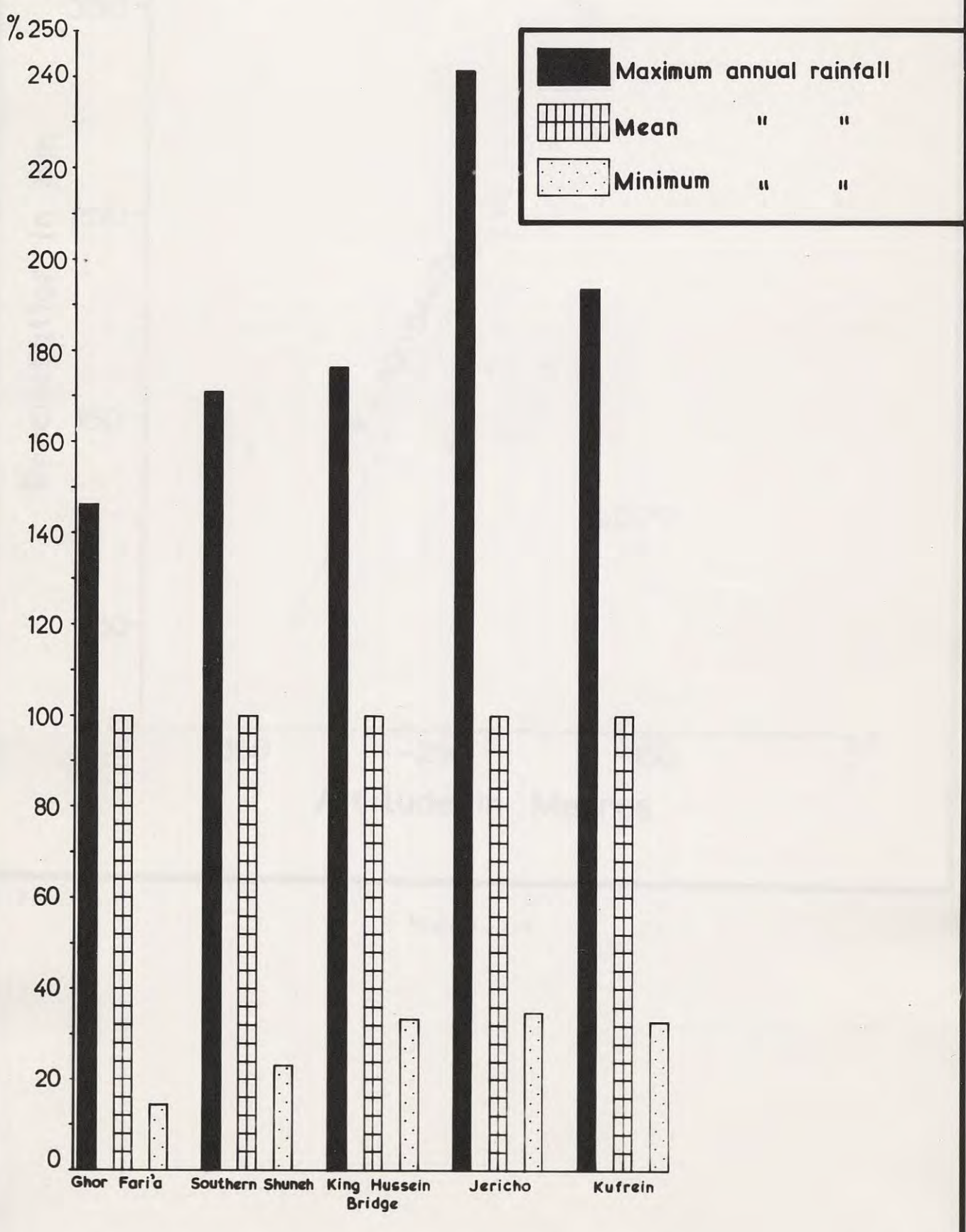
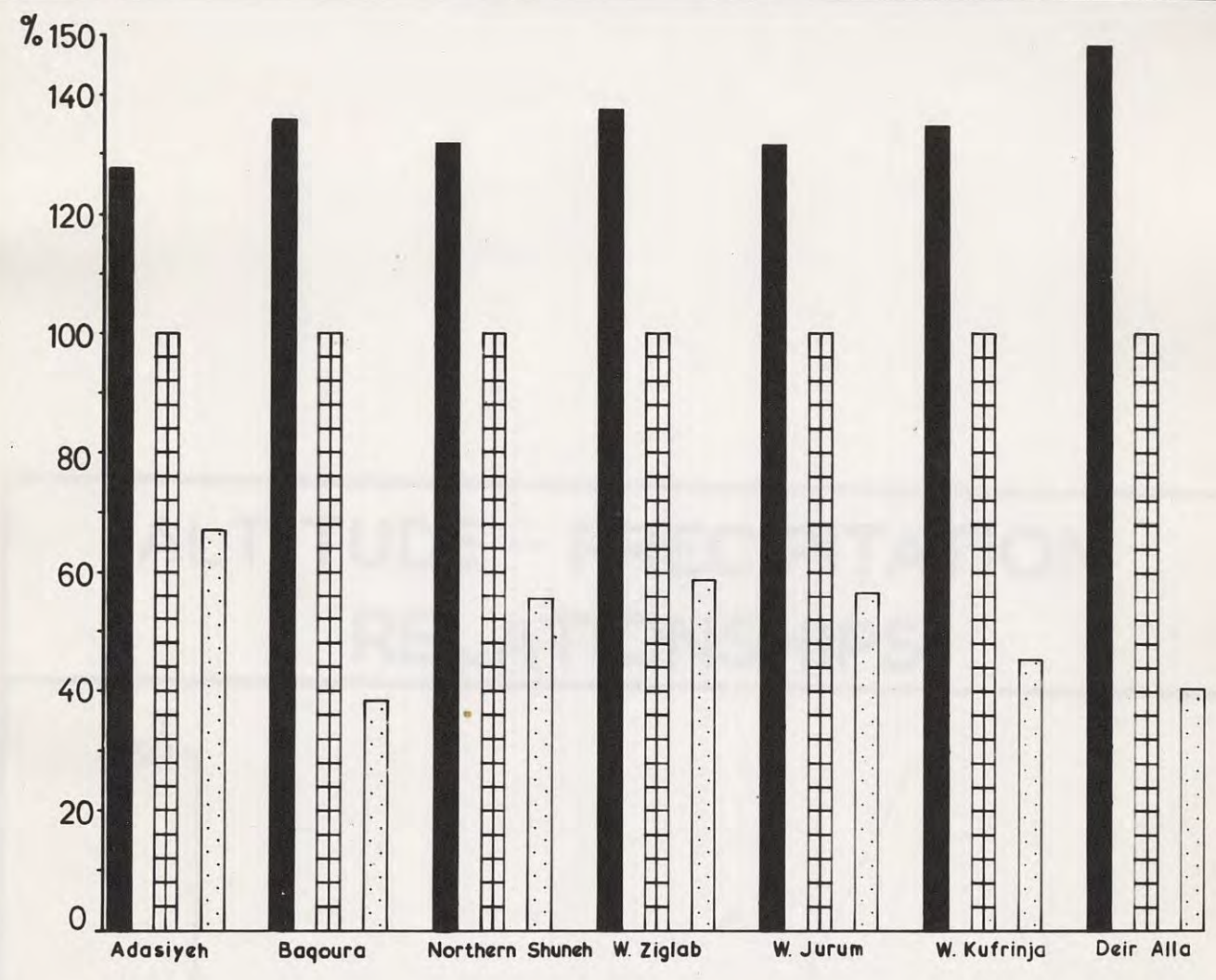


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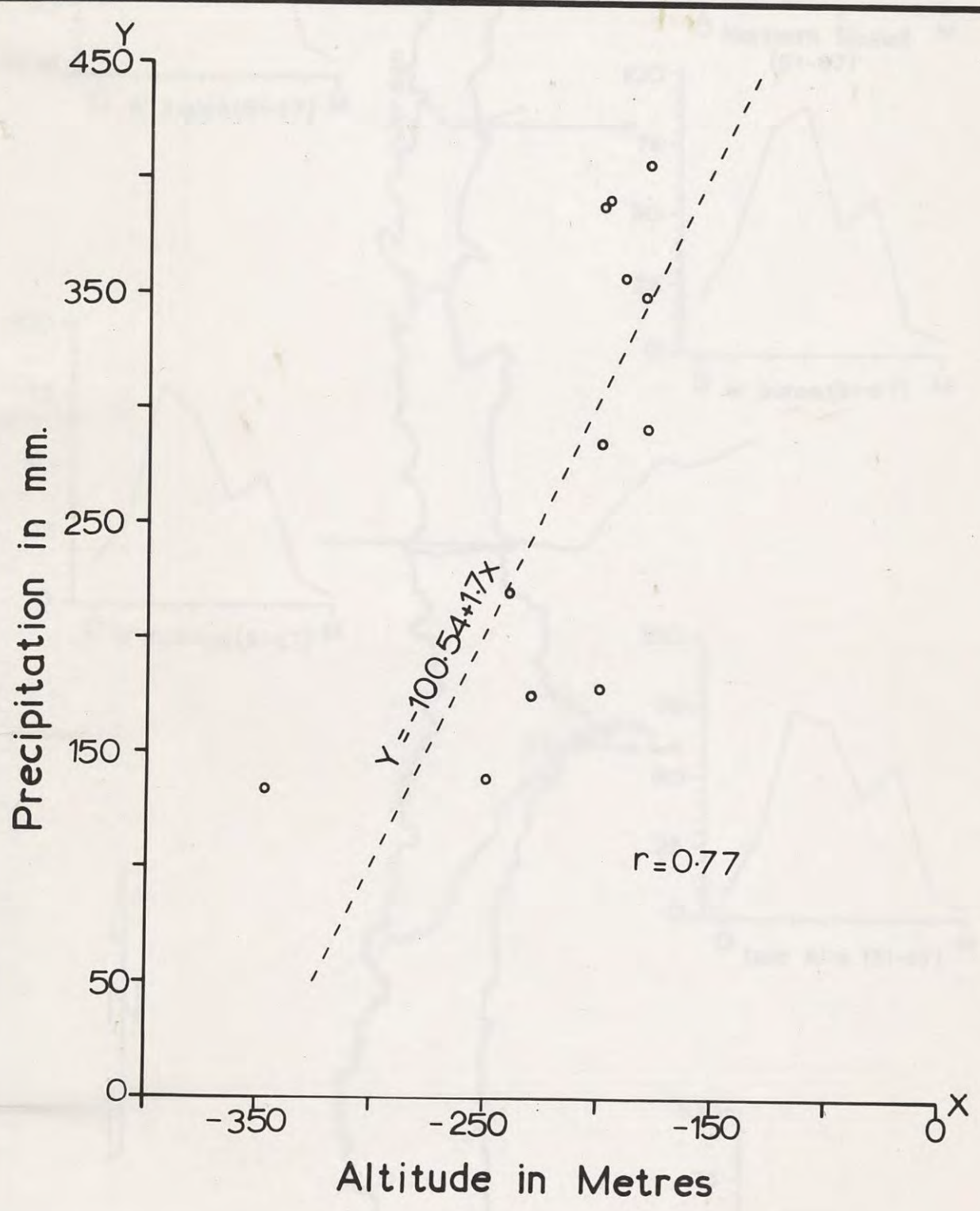


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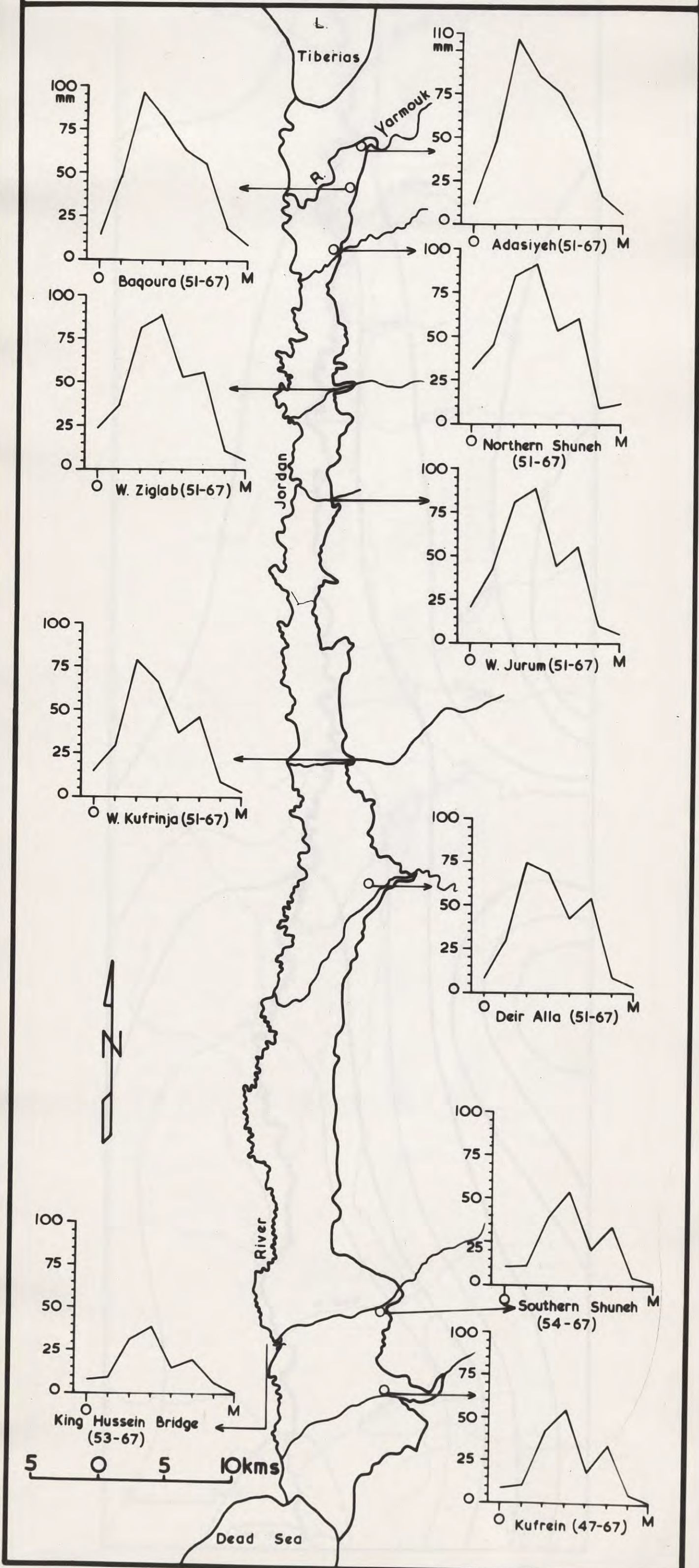


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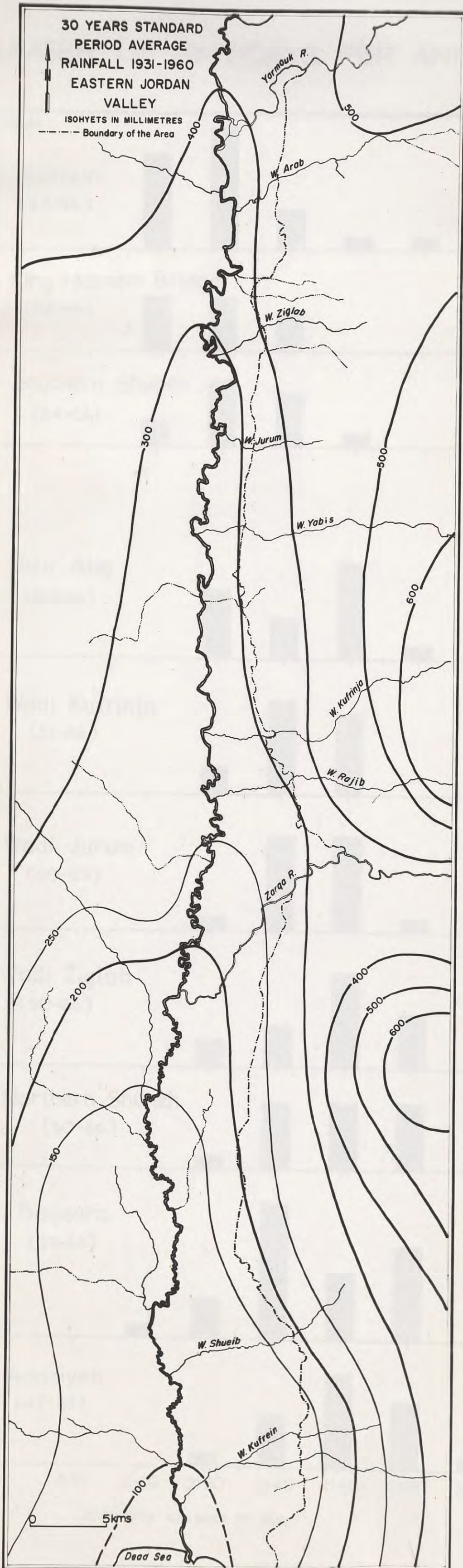


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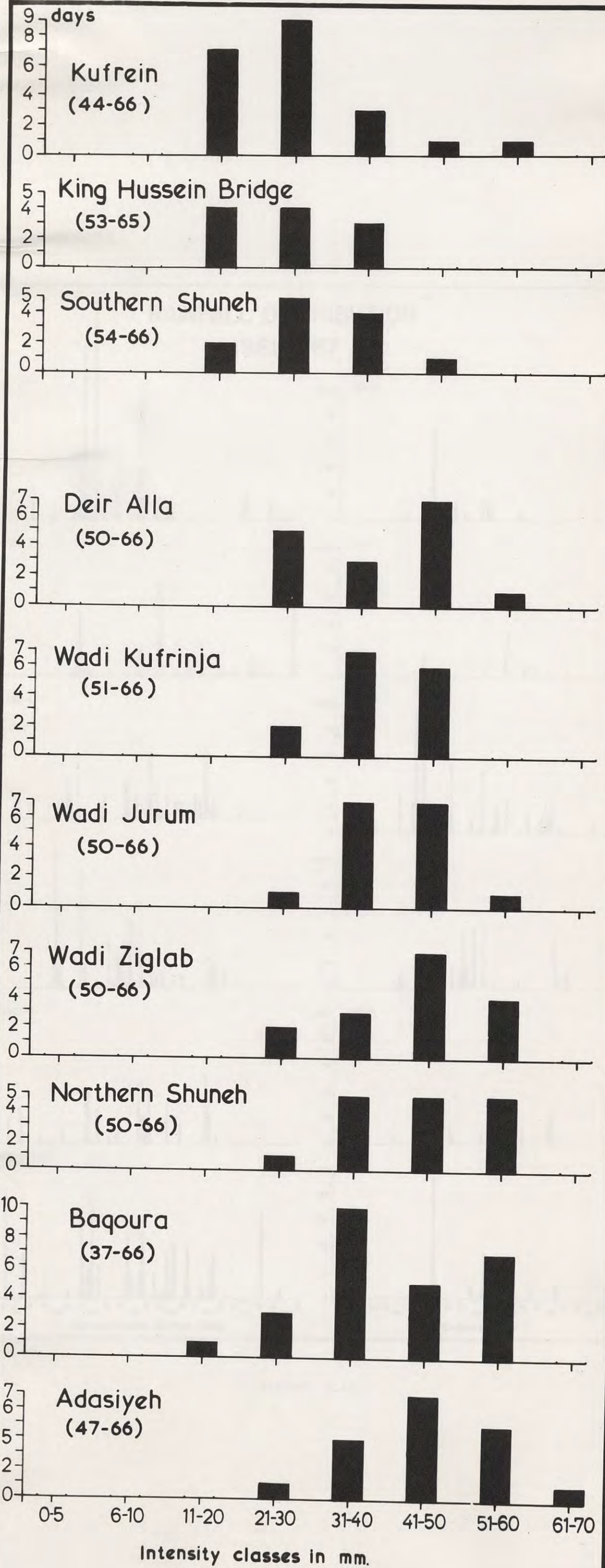


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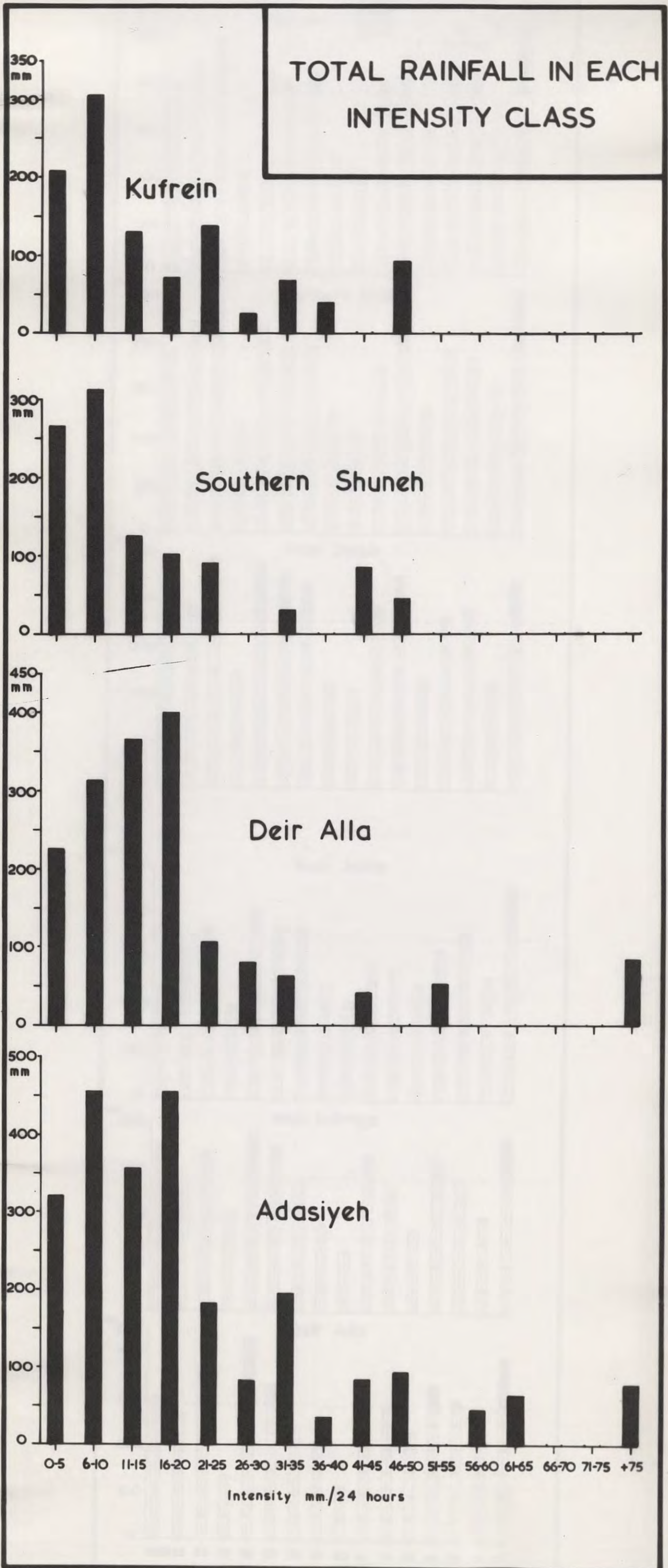


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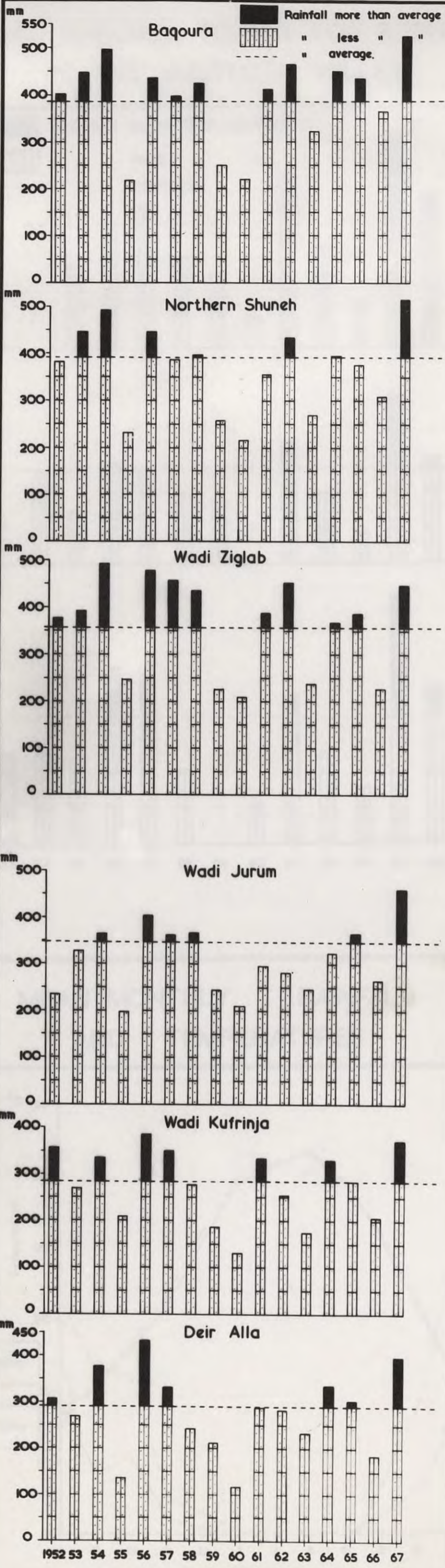
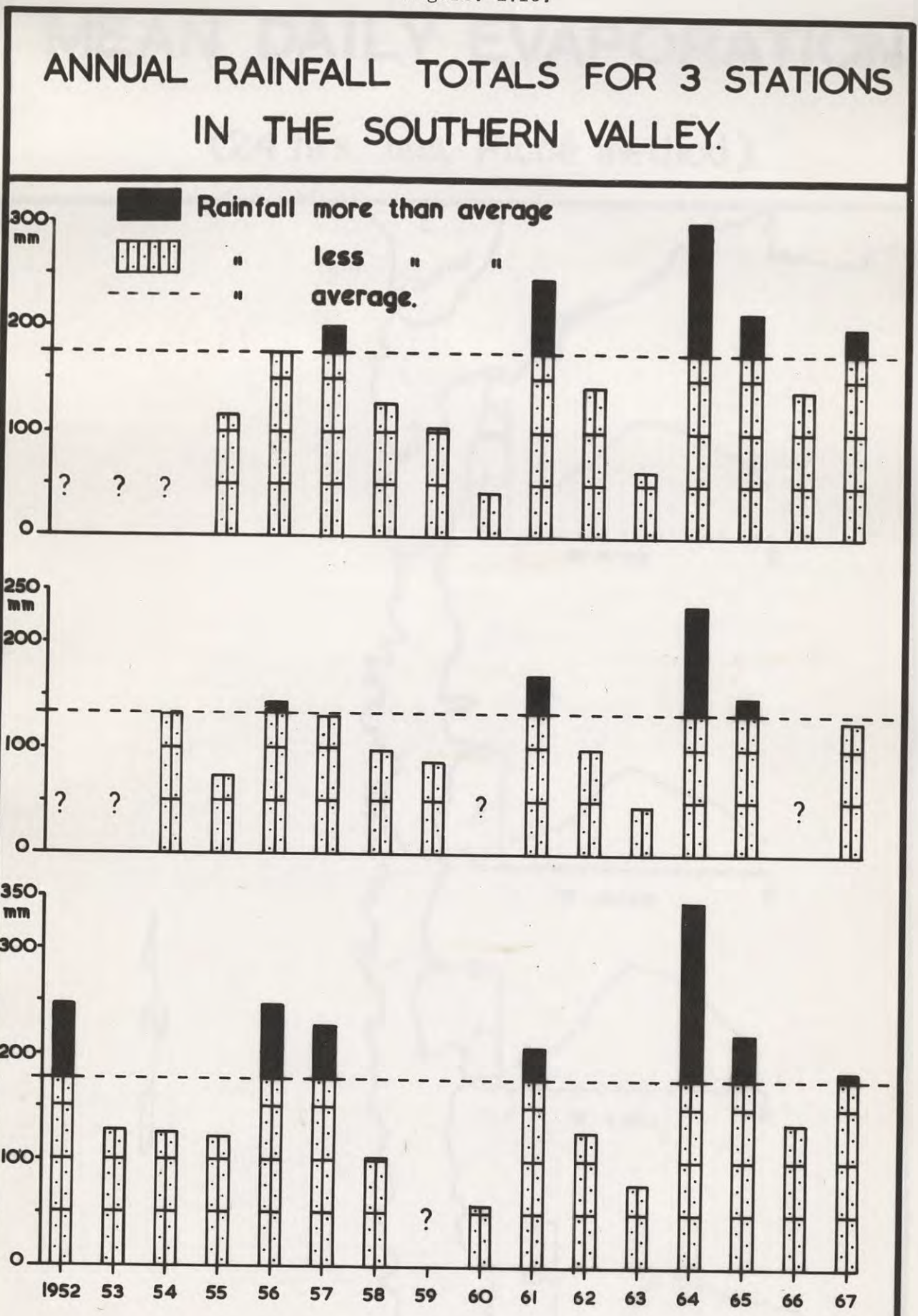


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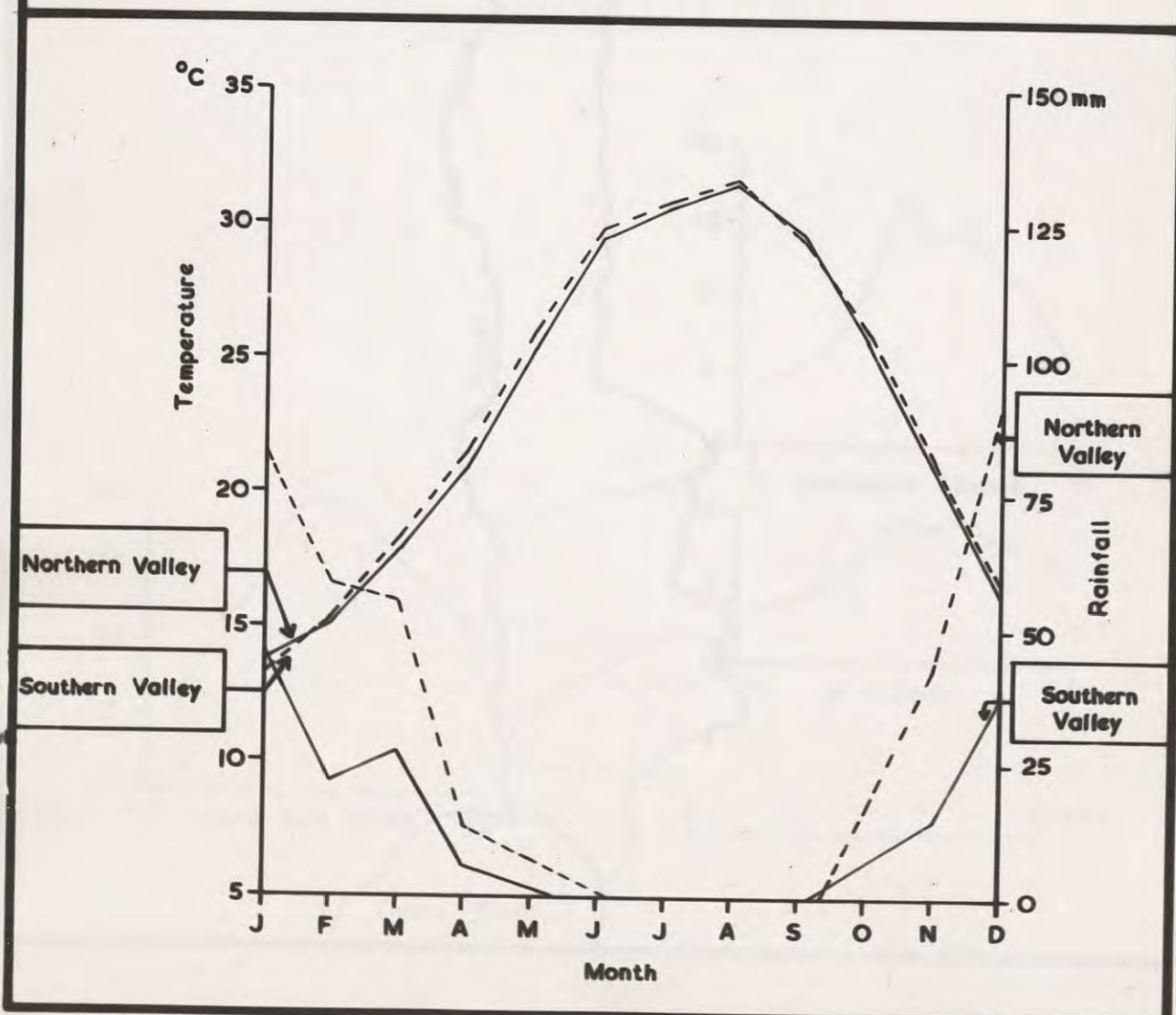


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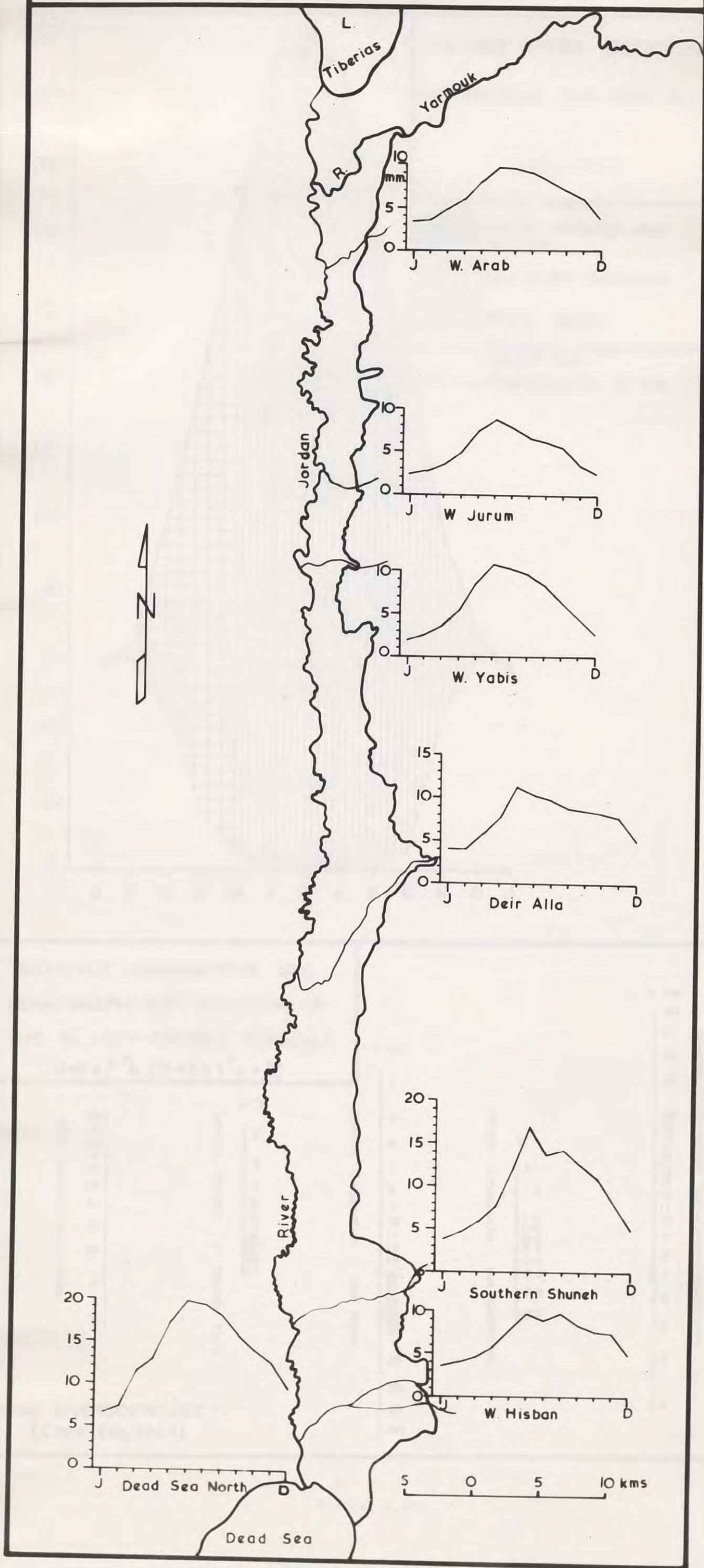


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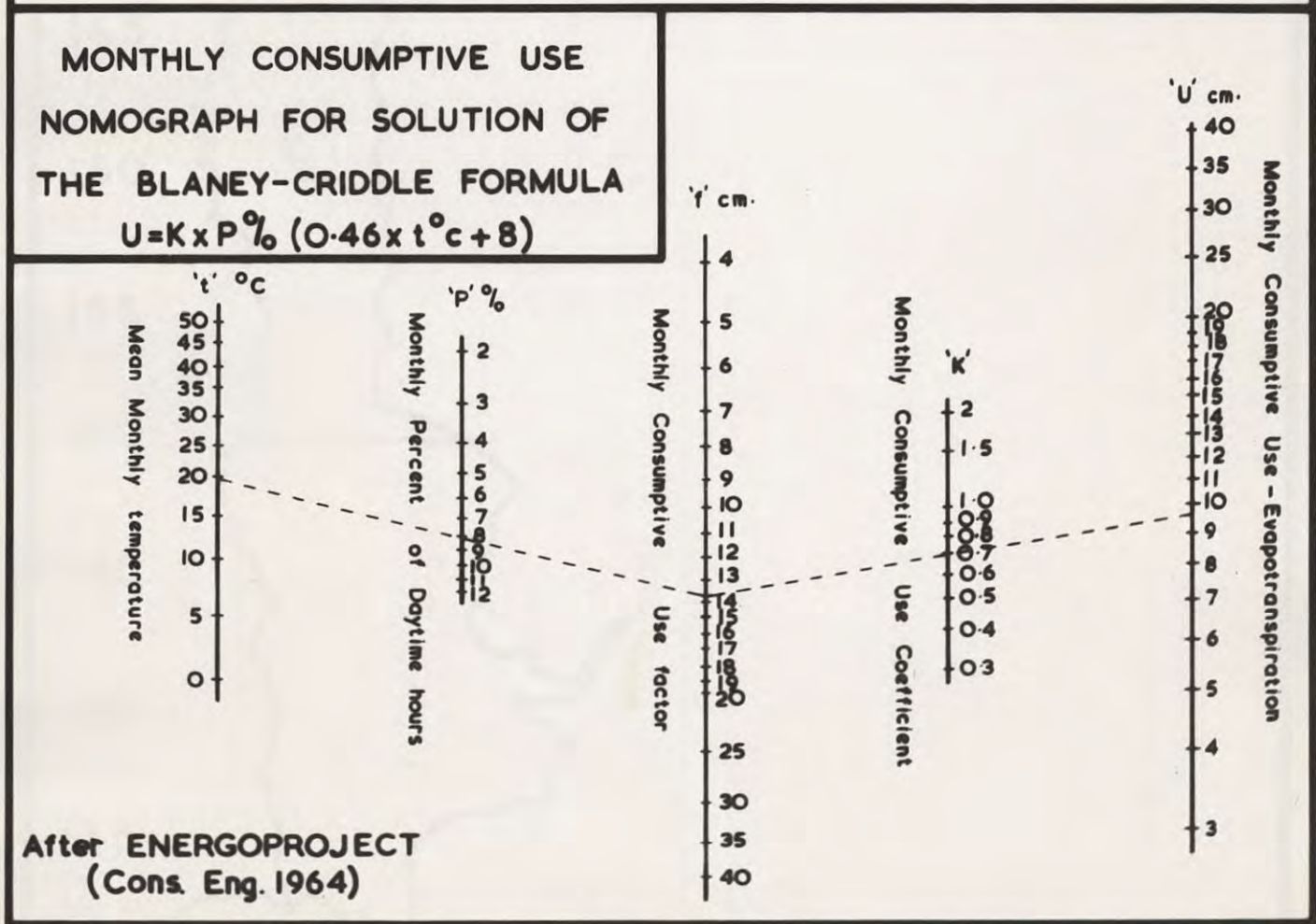
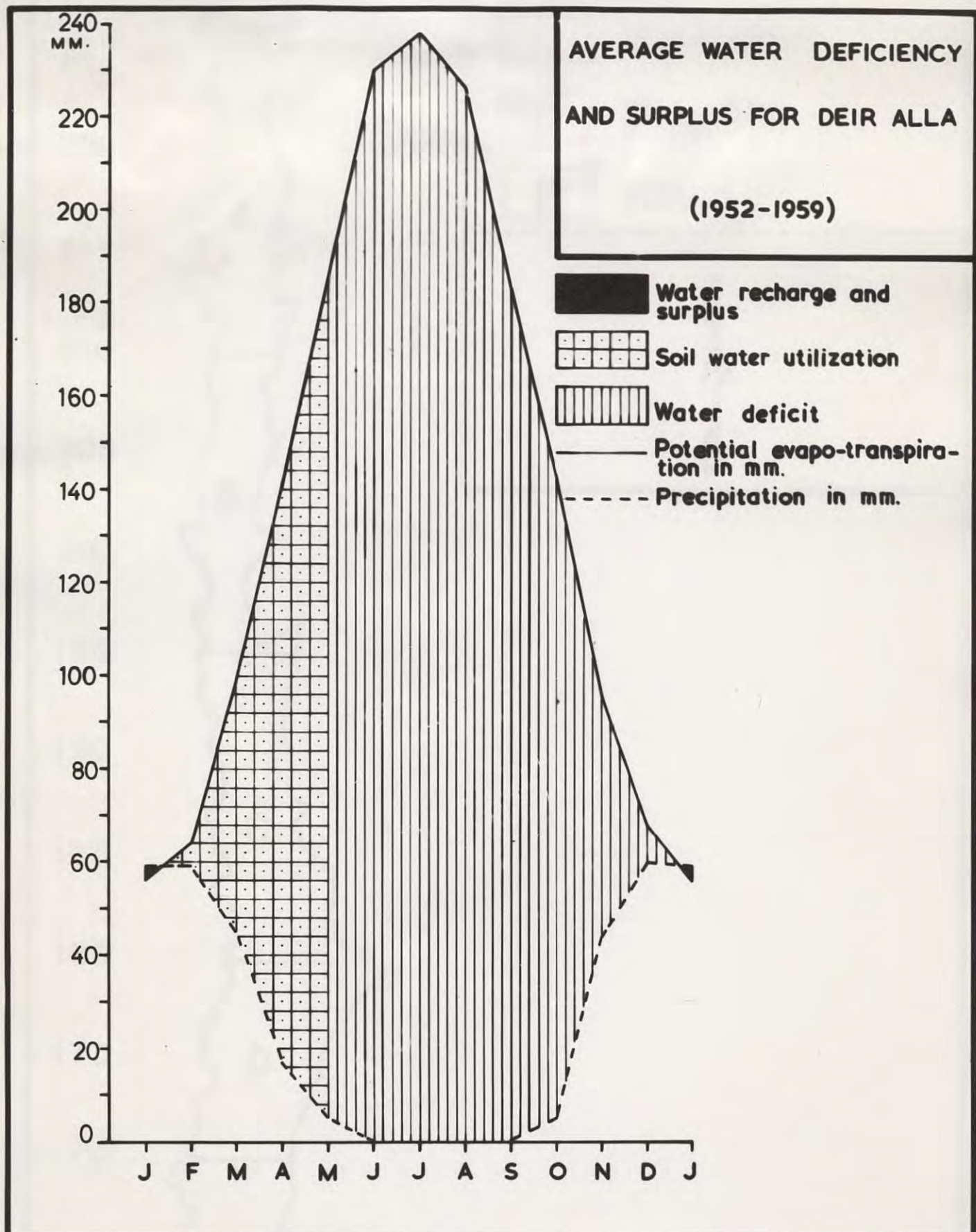


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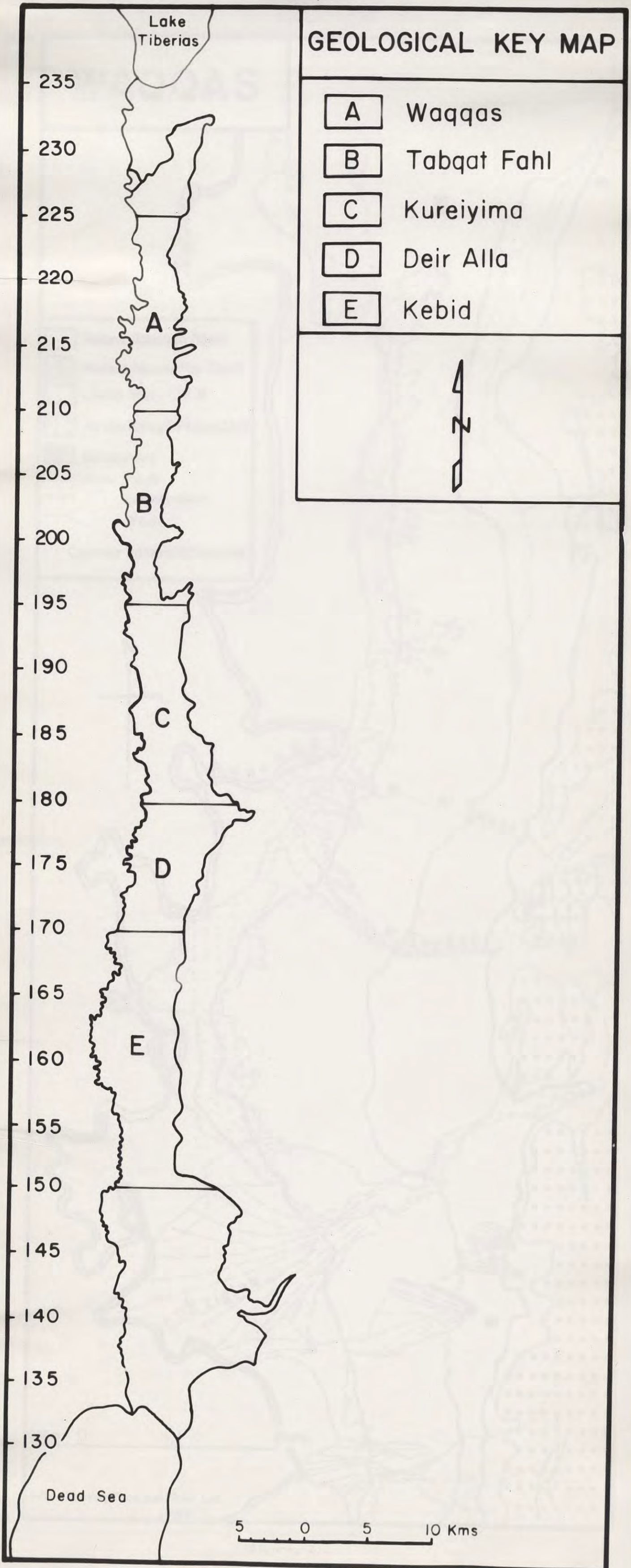
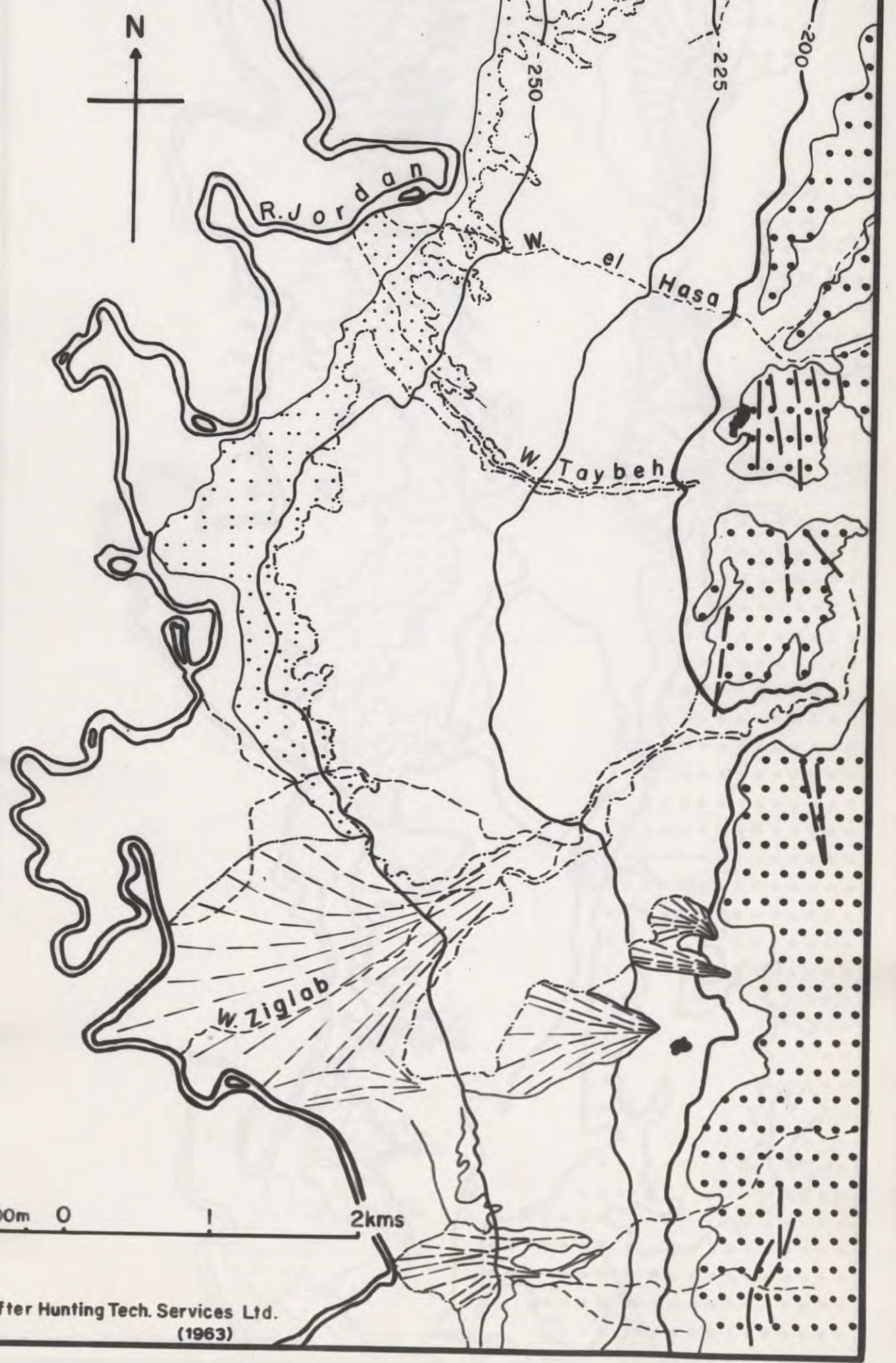


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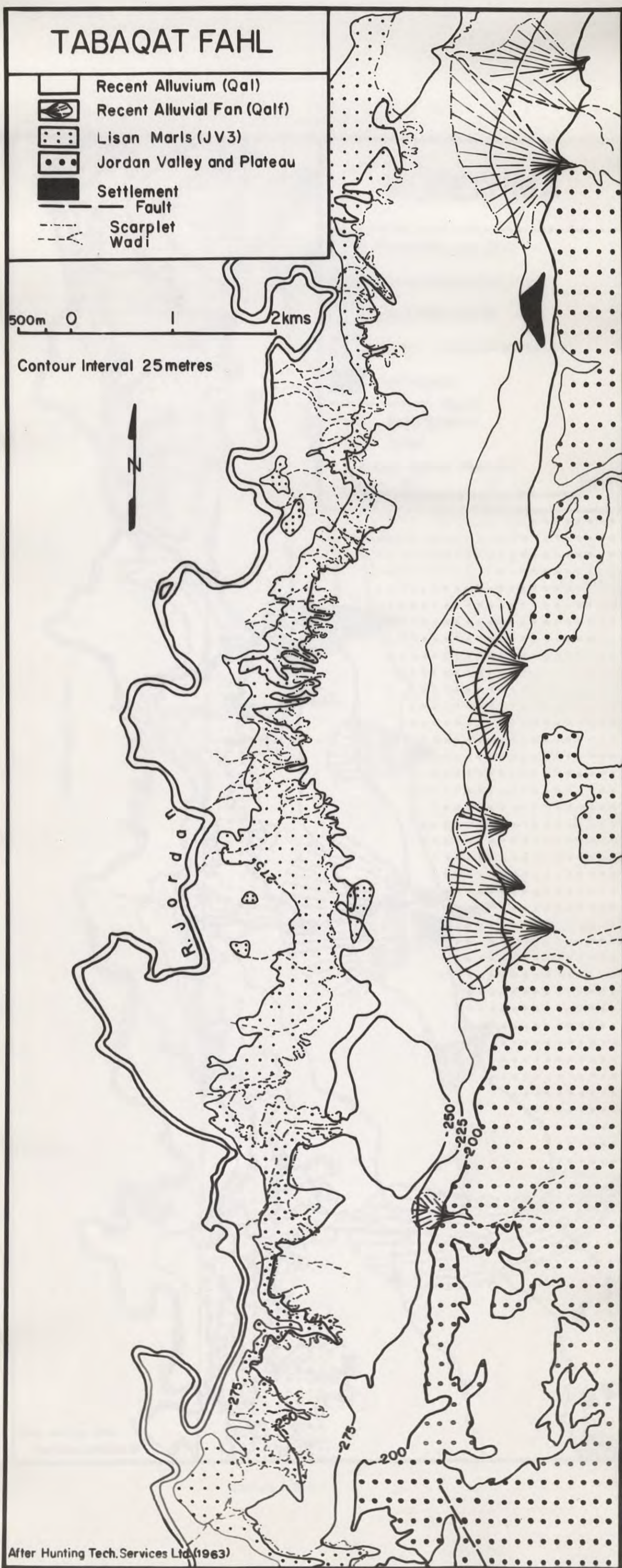


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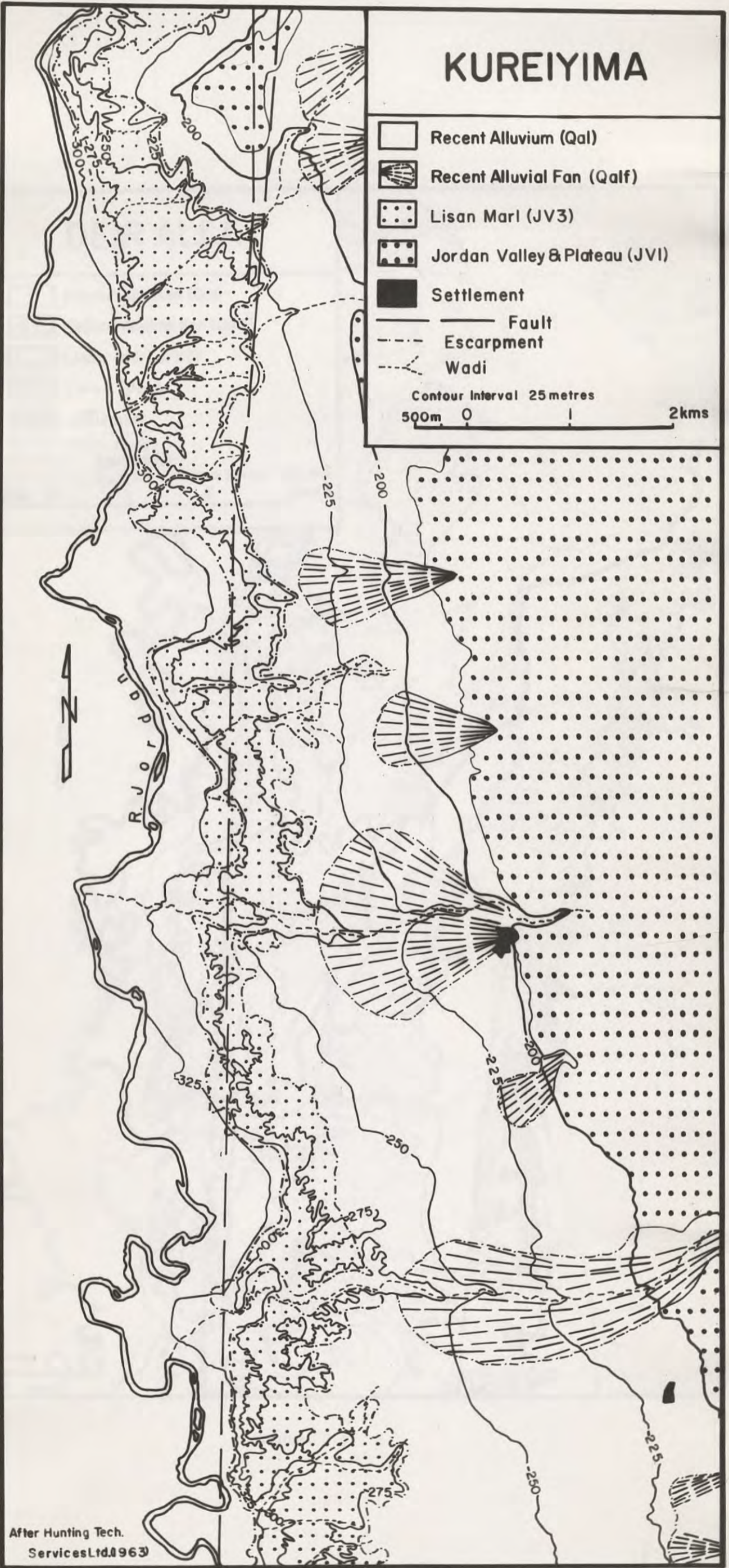
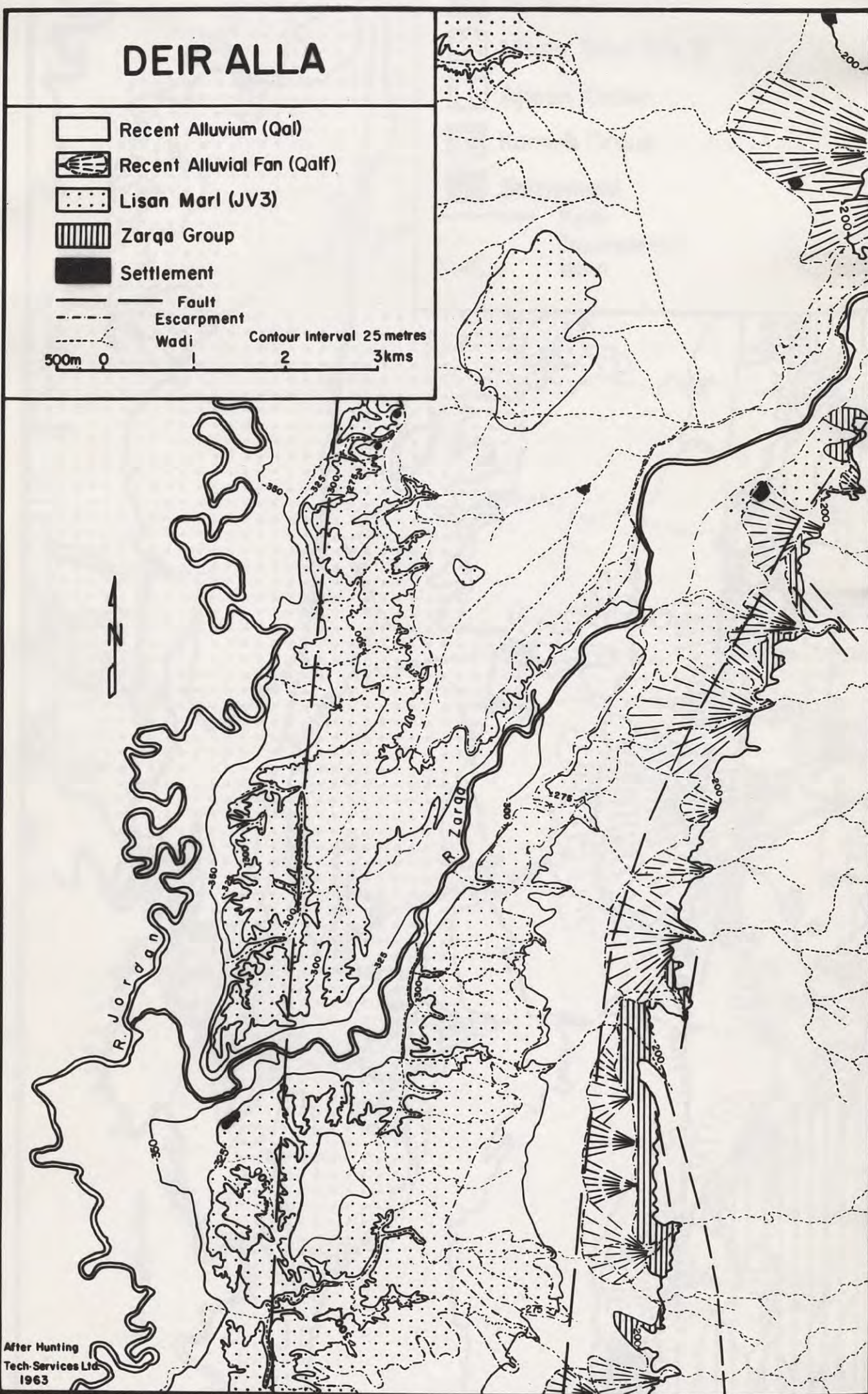


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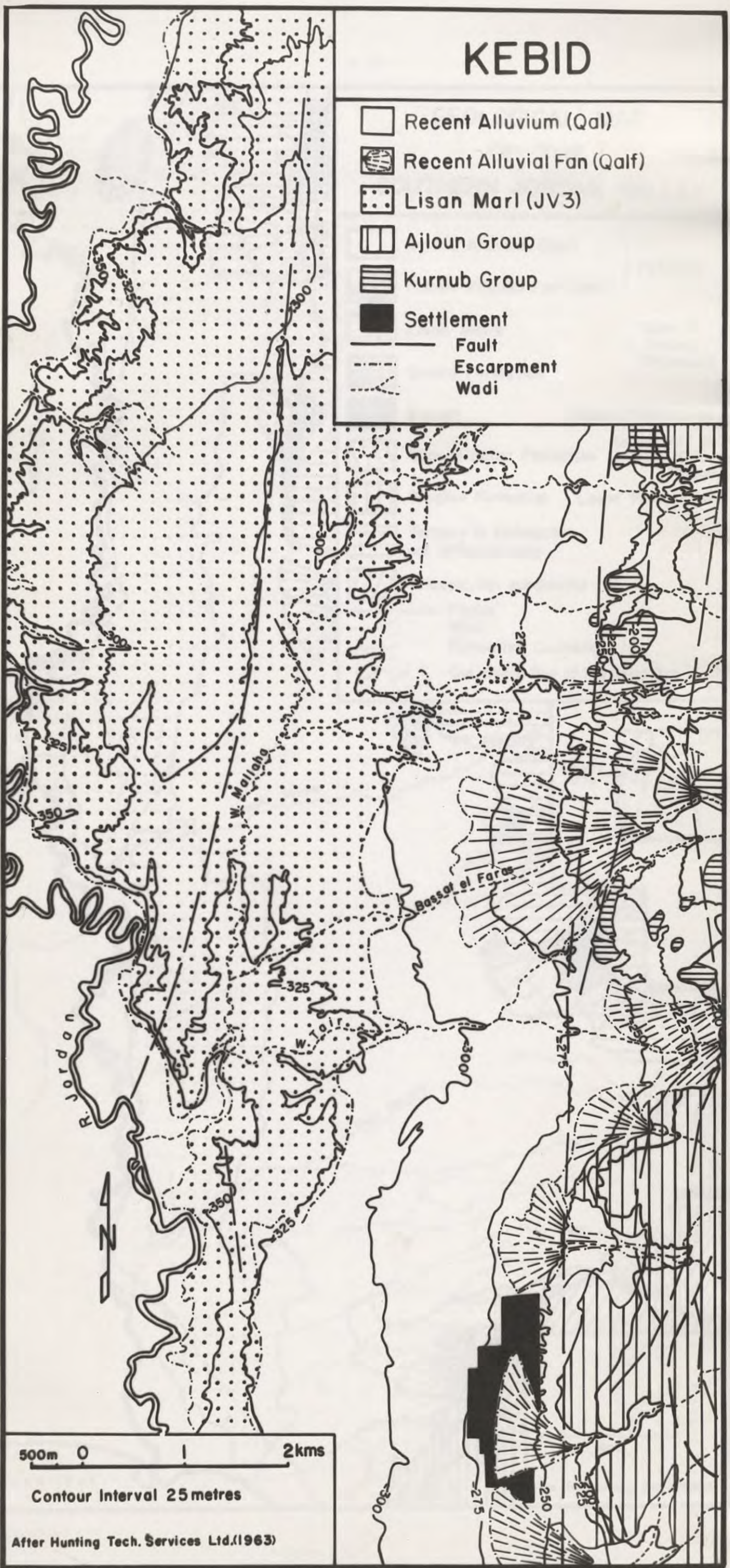


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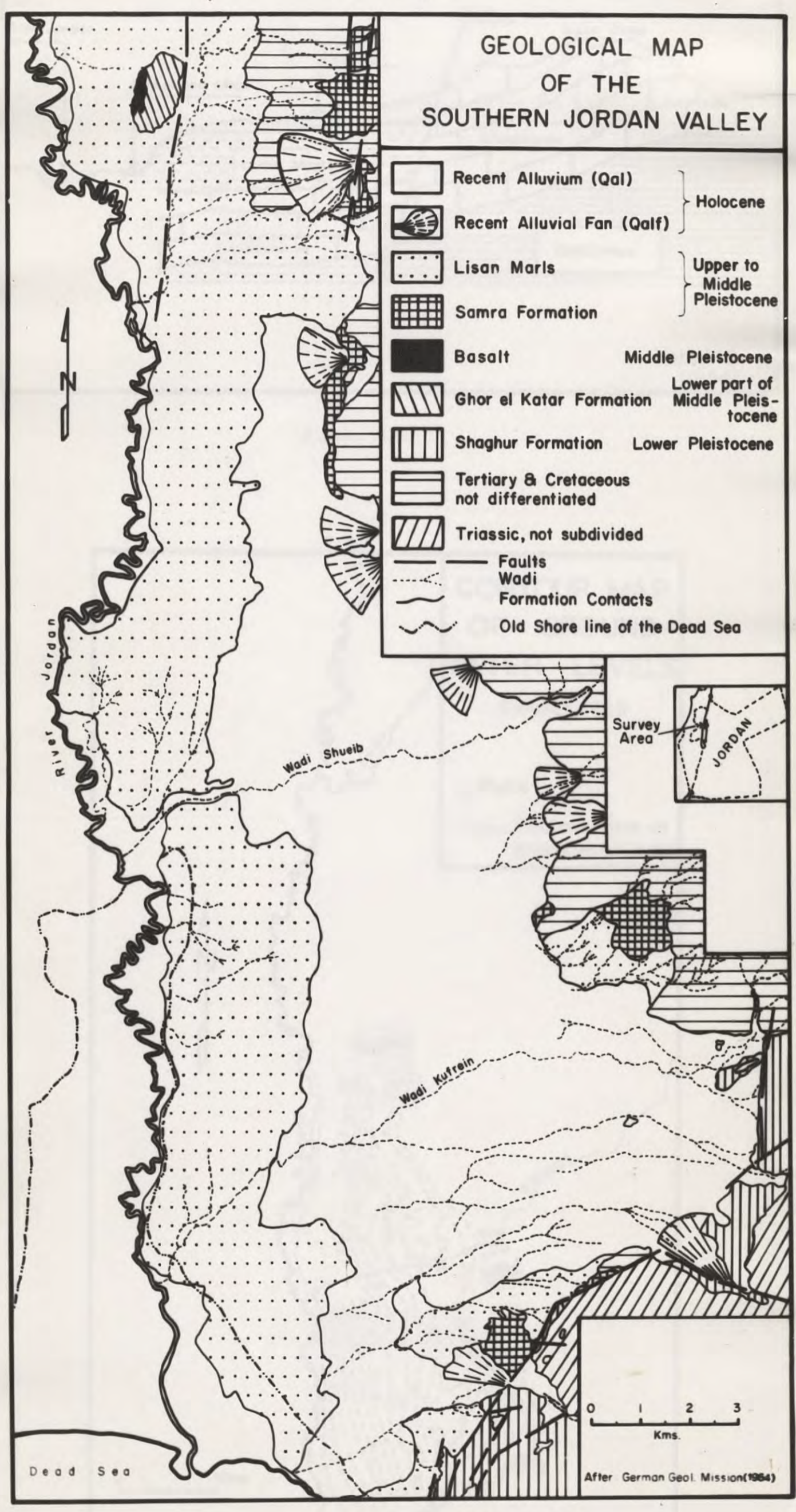


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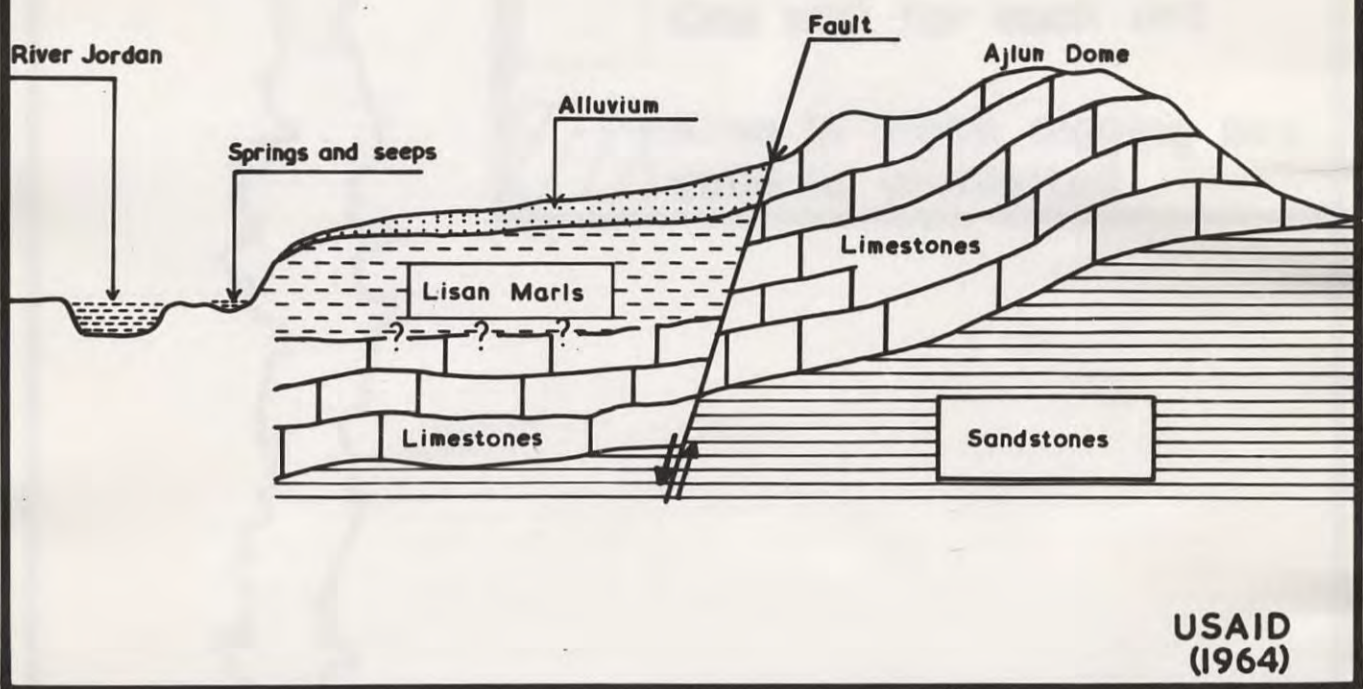


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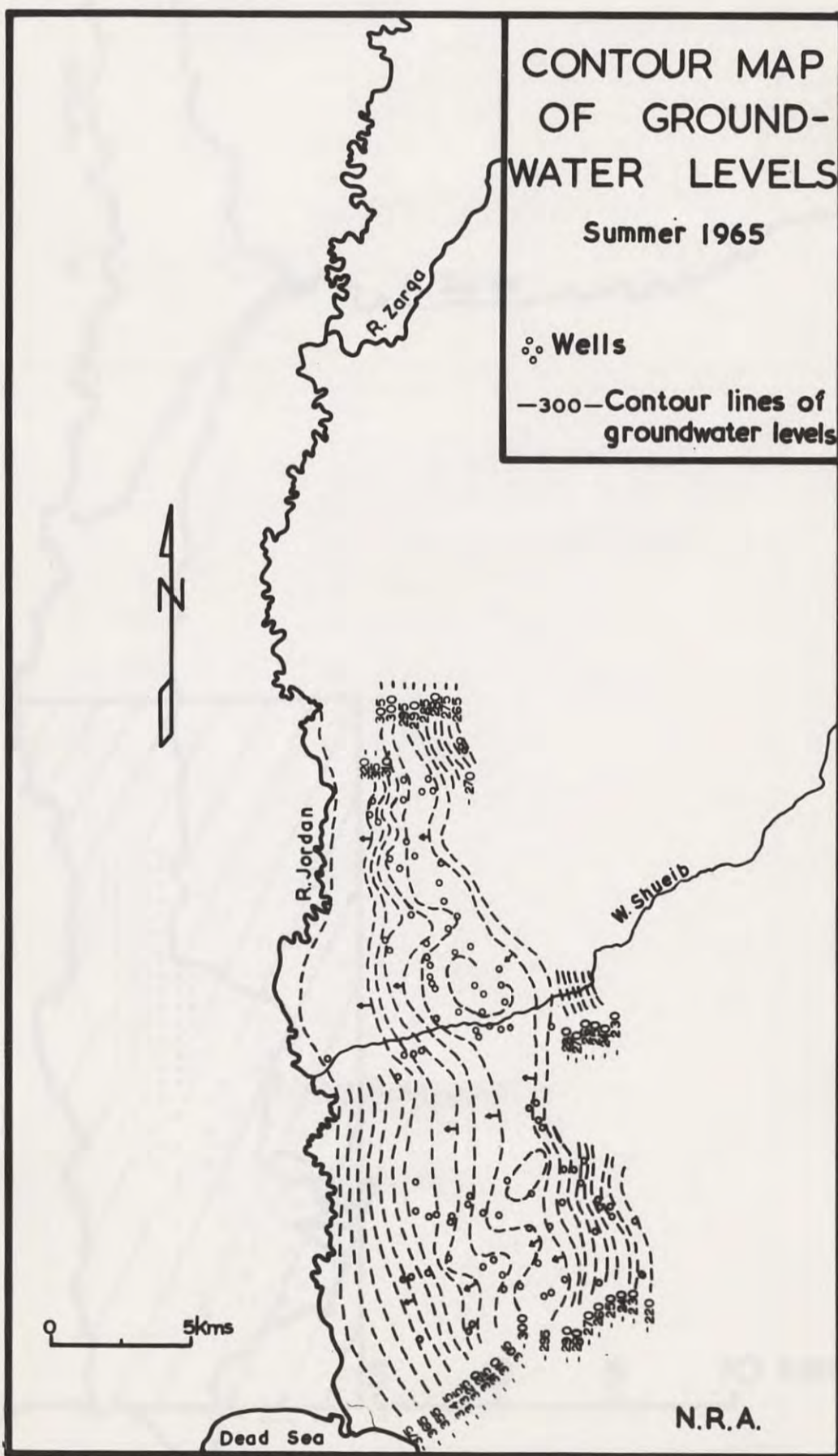


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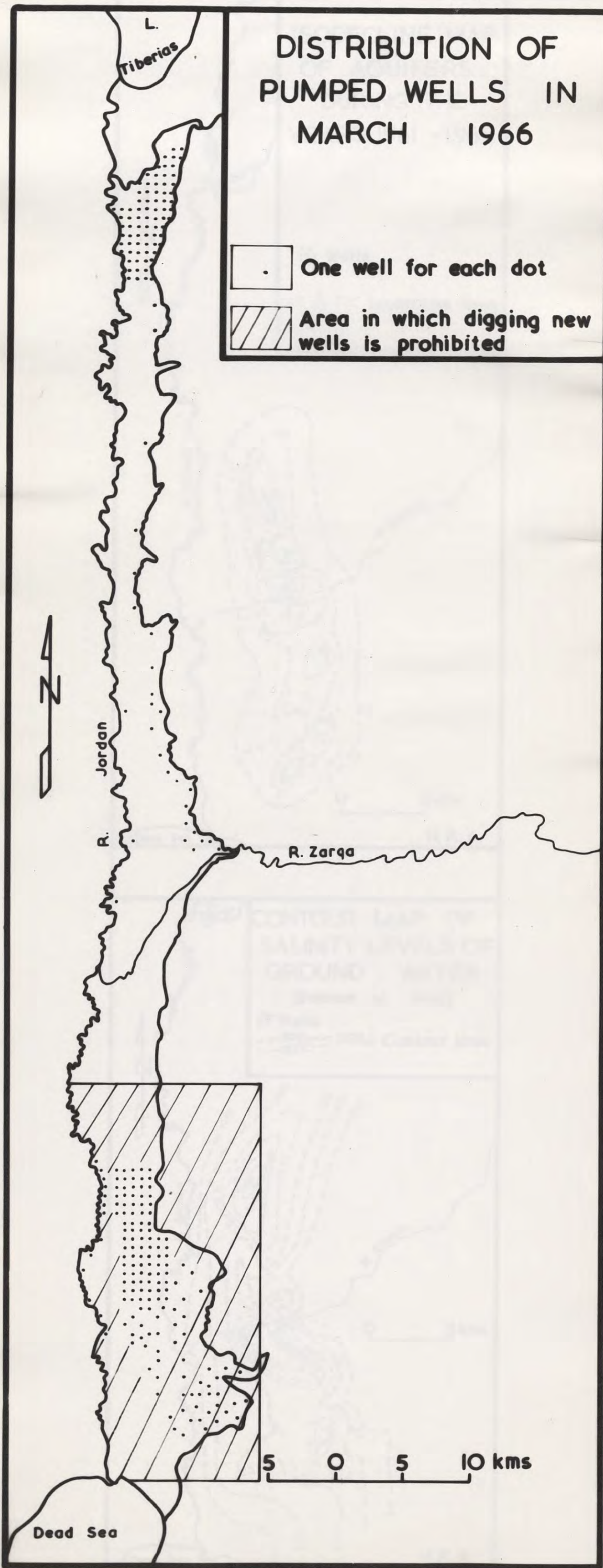


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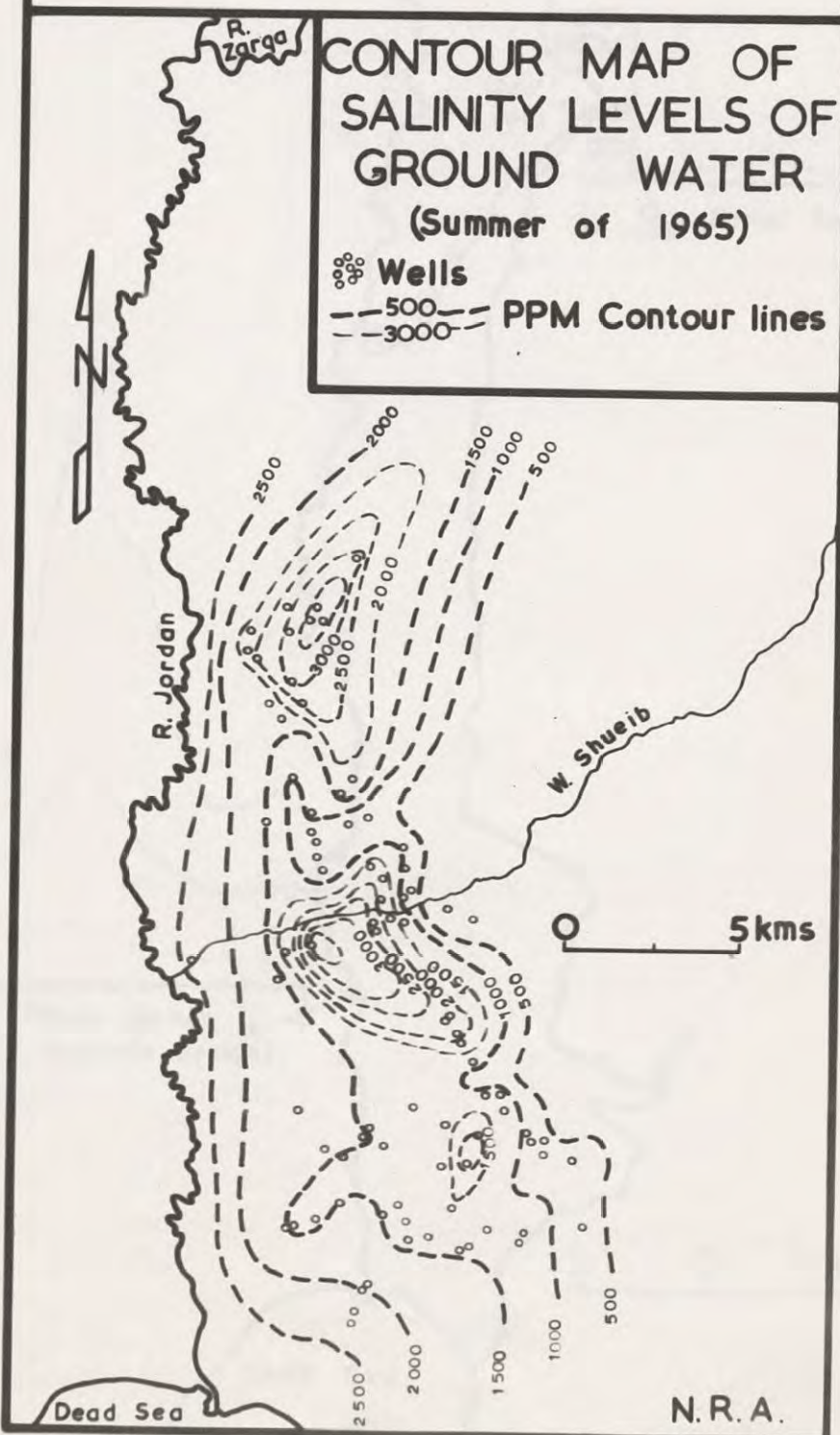
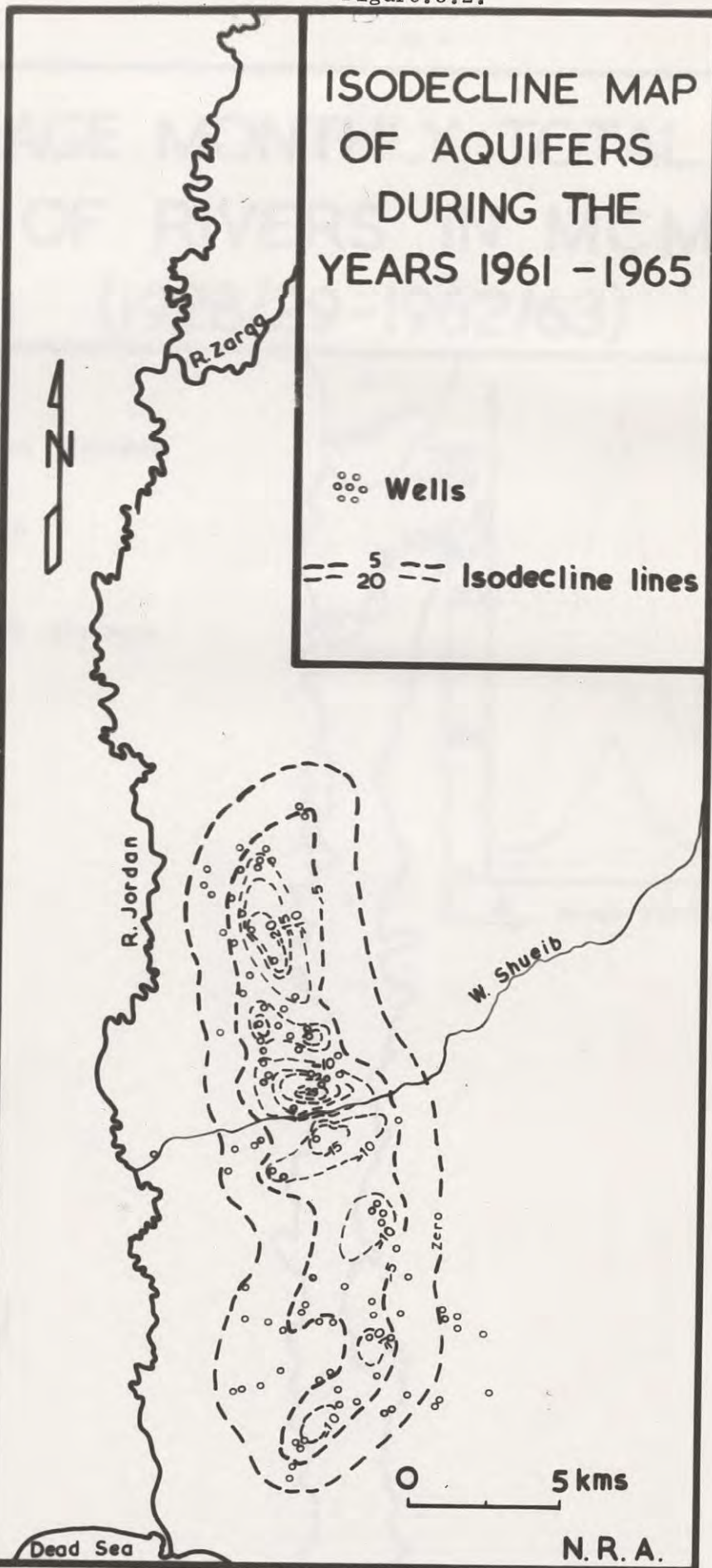


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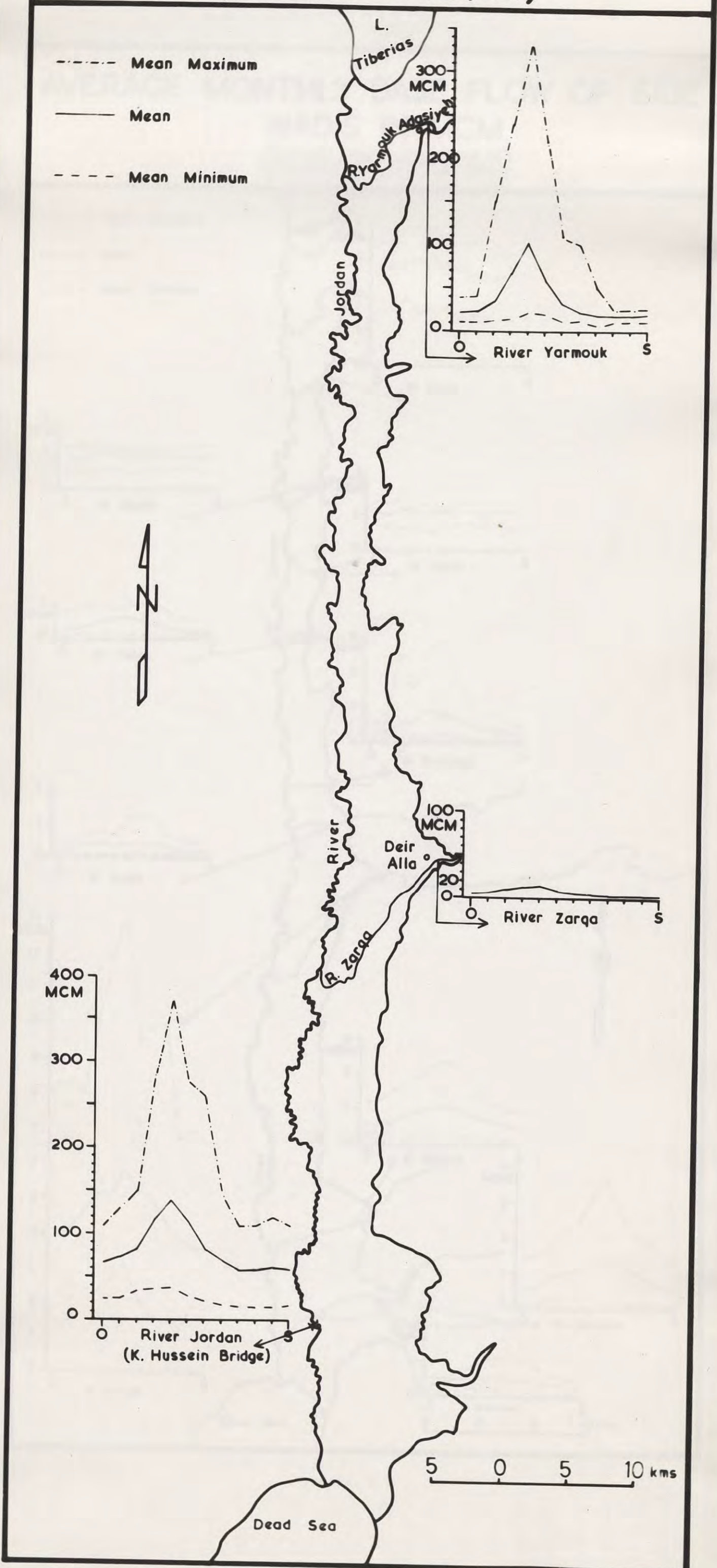


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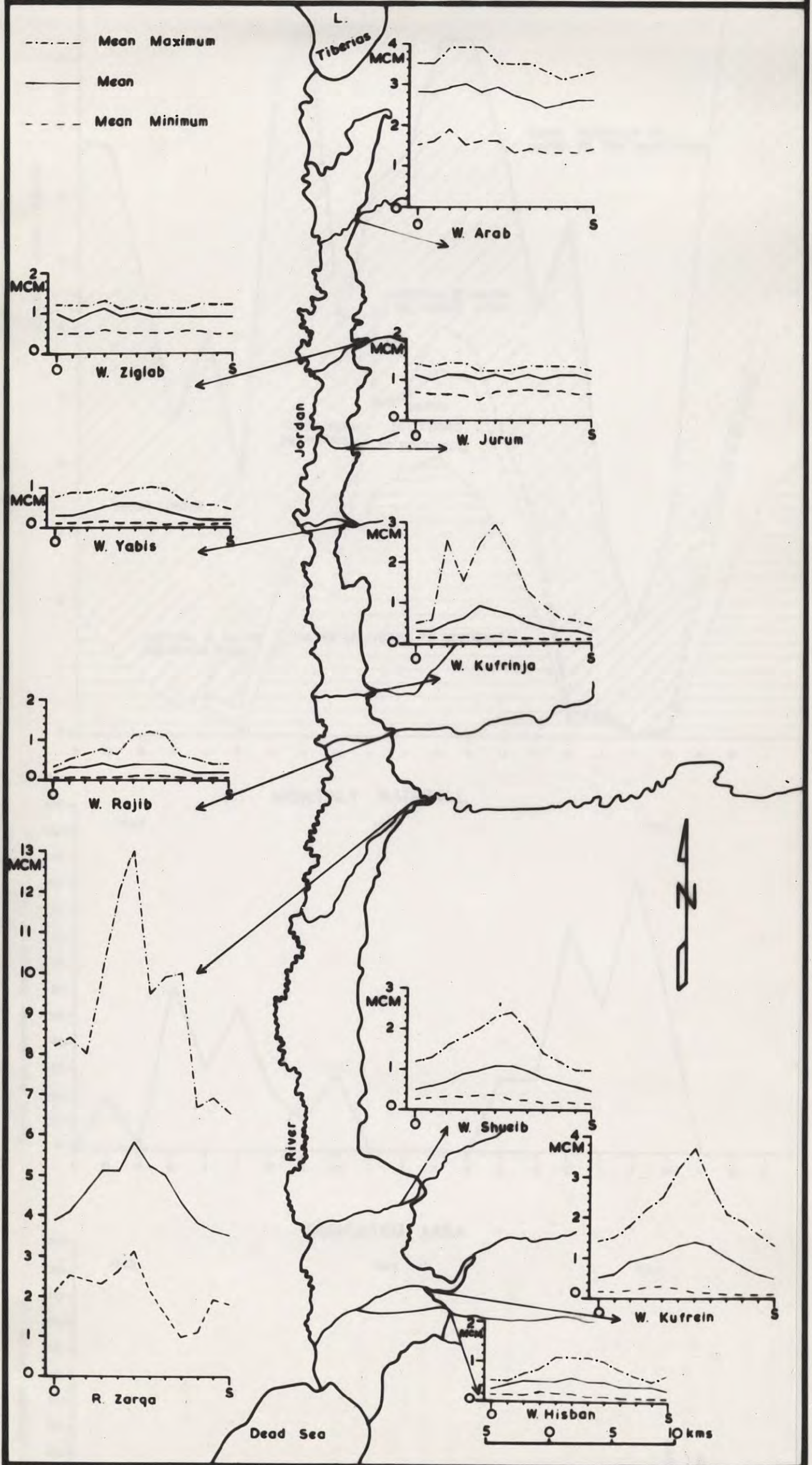
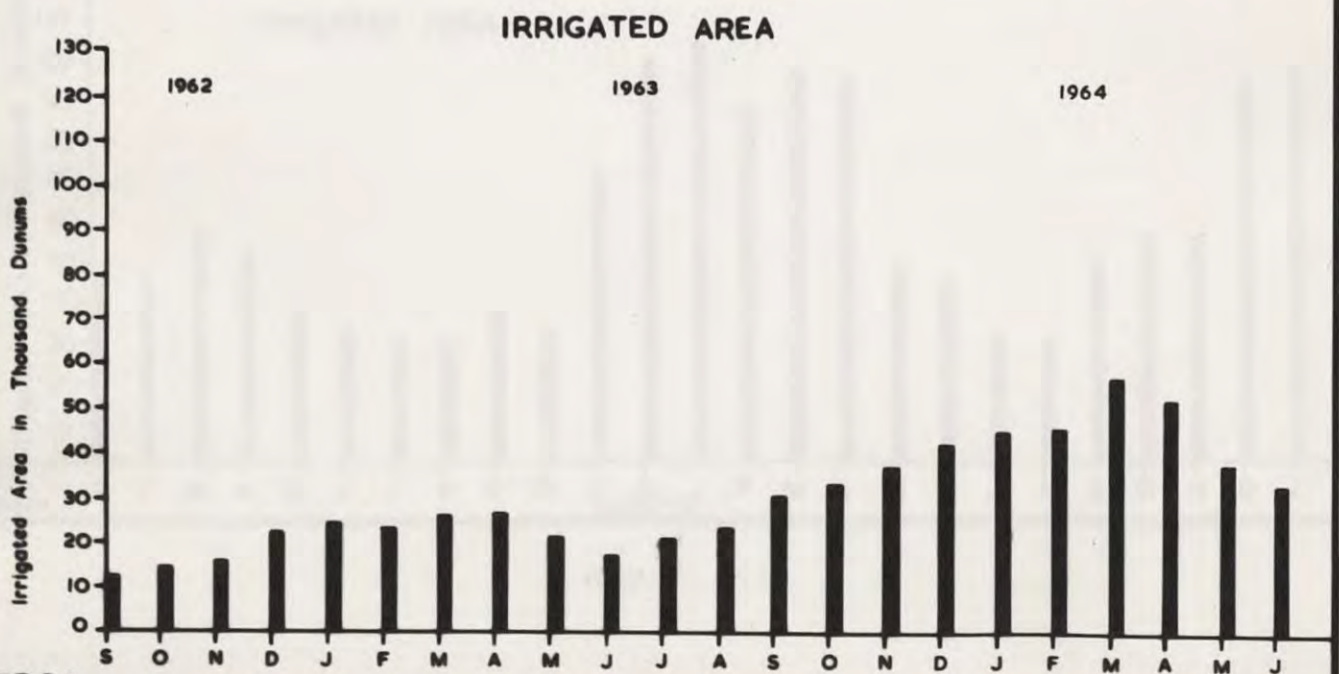
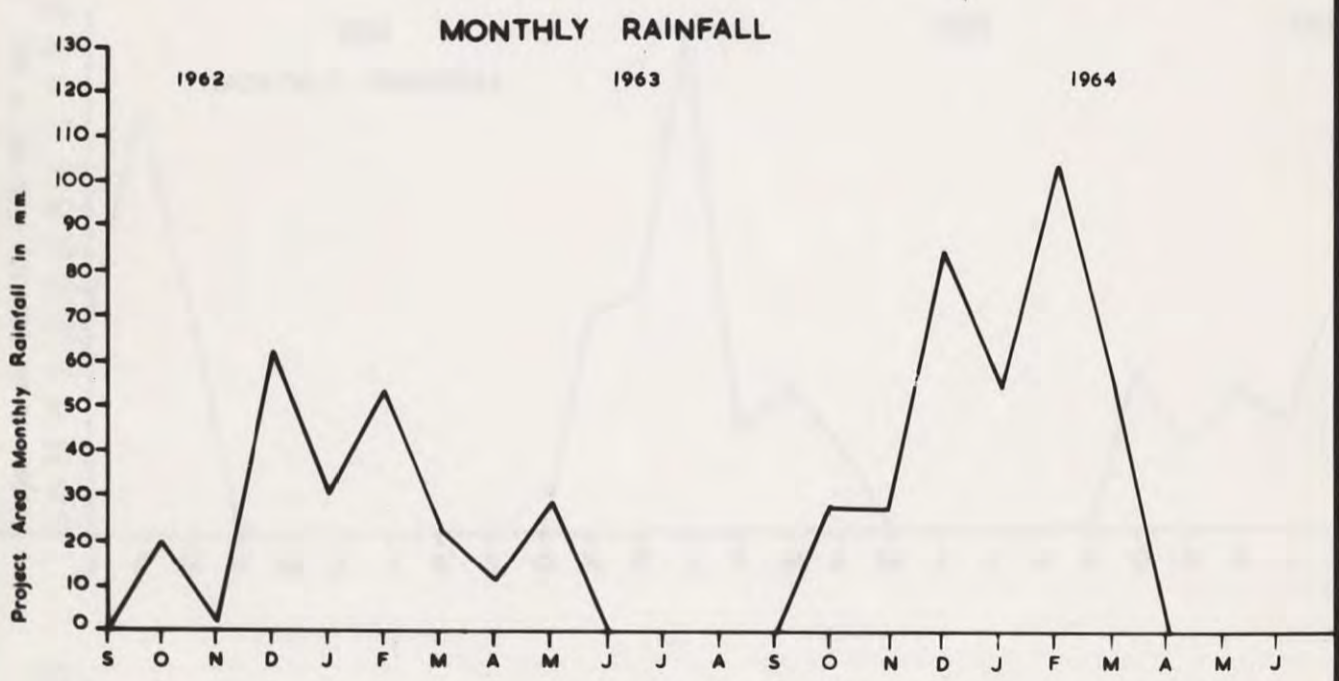
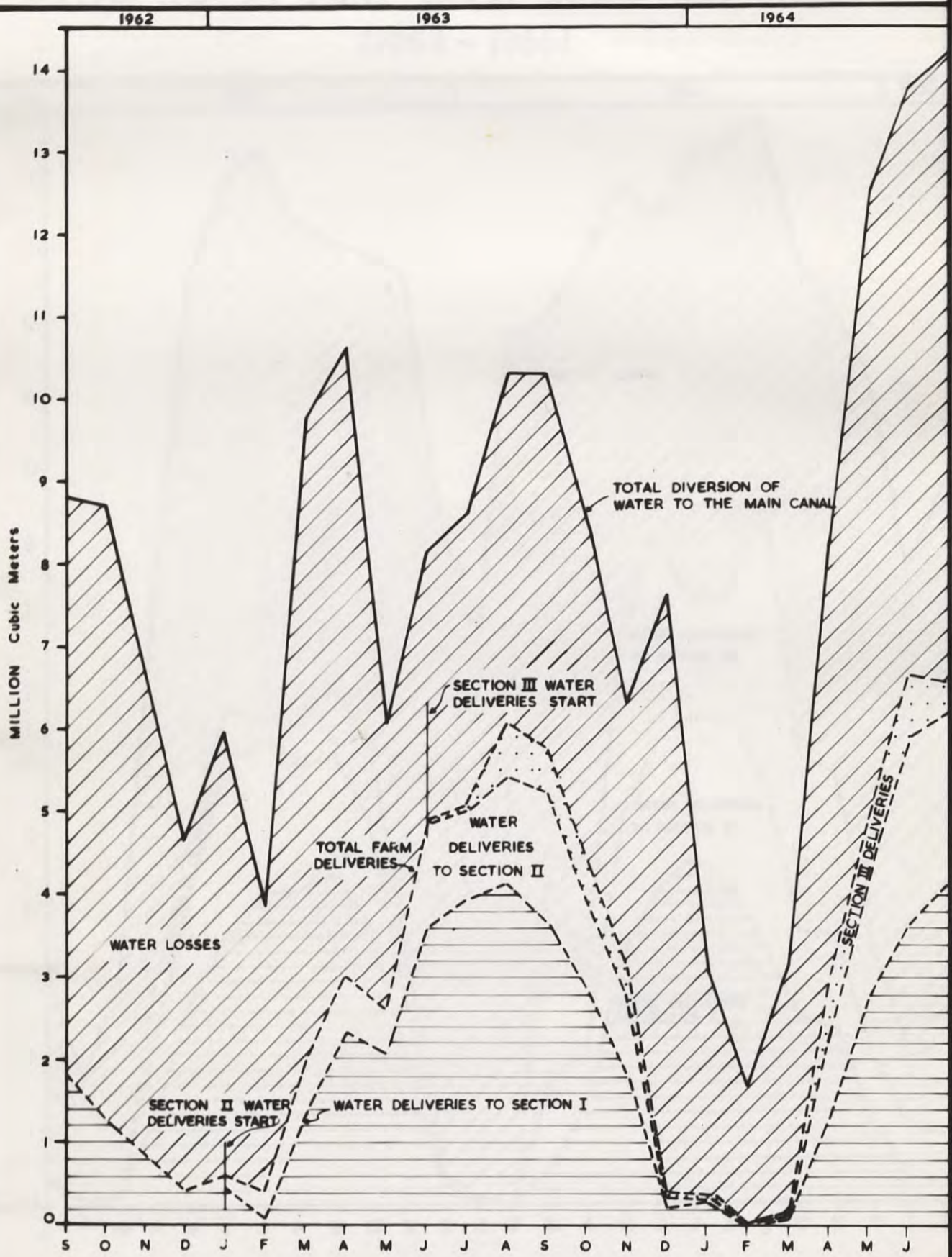


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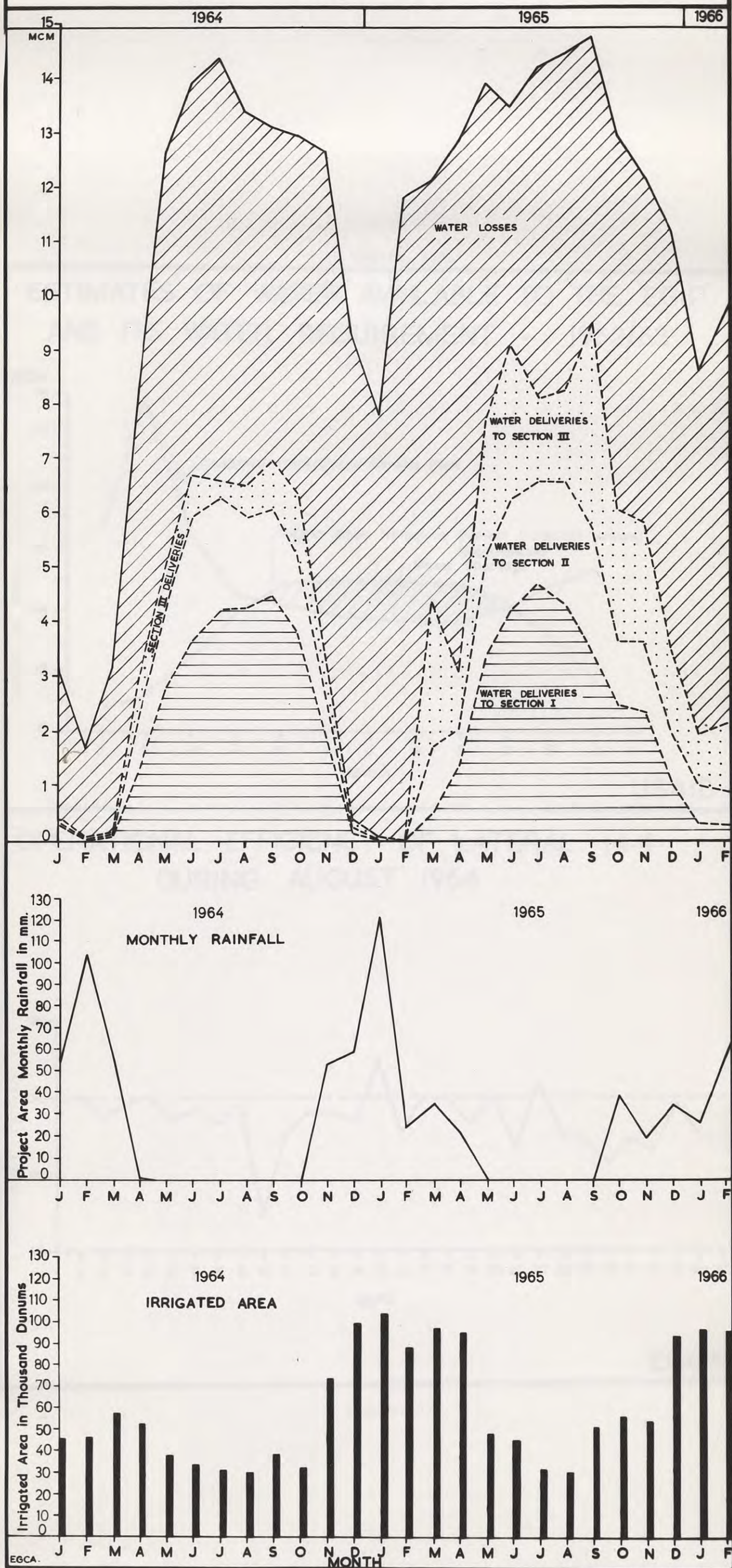
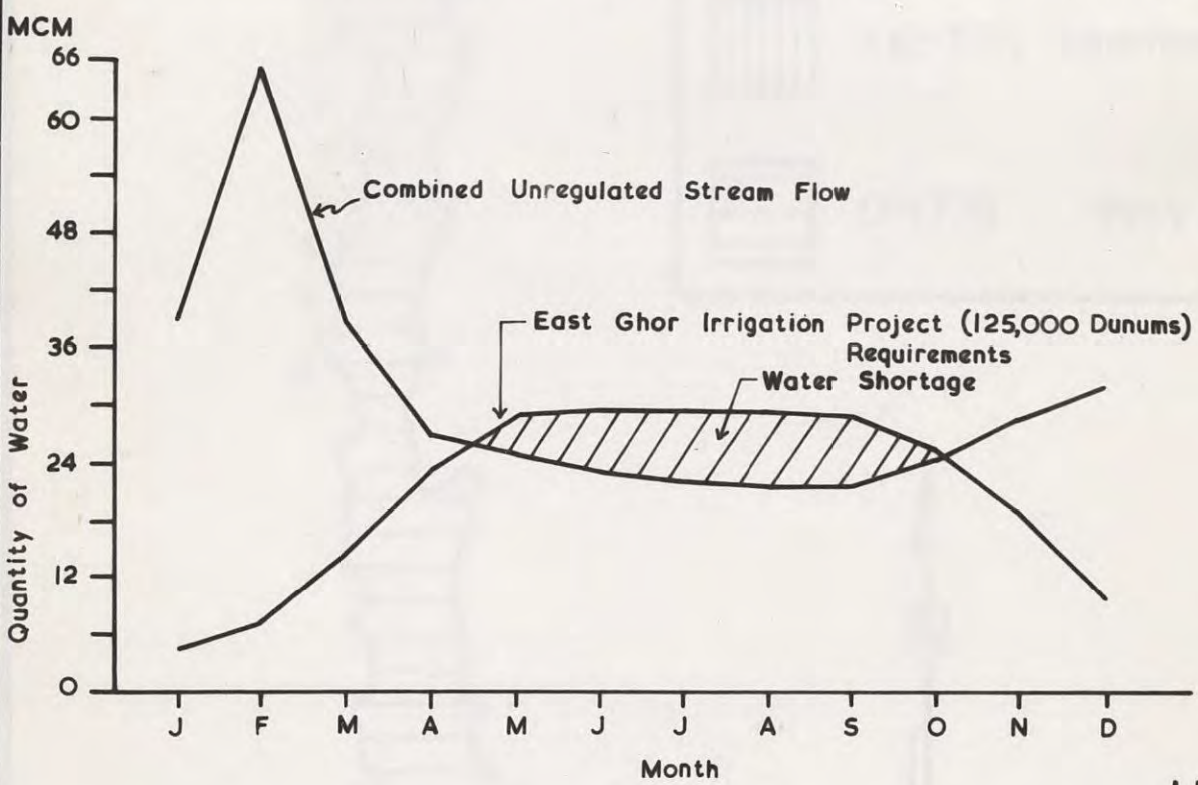


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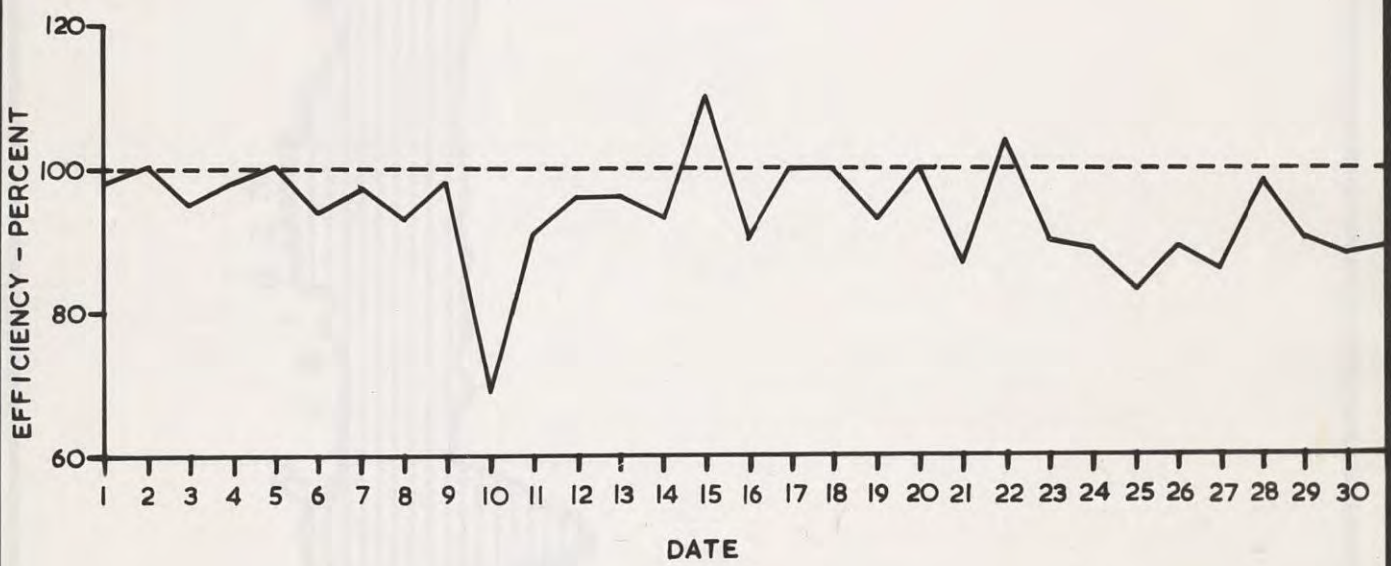
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OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY OF LATERAL 14.4 DURING AUGUST 1964



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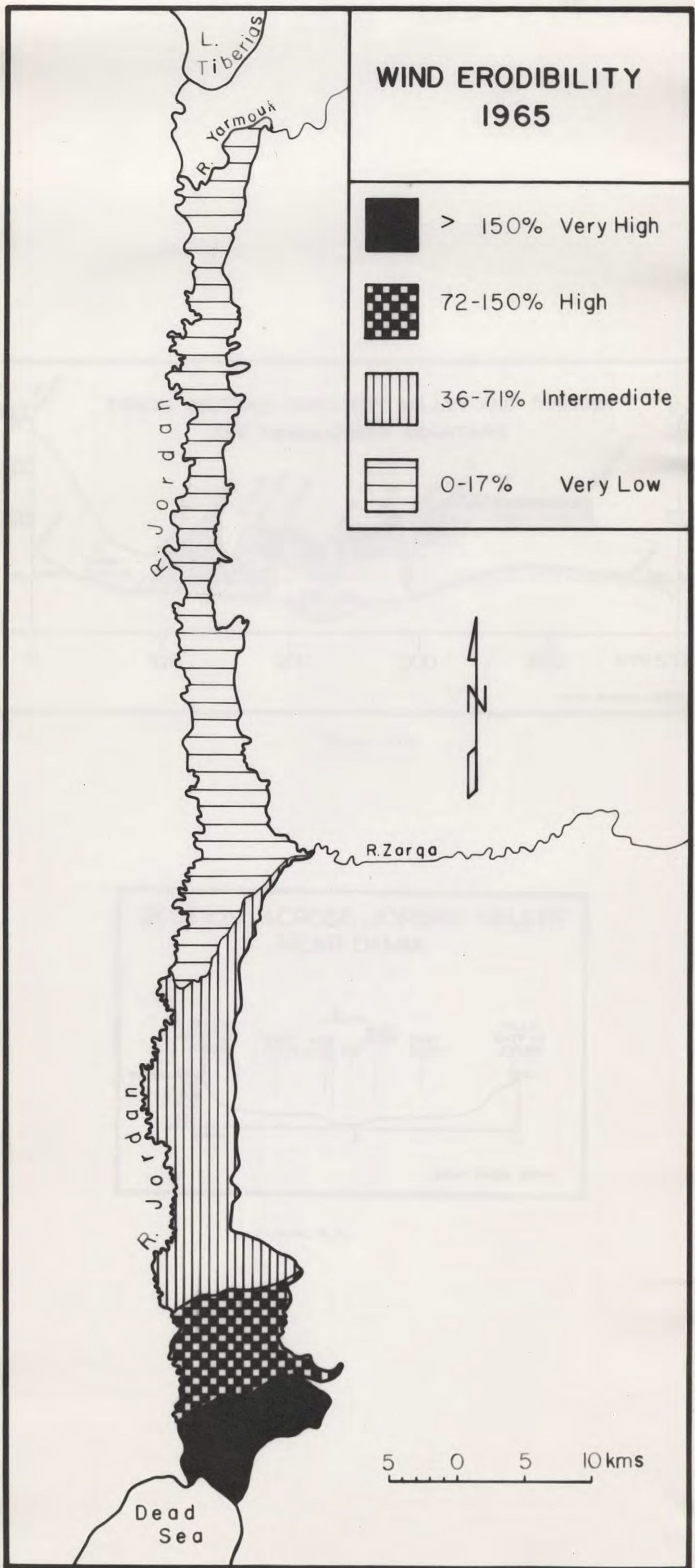


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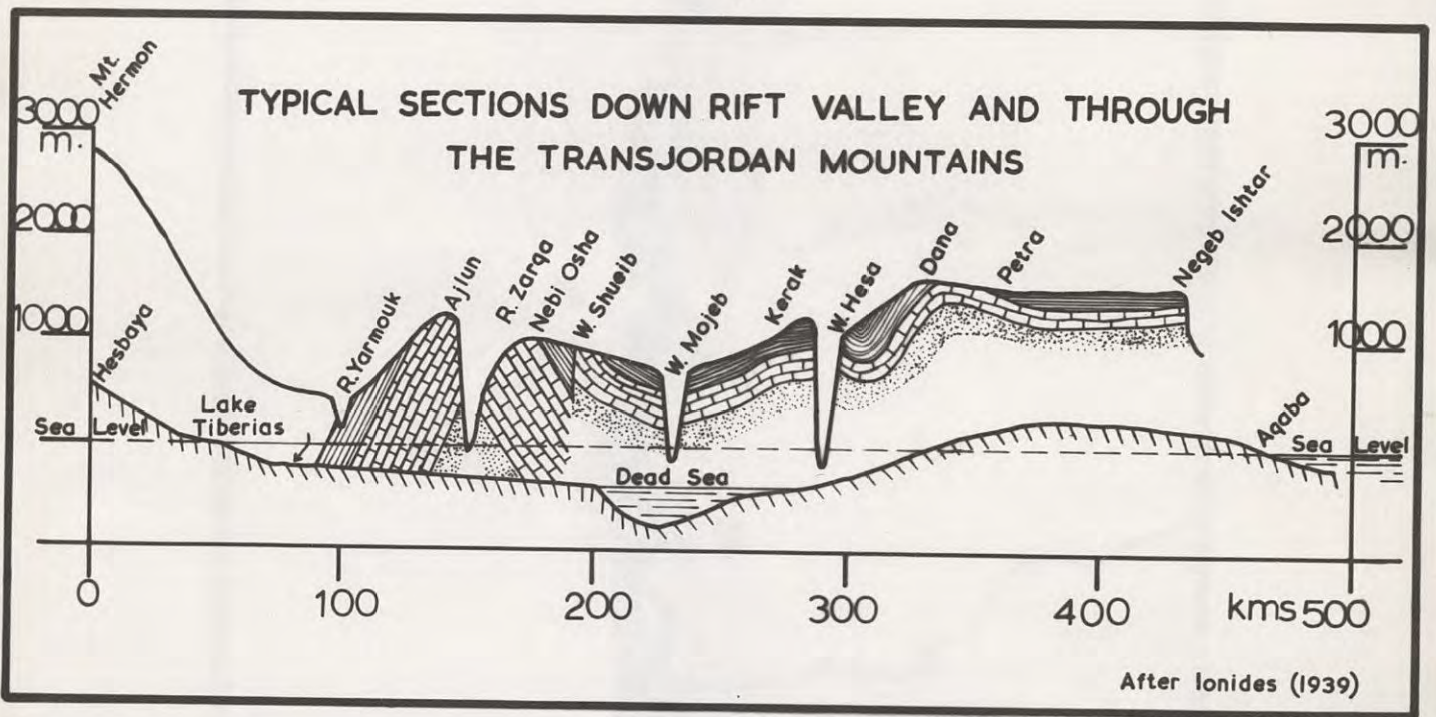


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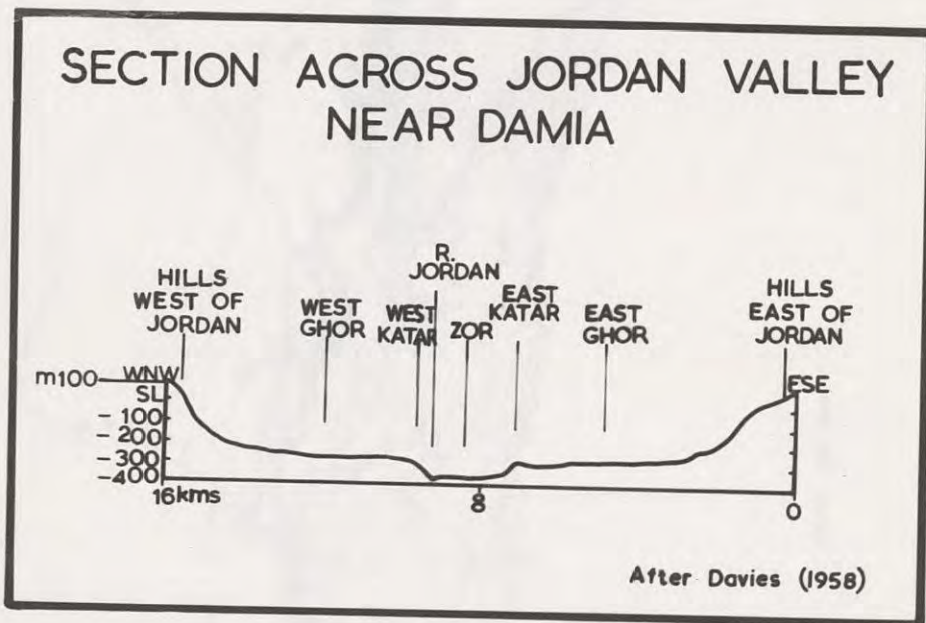


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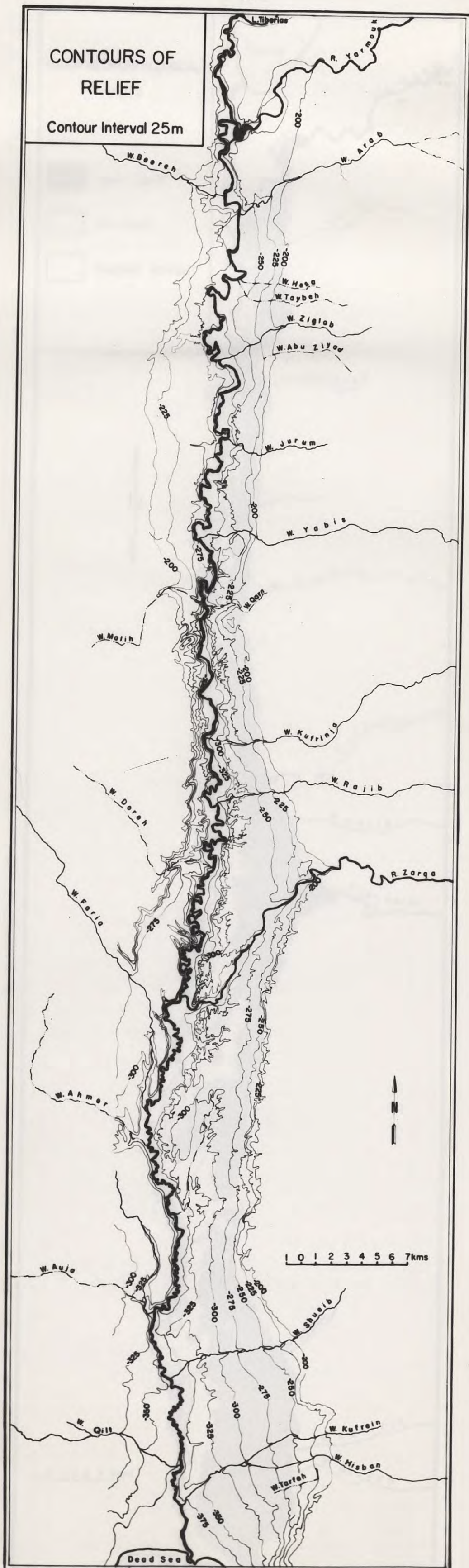


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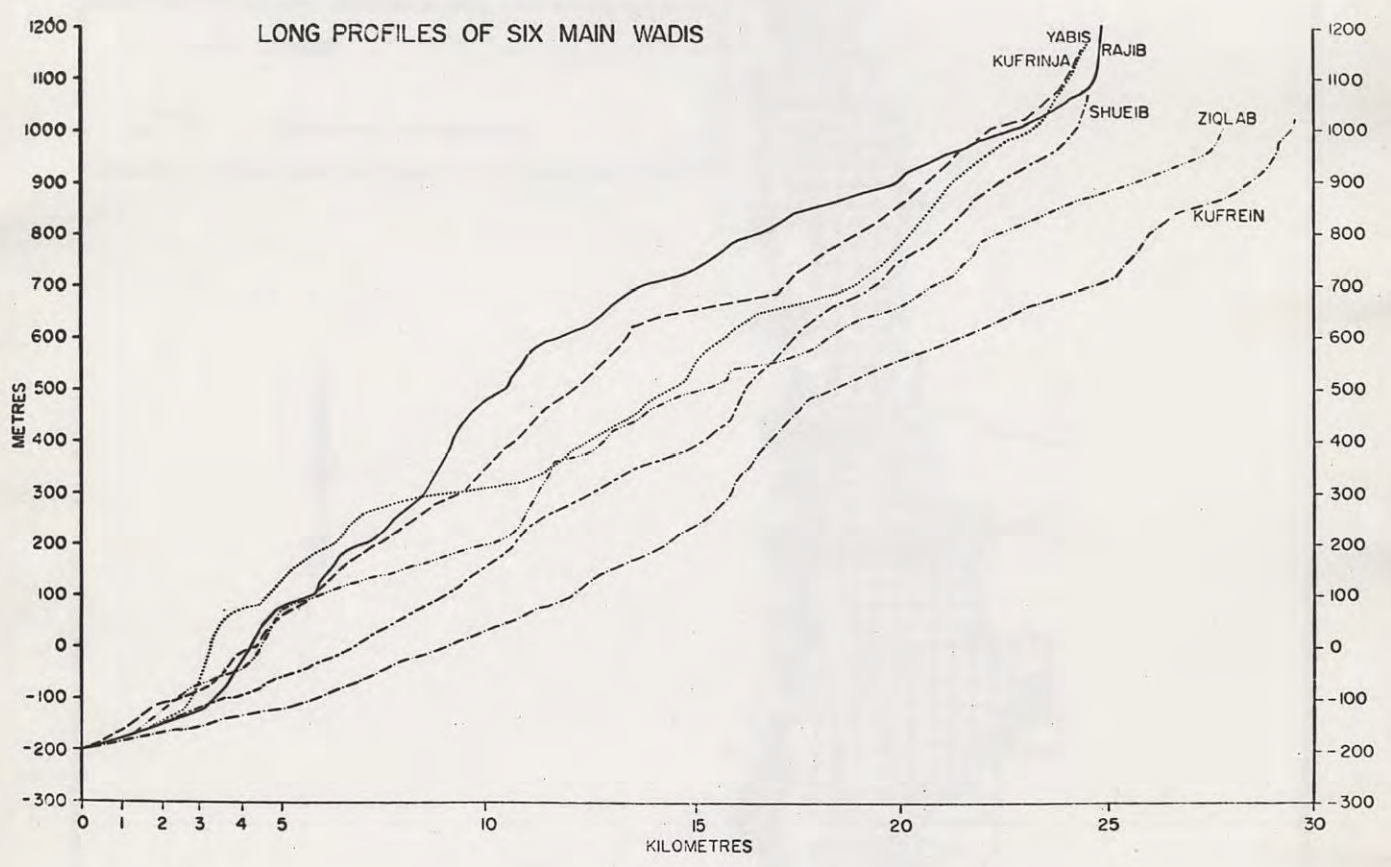


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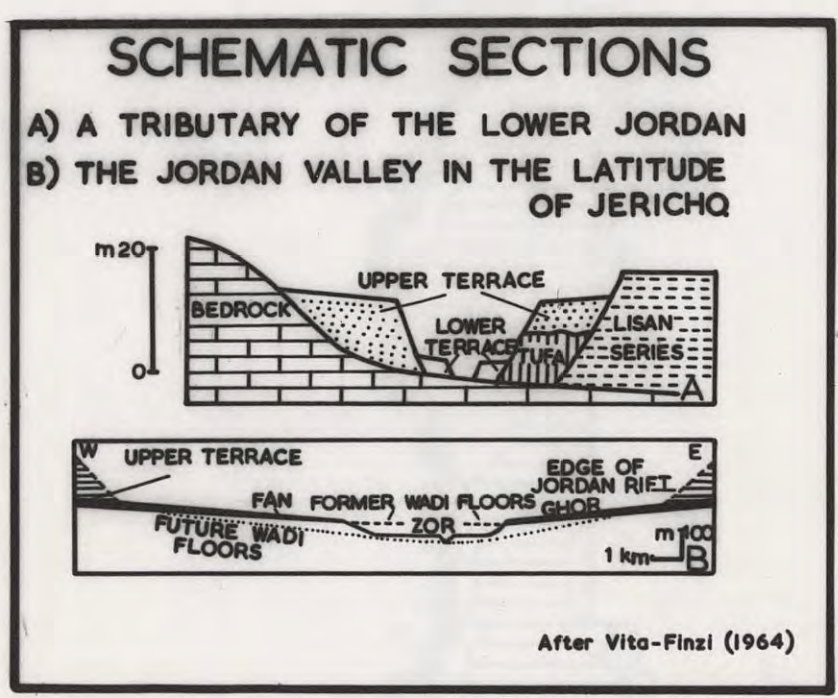


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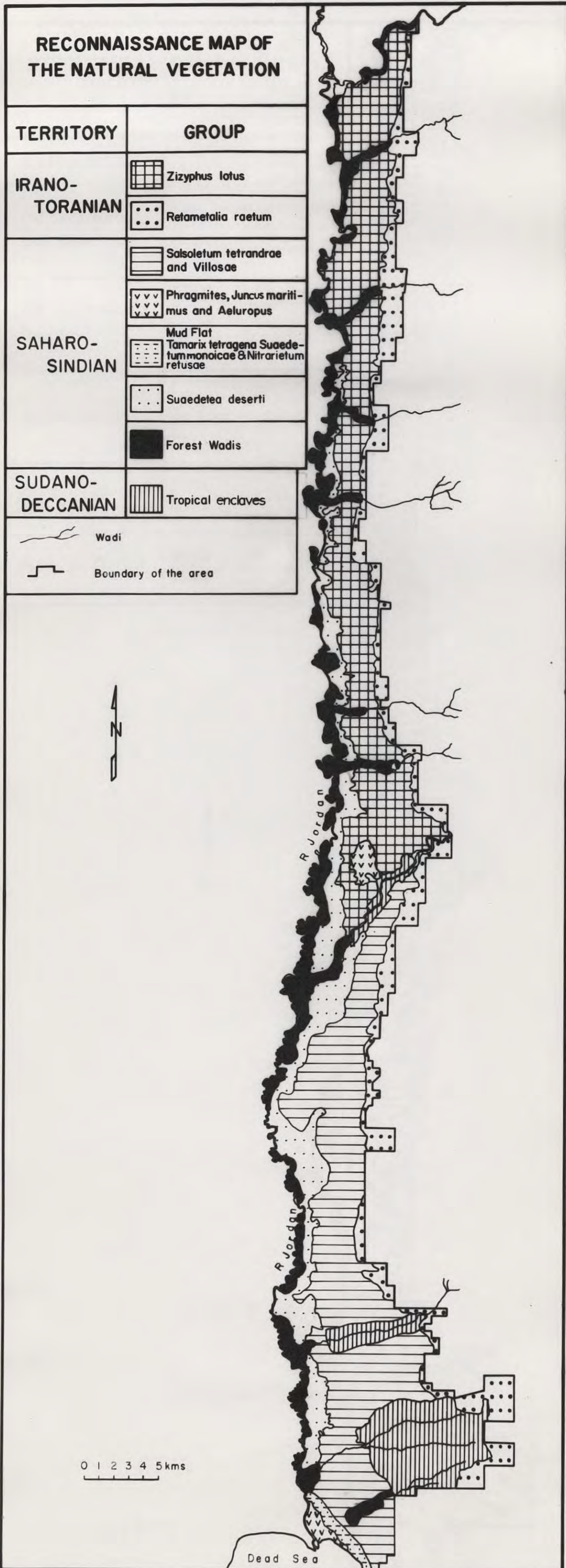


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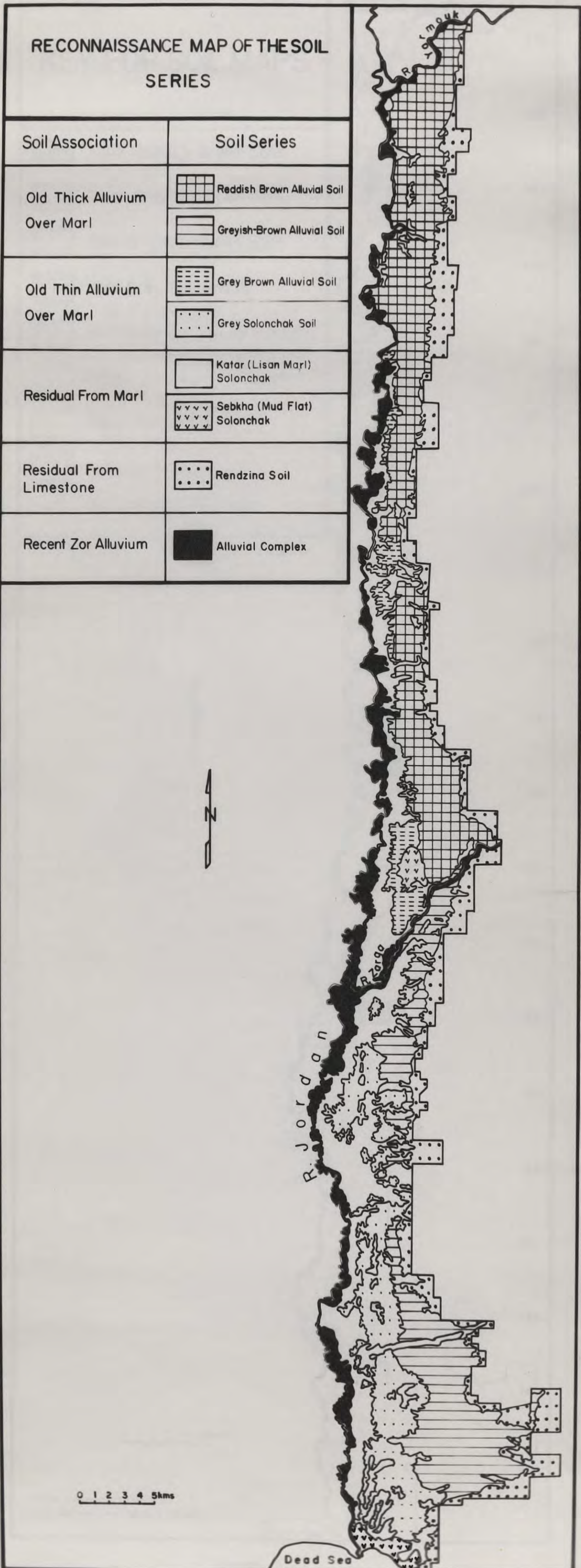
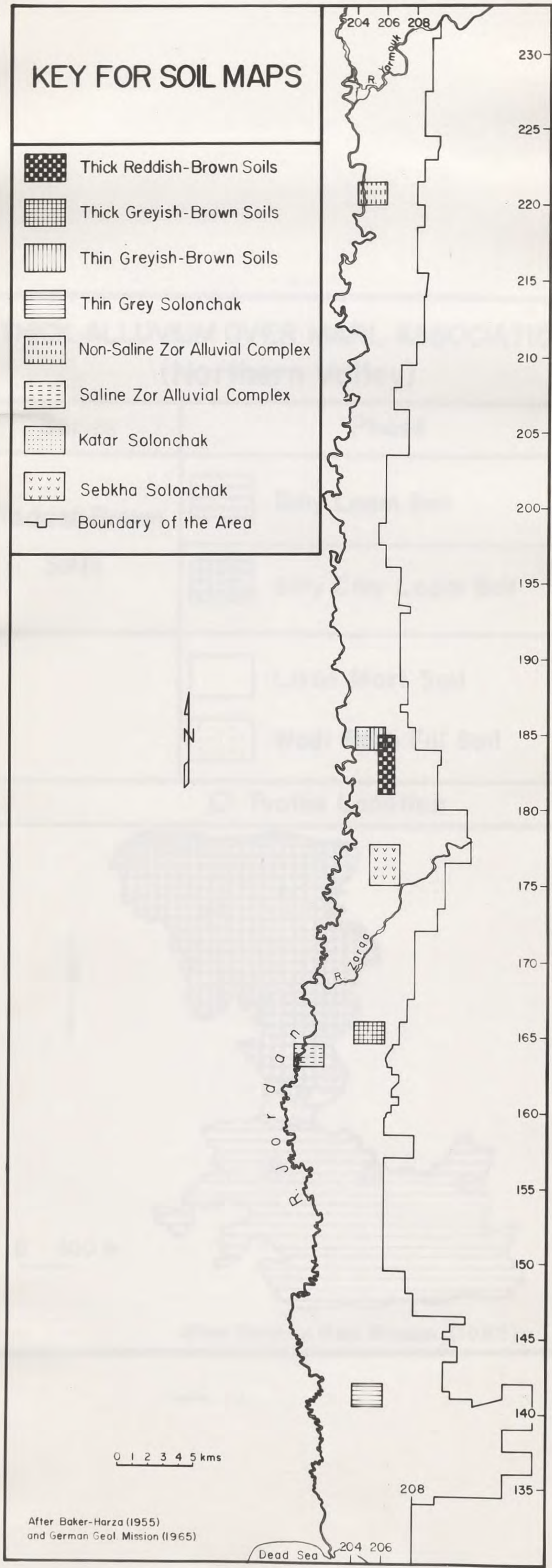


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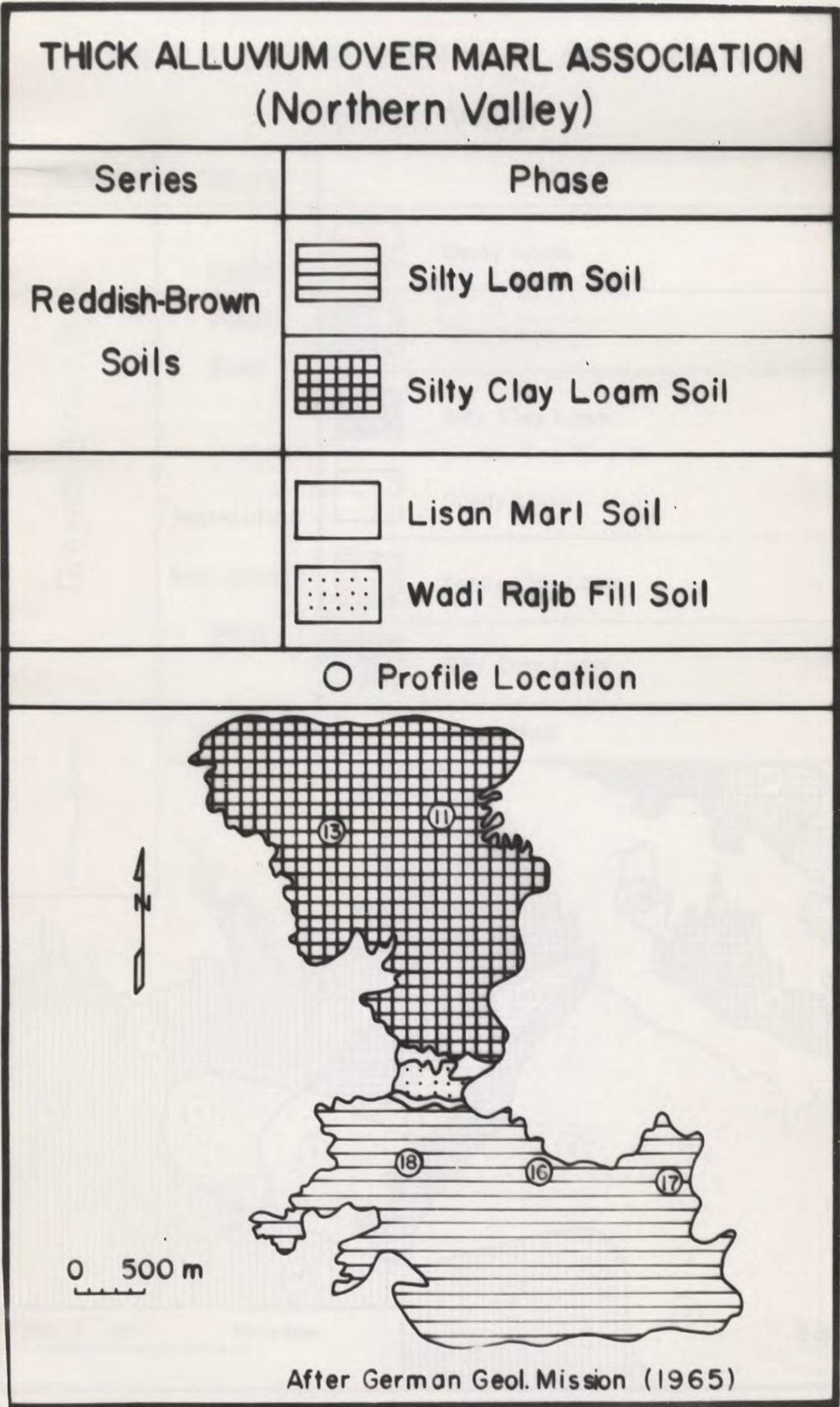


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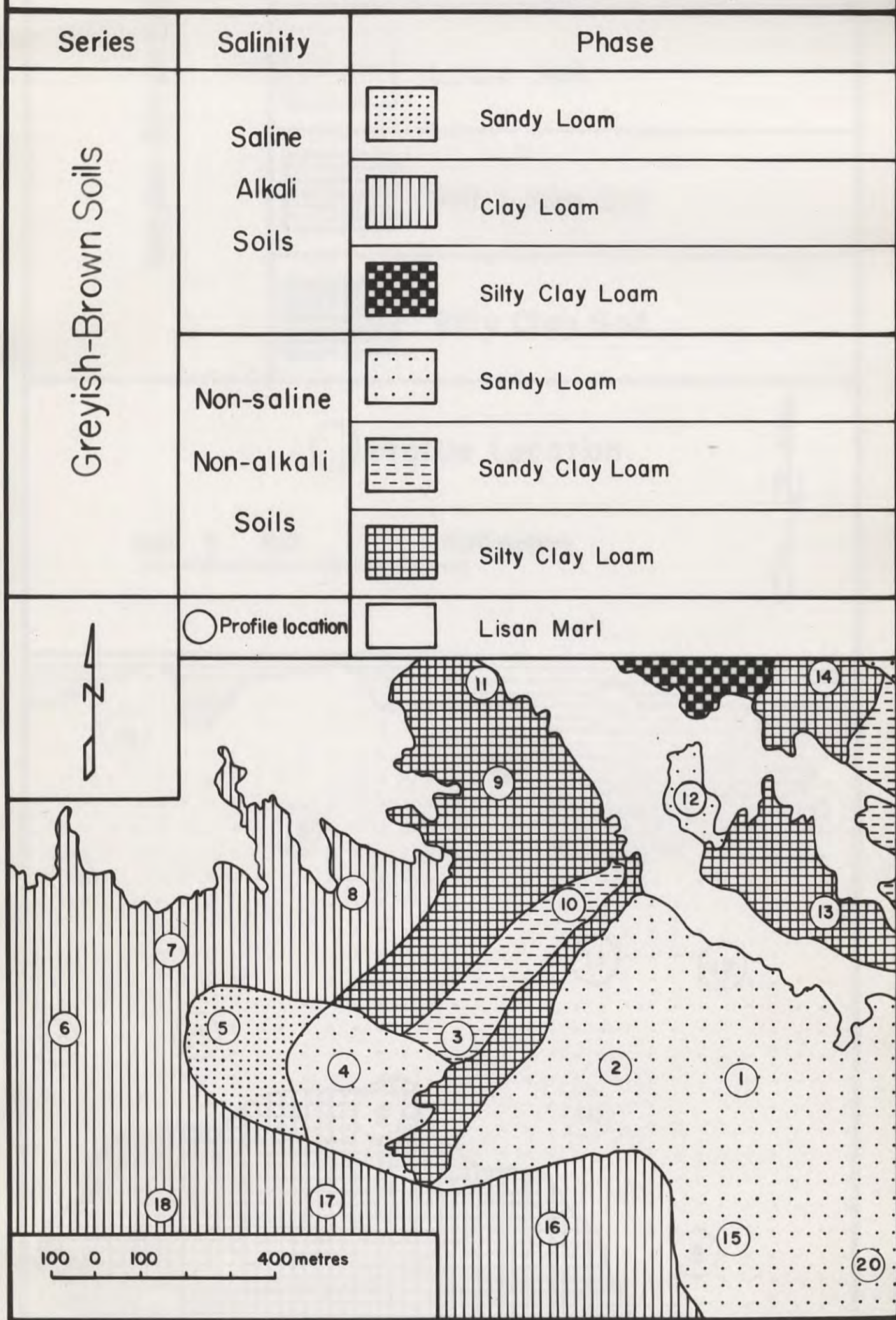


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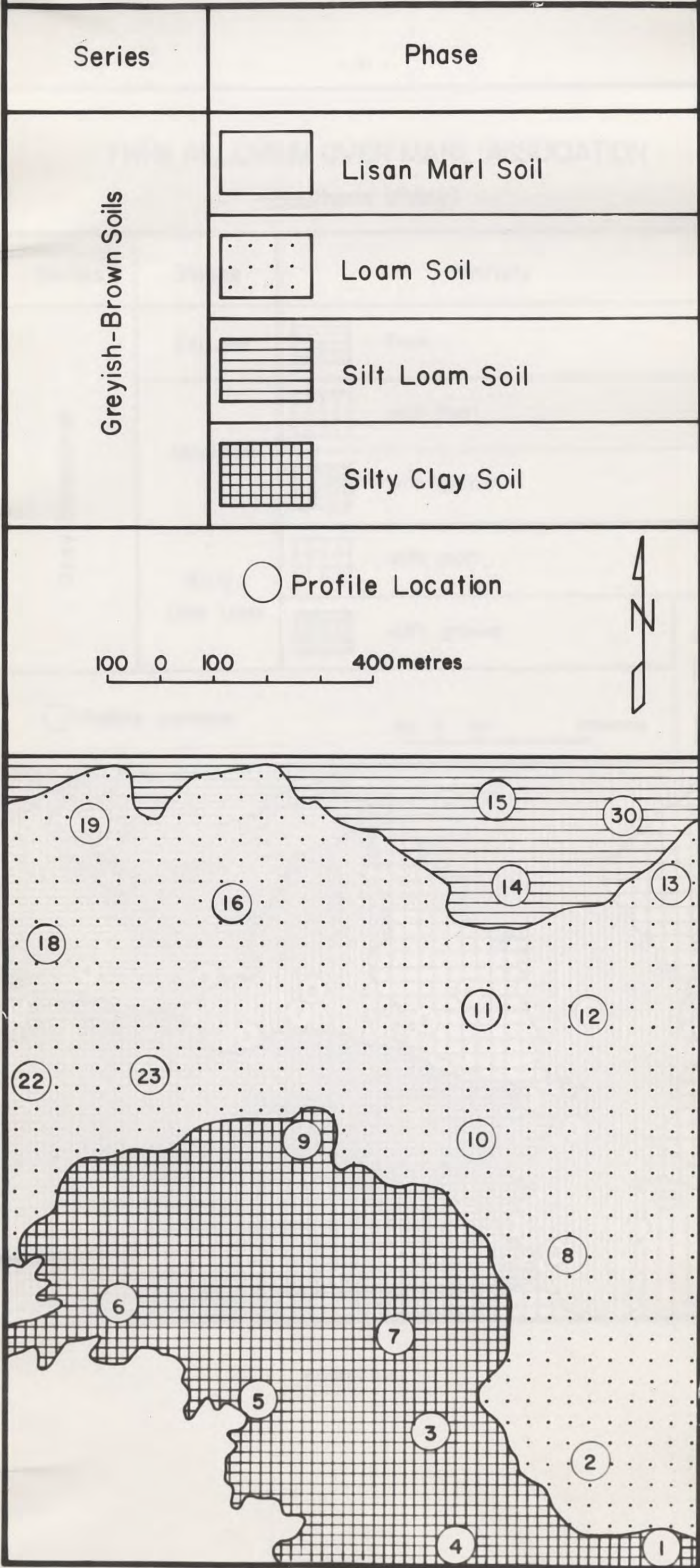


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RESIDUAL FROM MARL ASSOCIATION

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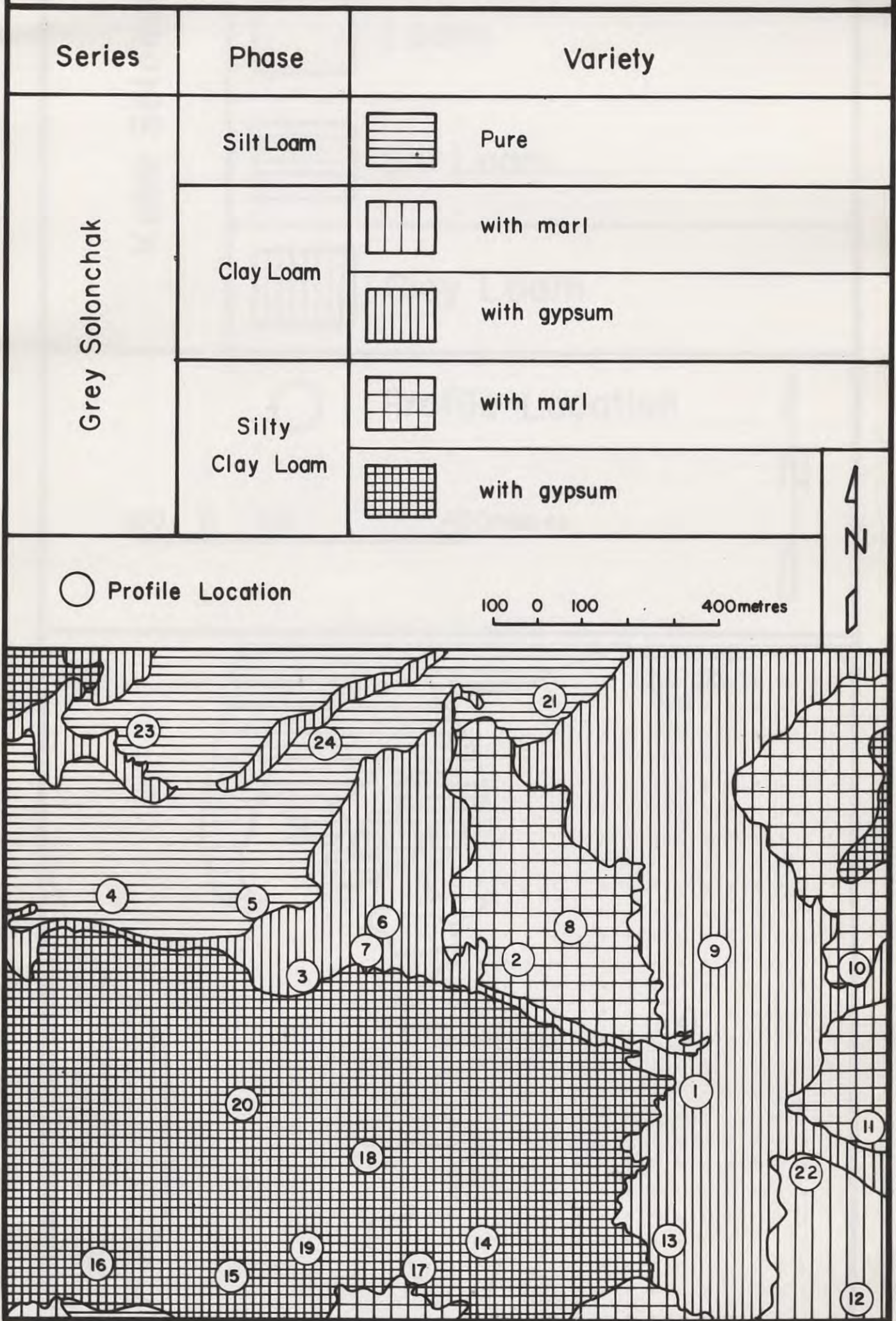

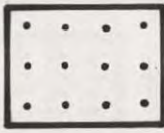





Figure. 5.6.

RESIDUAL FROM MARL ASSOCIATION

| Series | Phase |
|-----------------|---|
| Katar Solonchak |  Eroded Lisan Marl |
| |  Loam |
| |  Silt Loam |
| |  Clay Loam |

 Profile Location

100 0 100 400metres

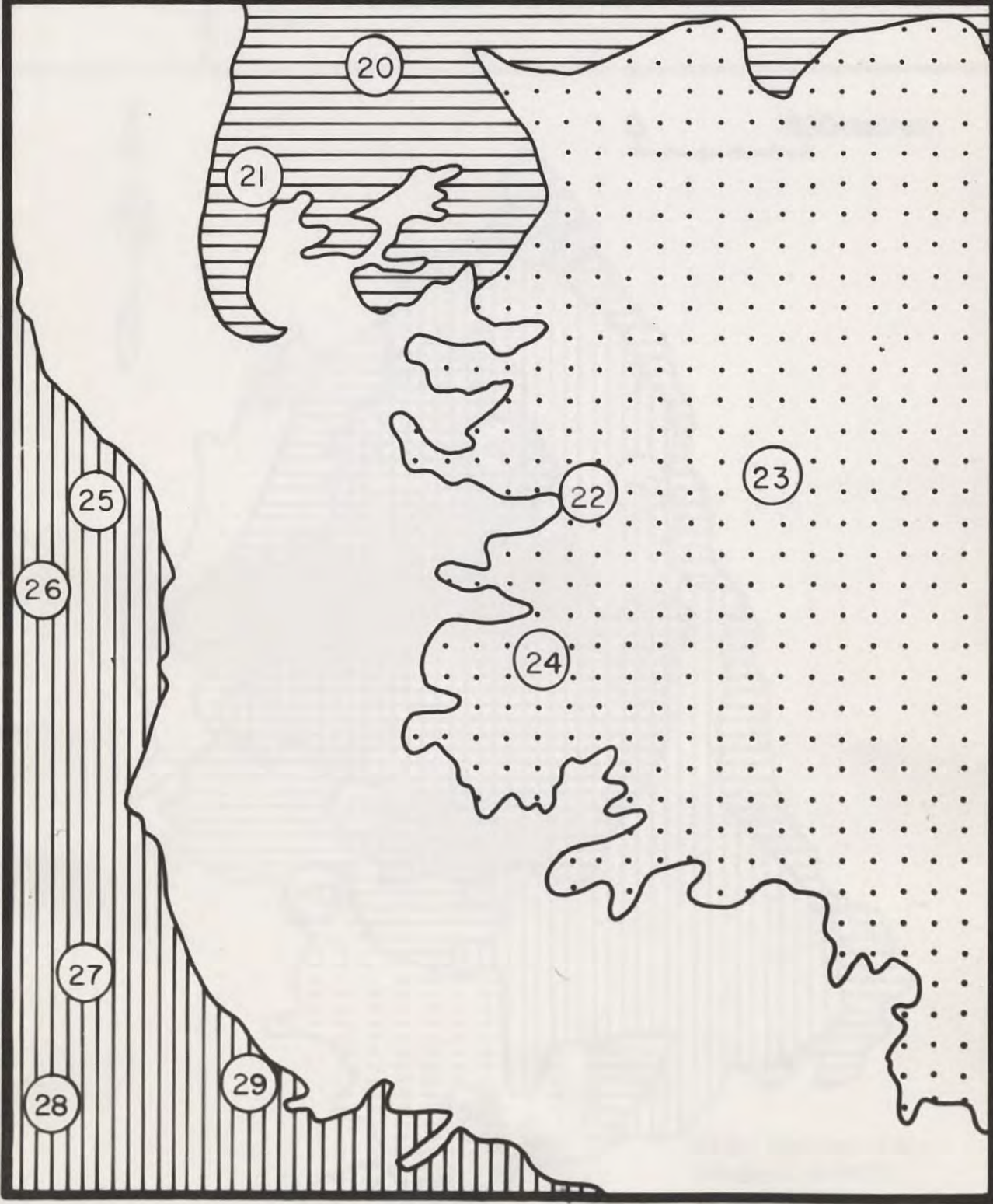
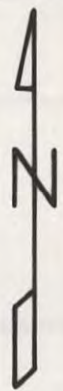
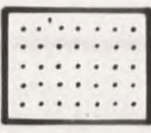
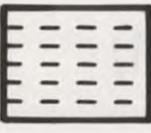






Figure. 5.7.

RESIDUAL FROM MARL ASSOCIATION (Northern Valley)

| Series | Phase |
|---------------------|--|
| Solonchak Sebkha |  Eroded soils with marl at 30-60 cm |
| |  Soils with high surface salinity |
| |  Medium textured soils with moderate surface salinity |
| |  Fine textured soils with moderate surface salinity |
| |  Fine textured soils highly saline throughout the profile |
| |  Profile Location |

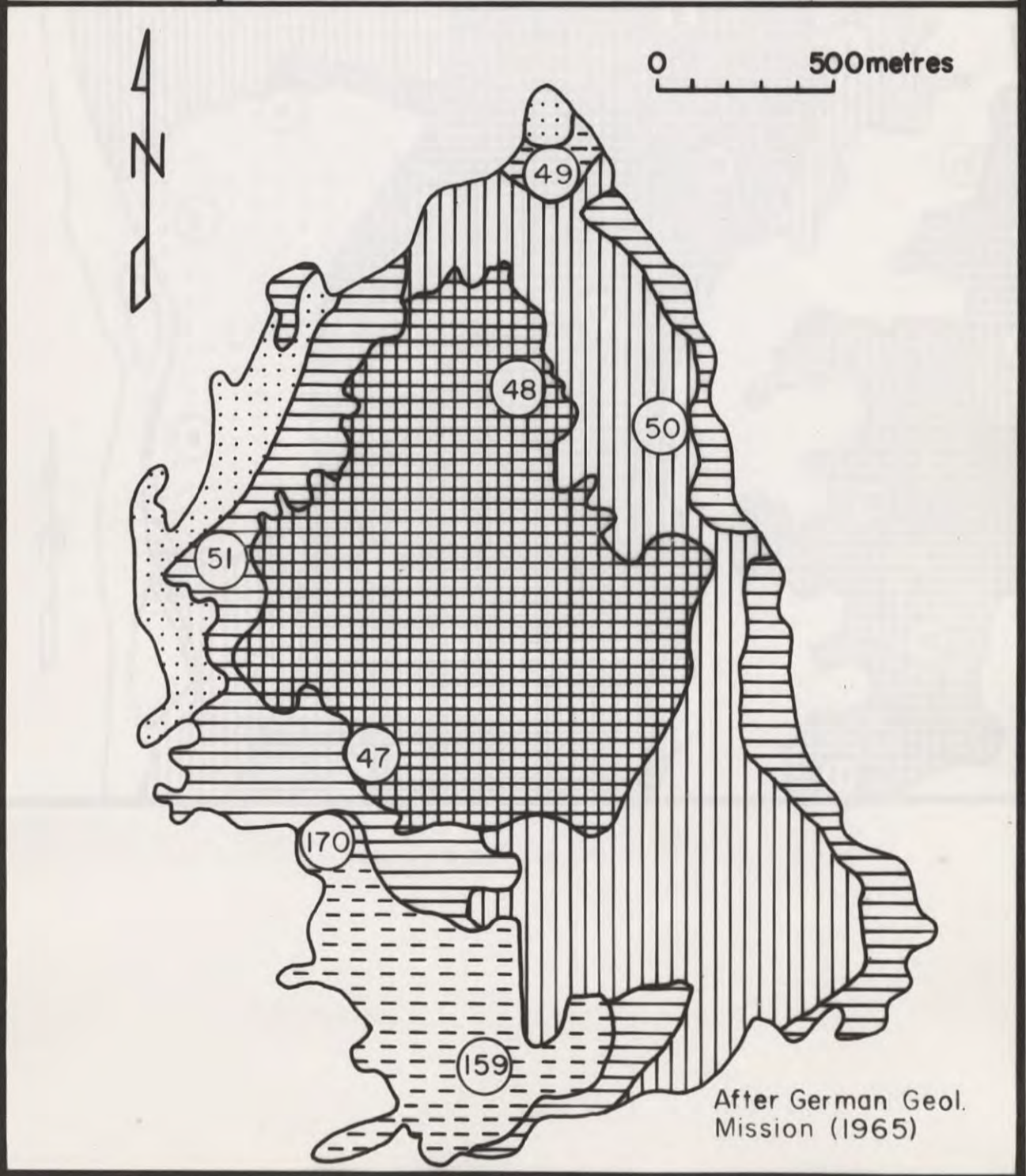


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ALLUVIAL COMPLEX ASSOCIATION (Northern Zor)

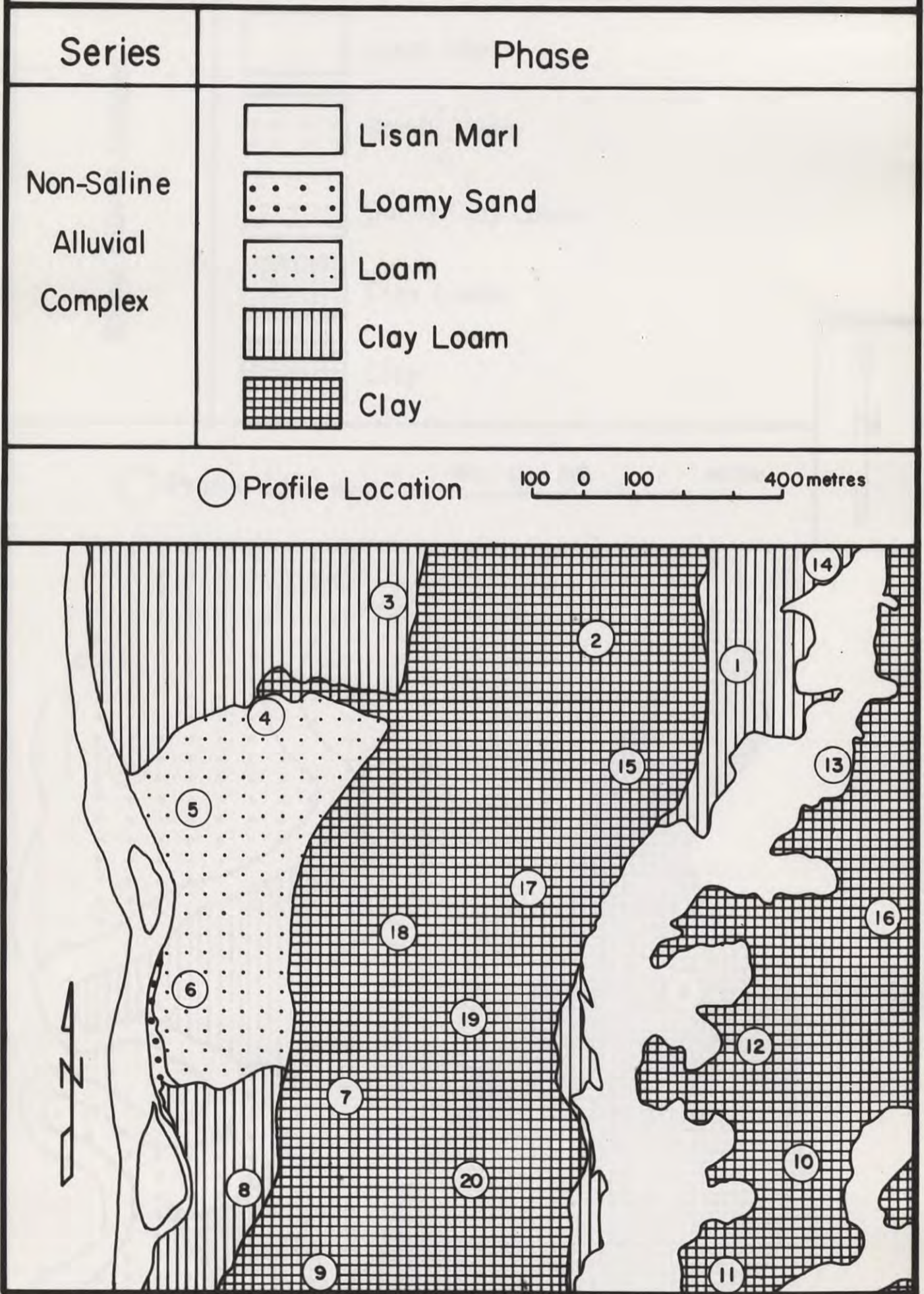


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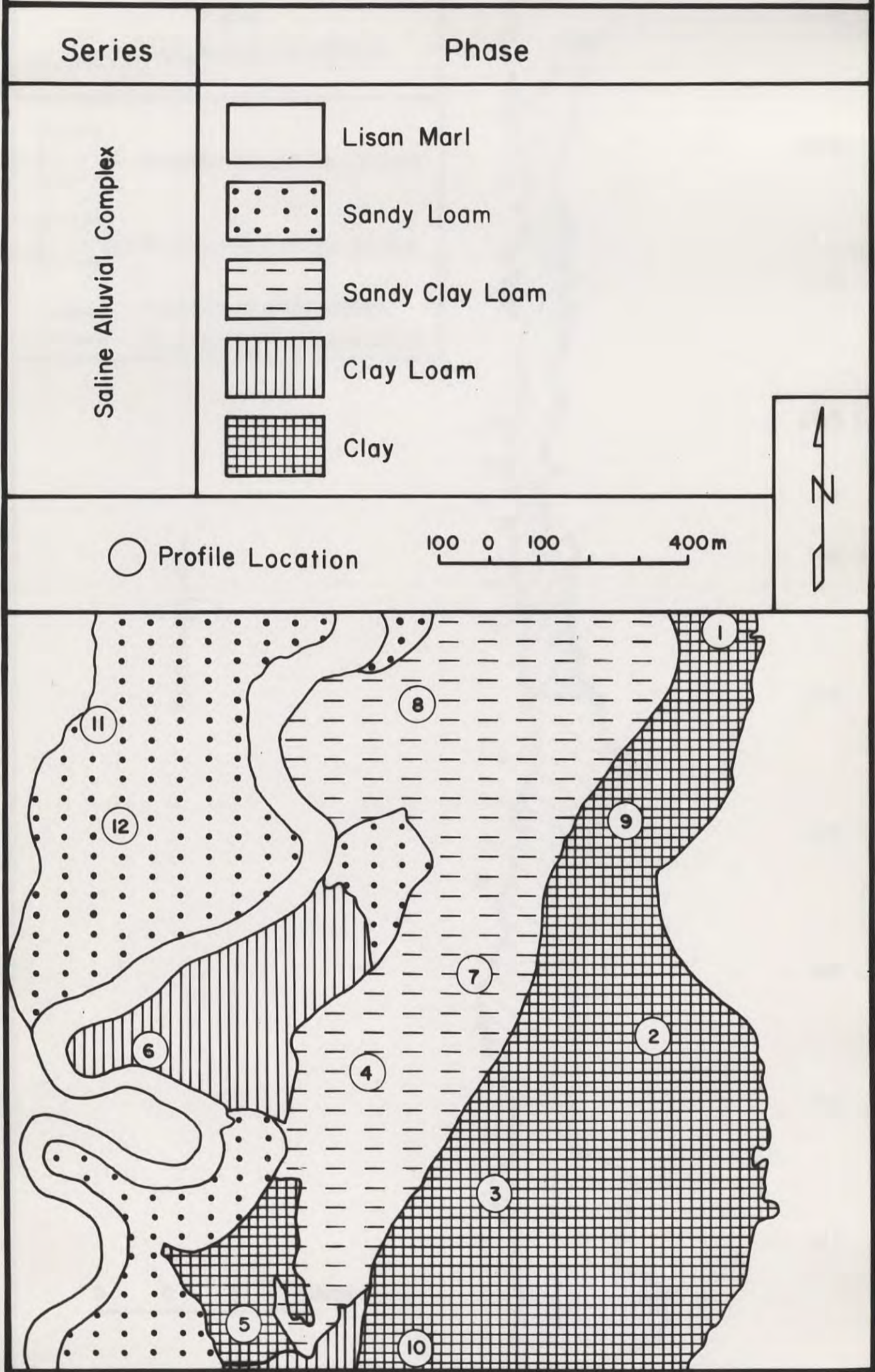


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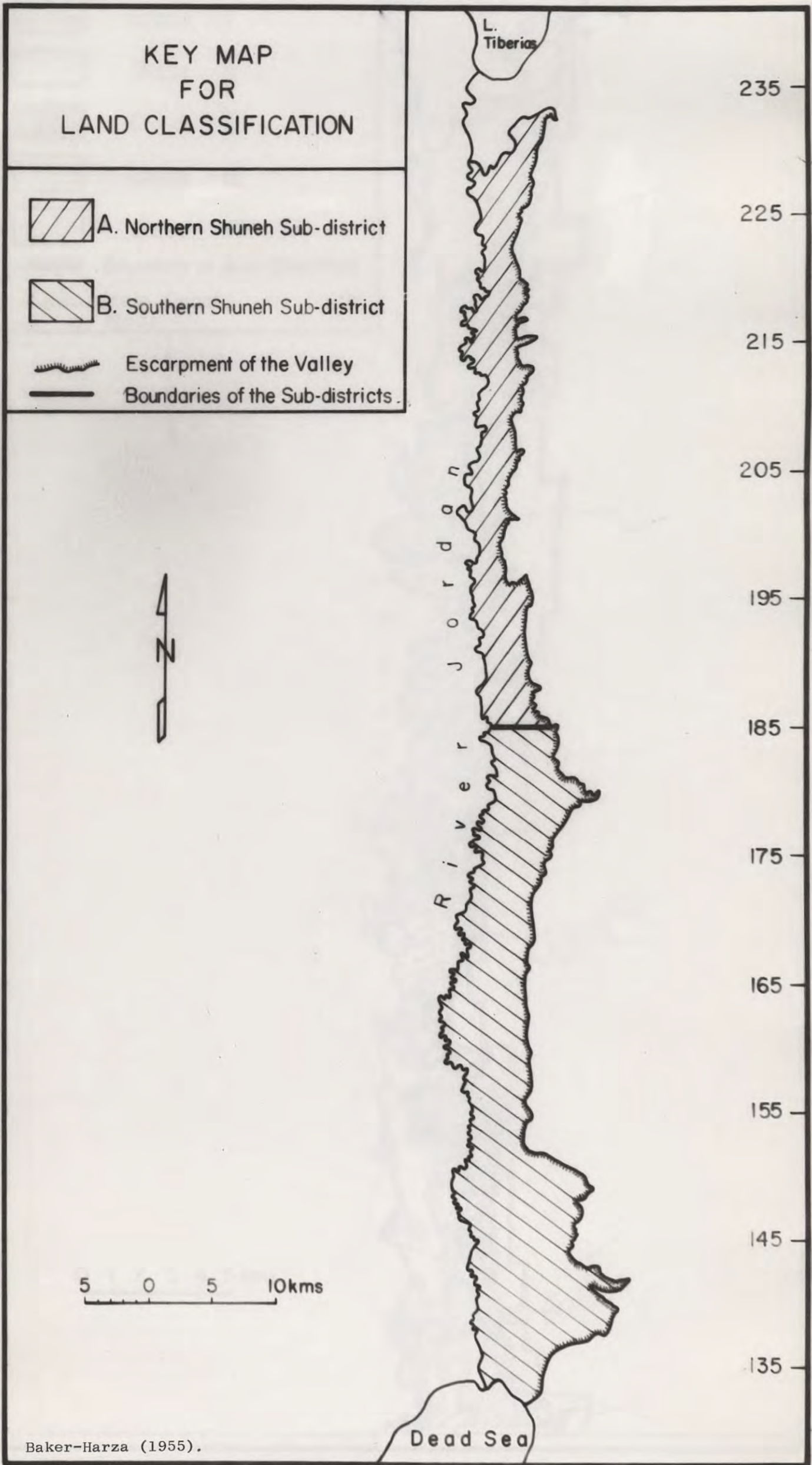


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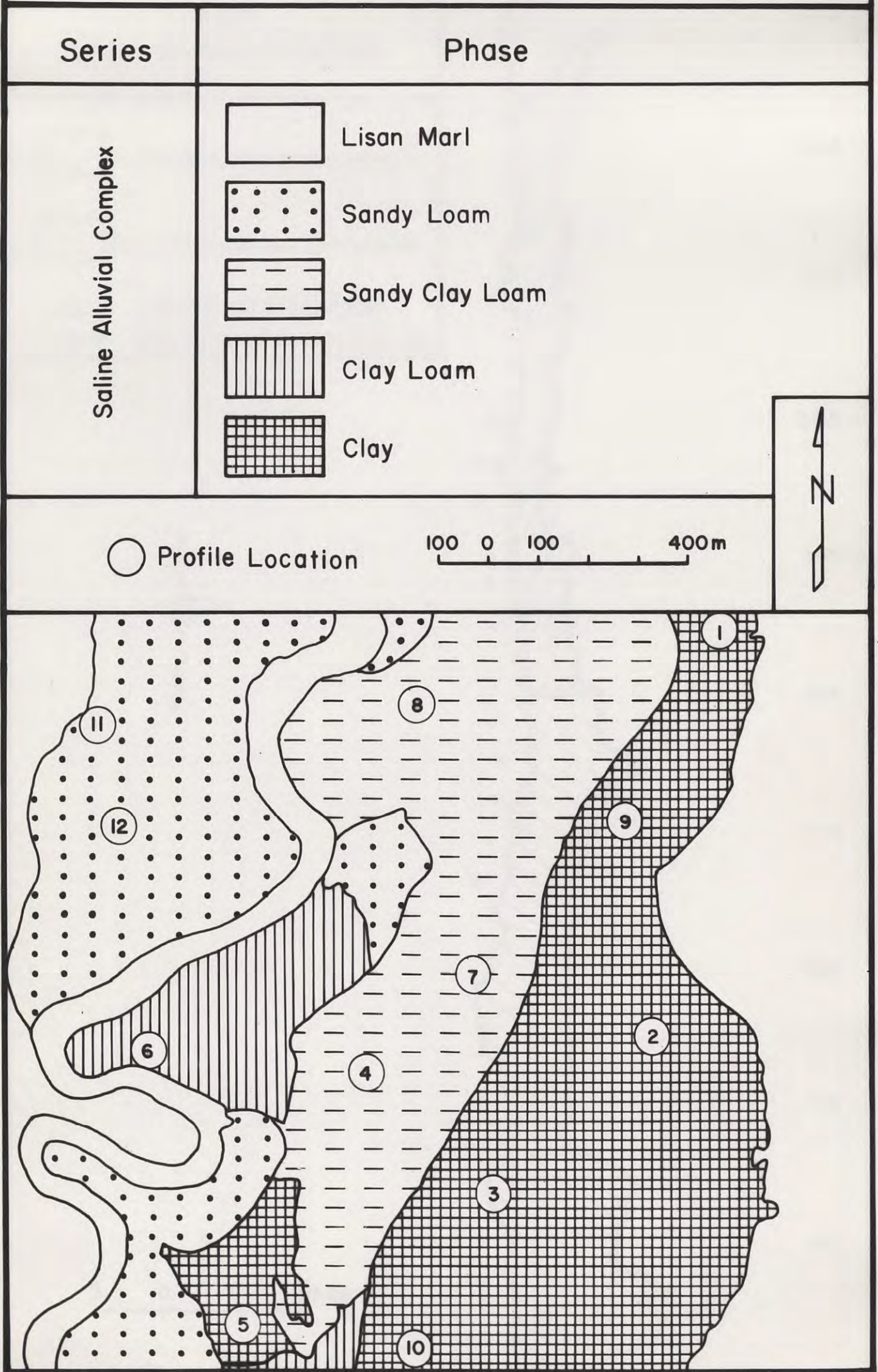


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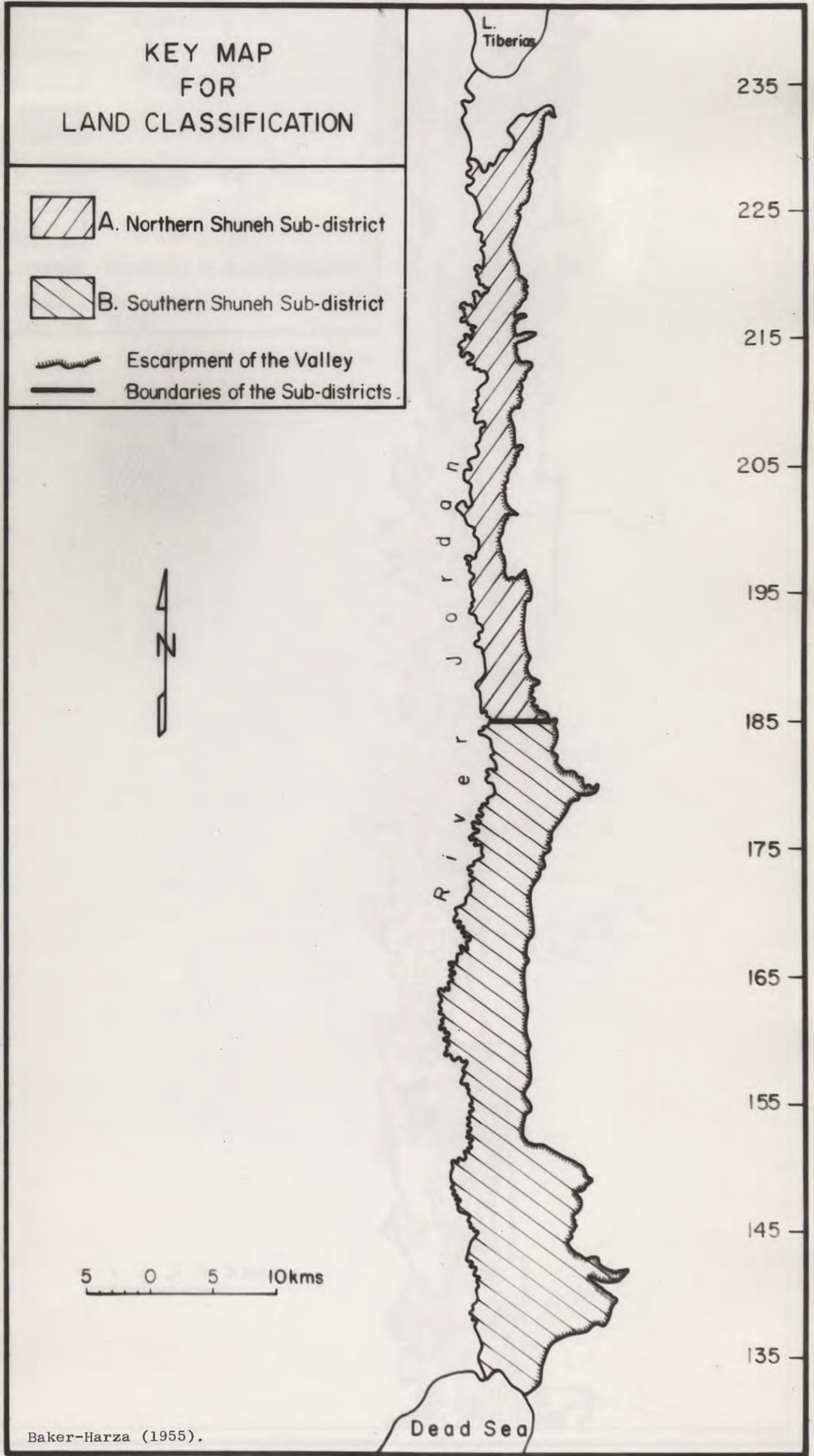


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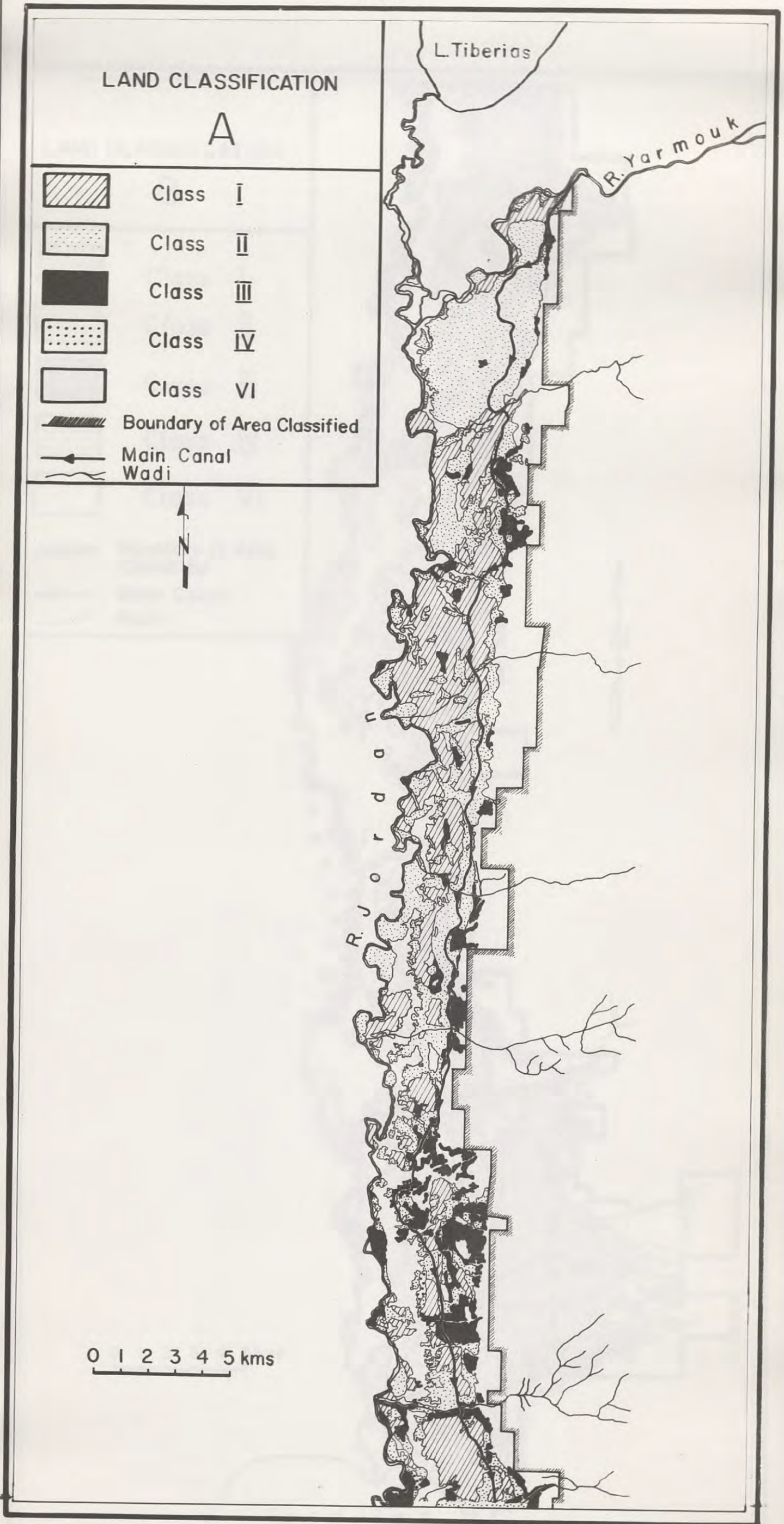


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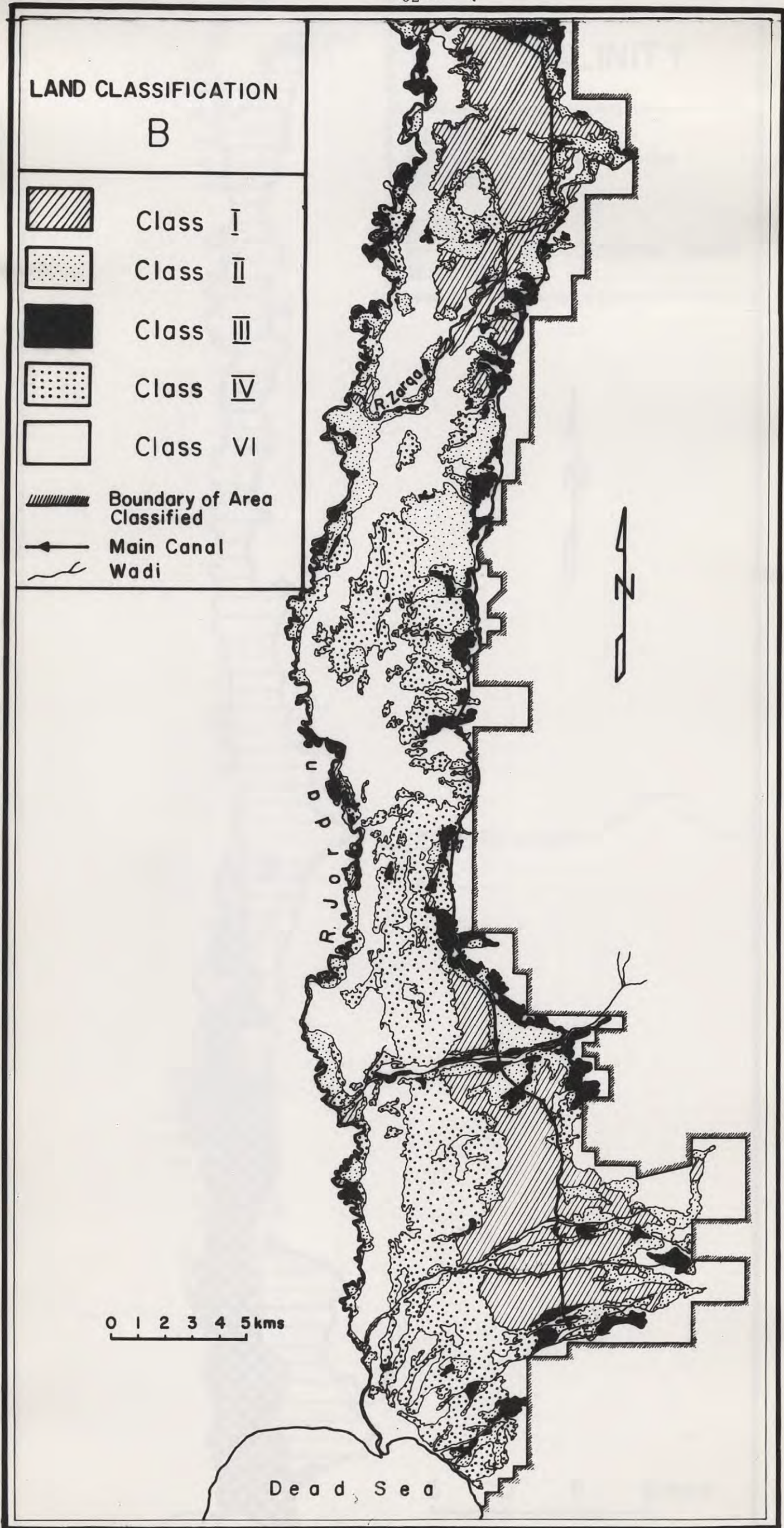


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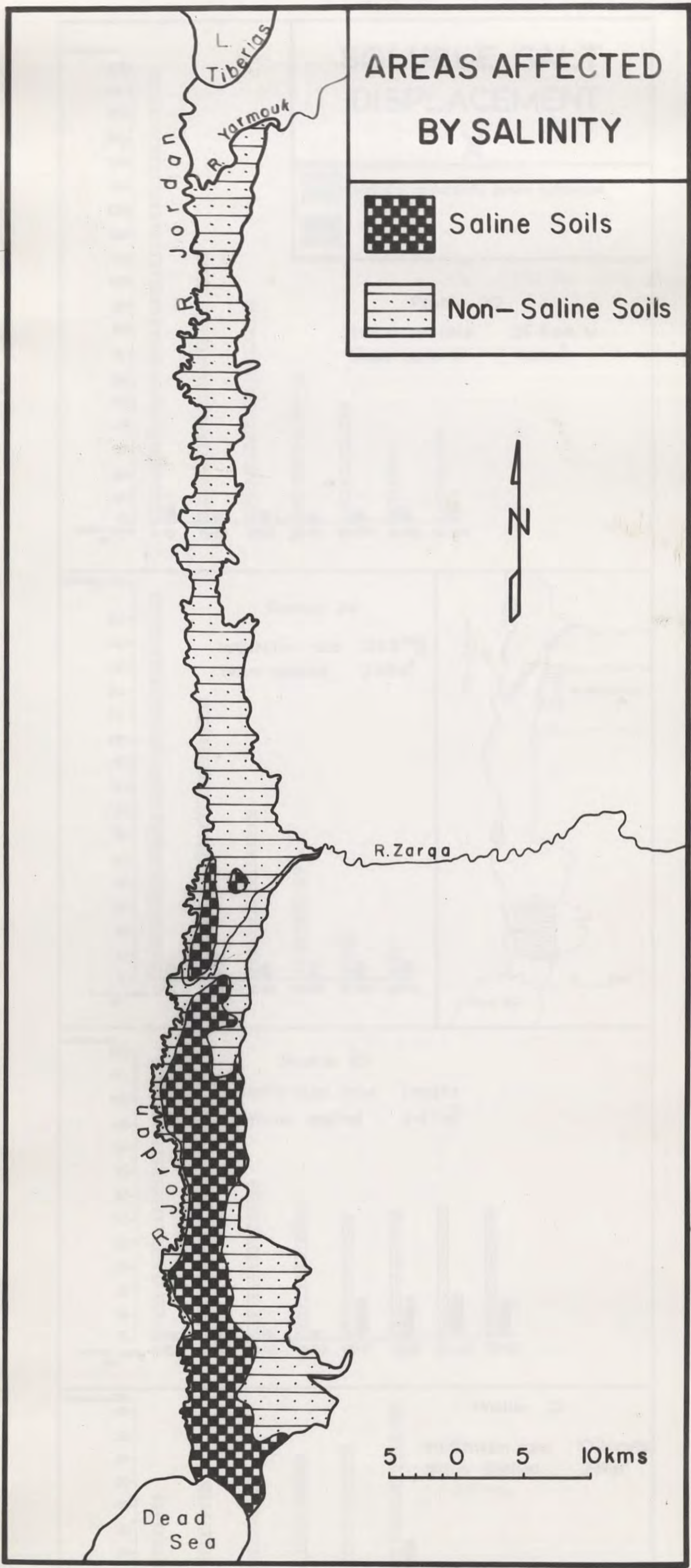


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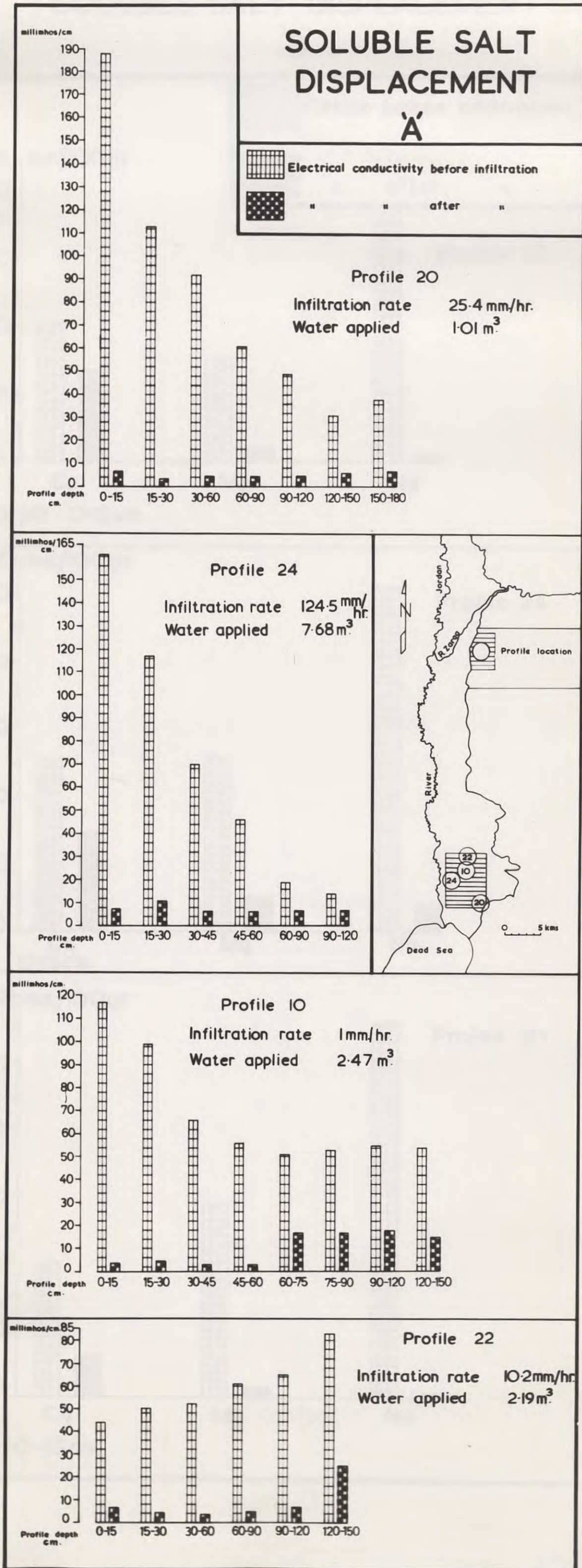


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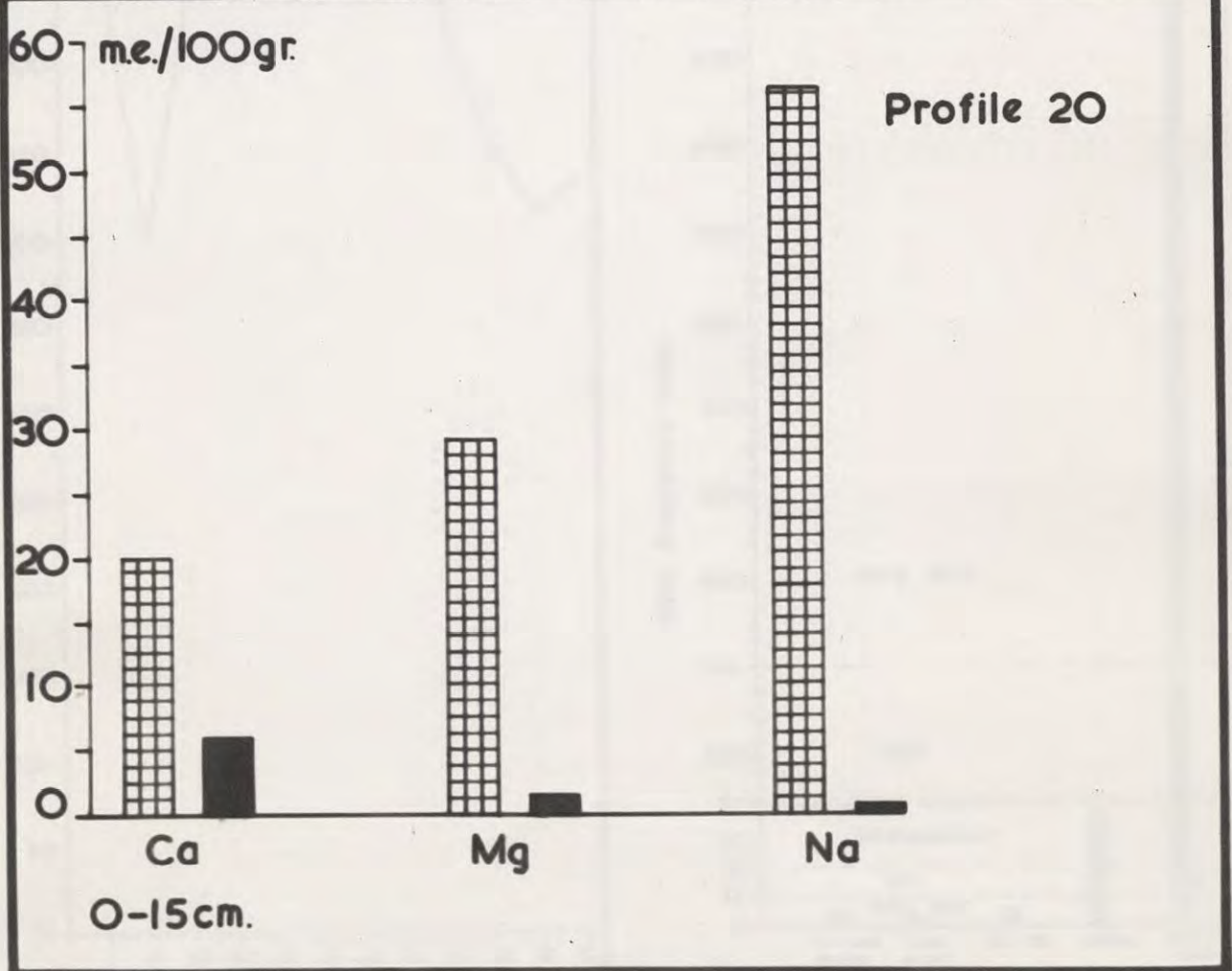
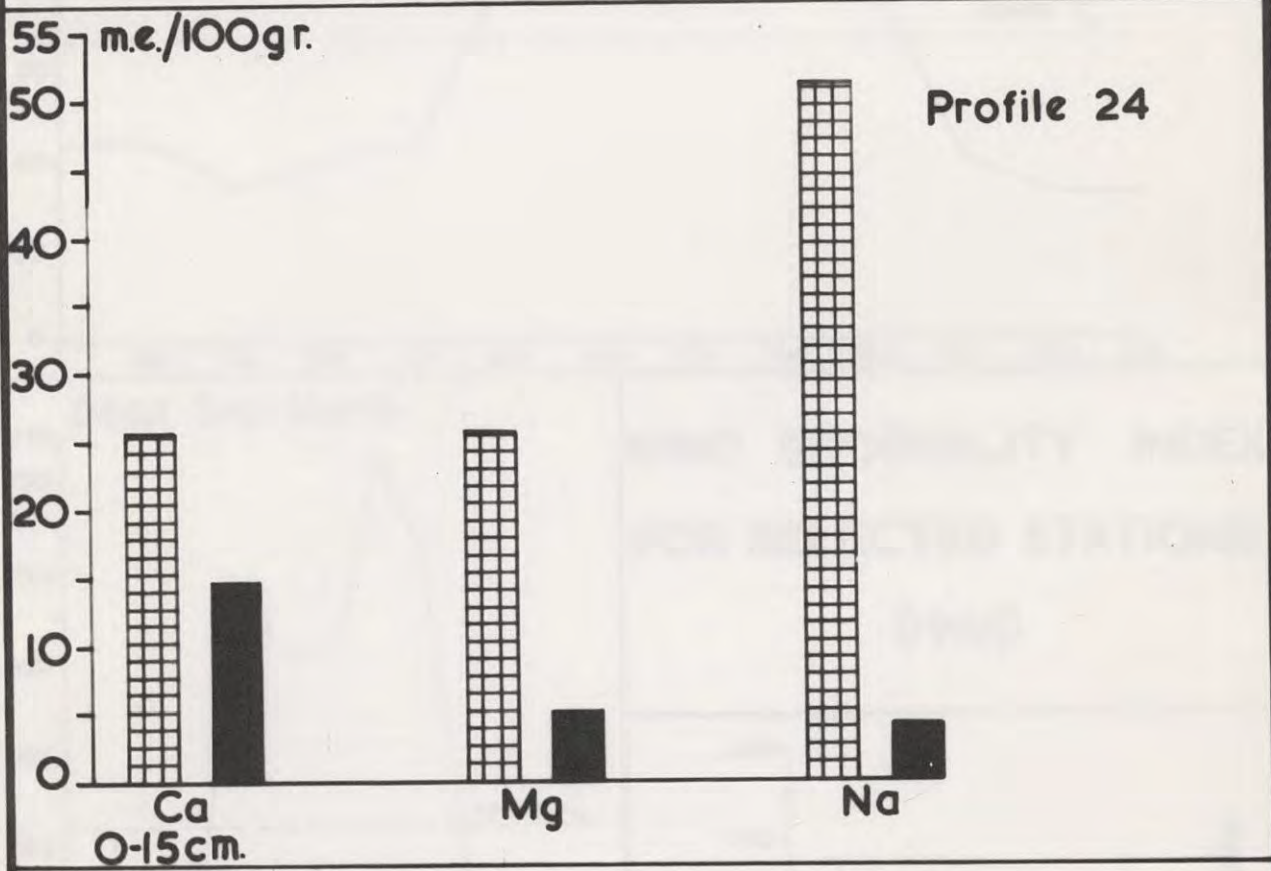
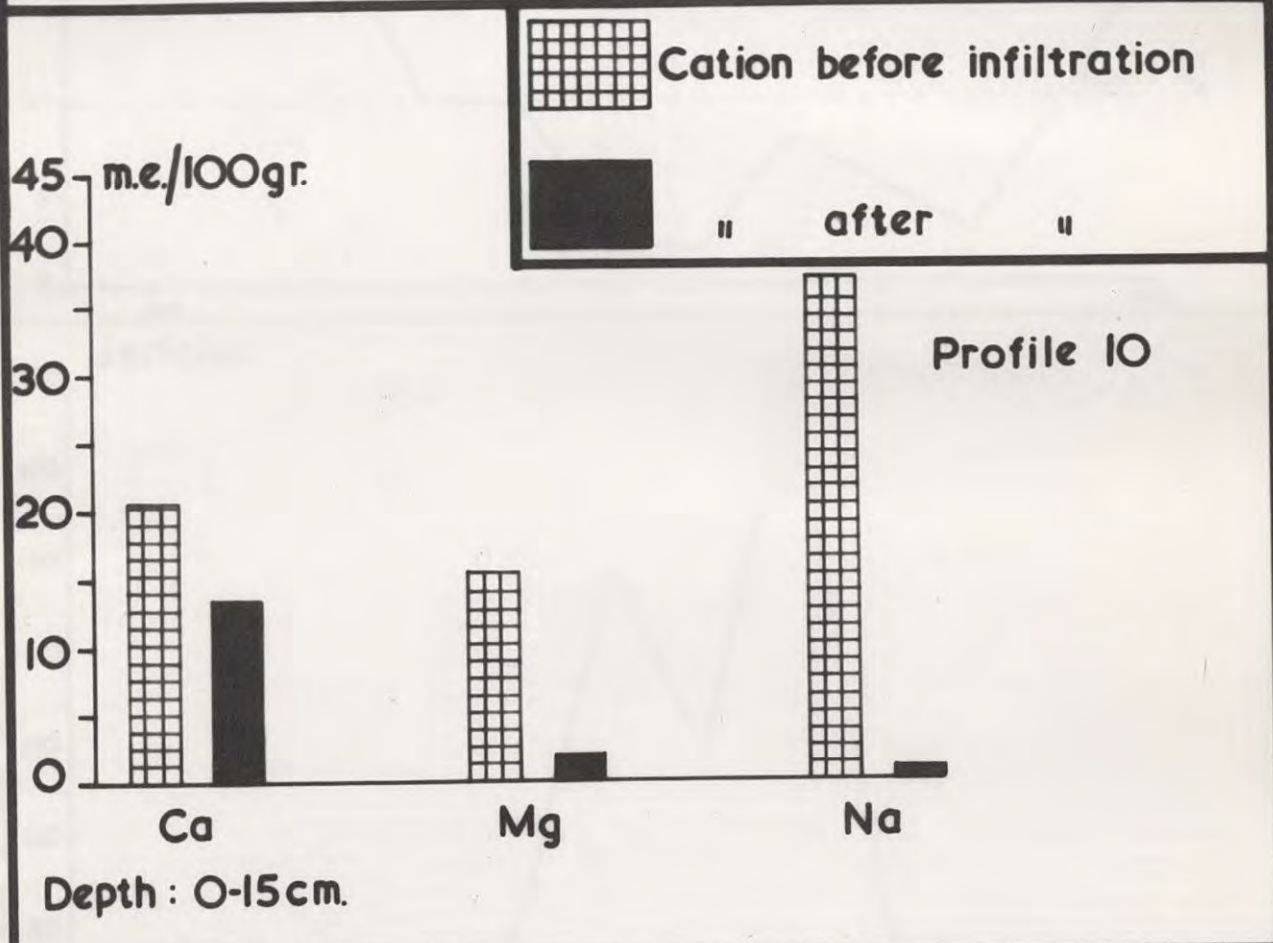


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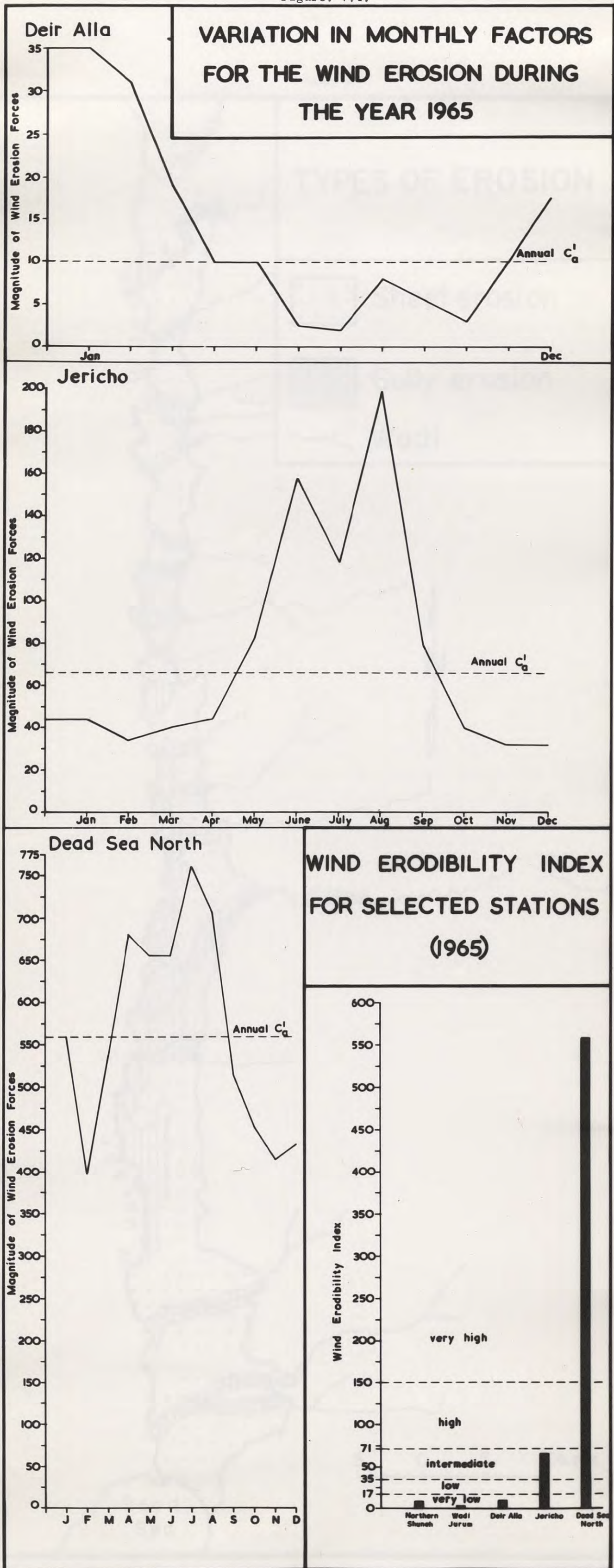


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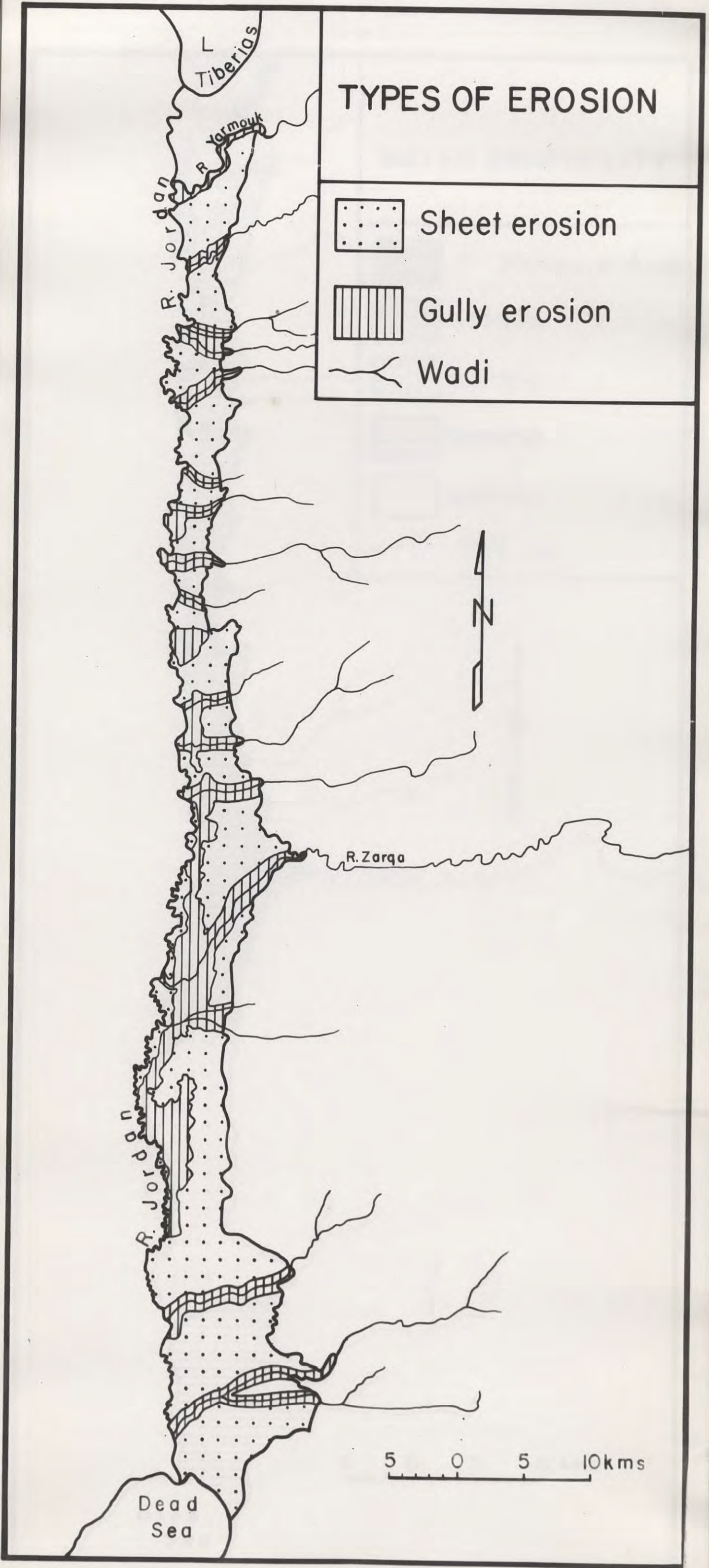


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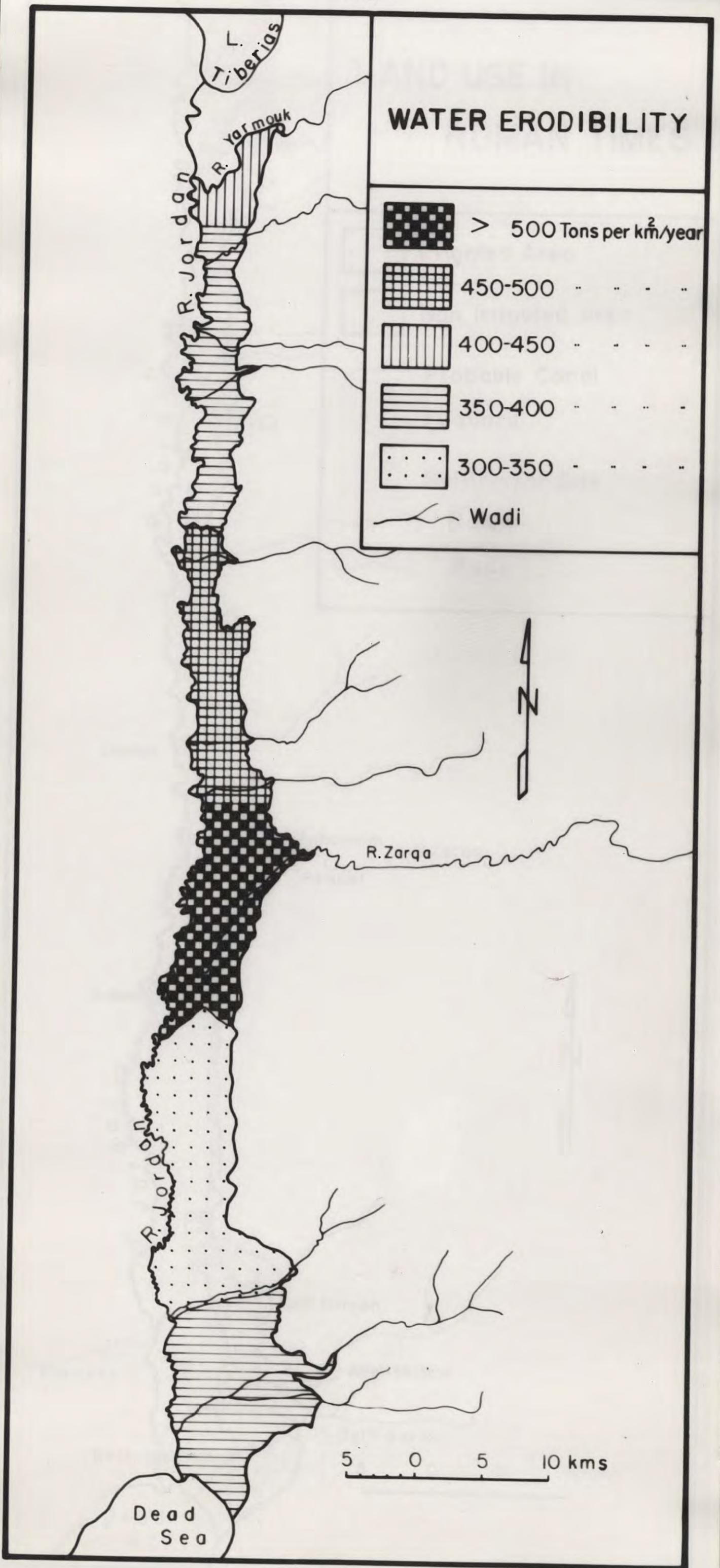


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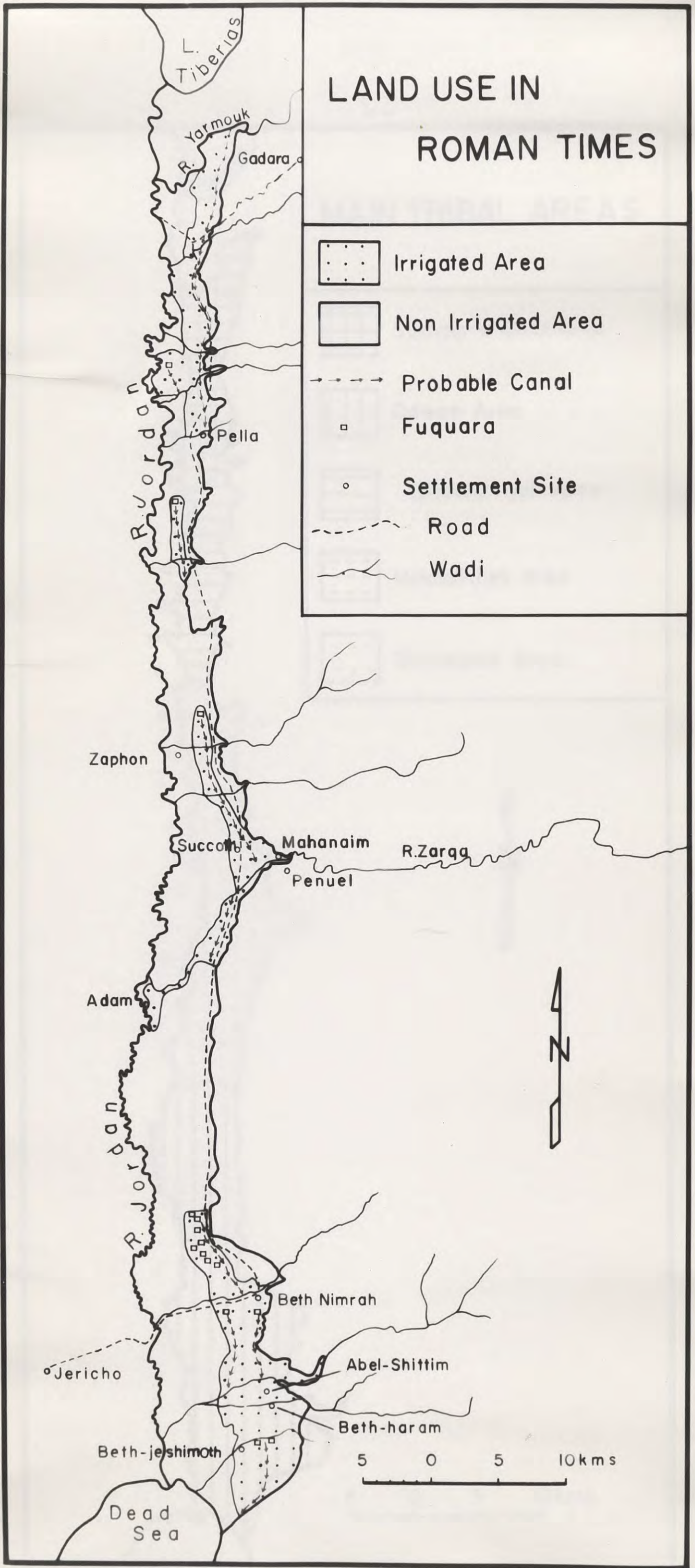


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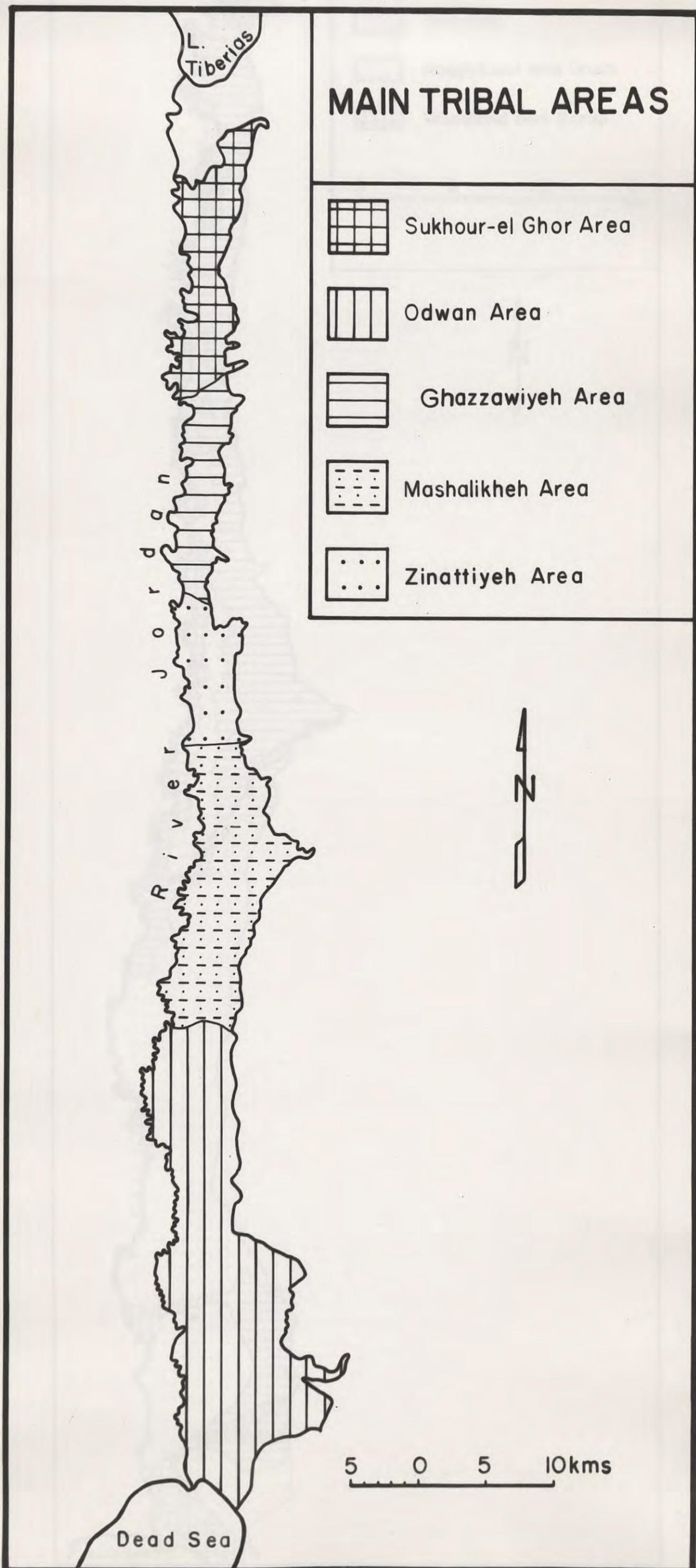


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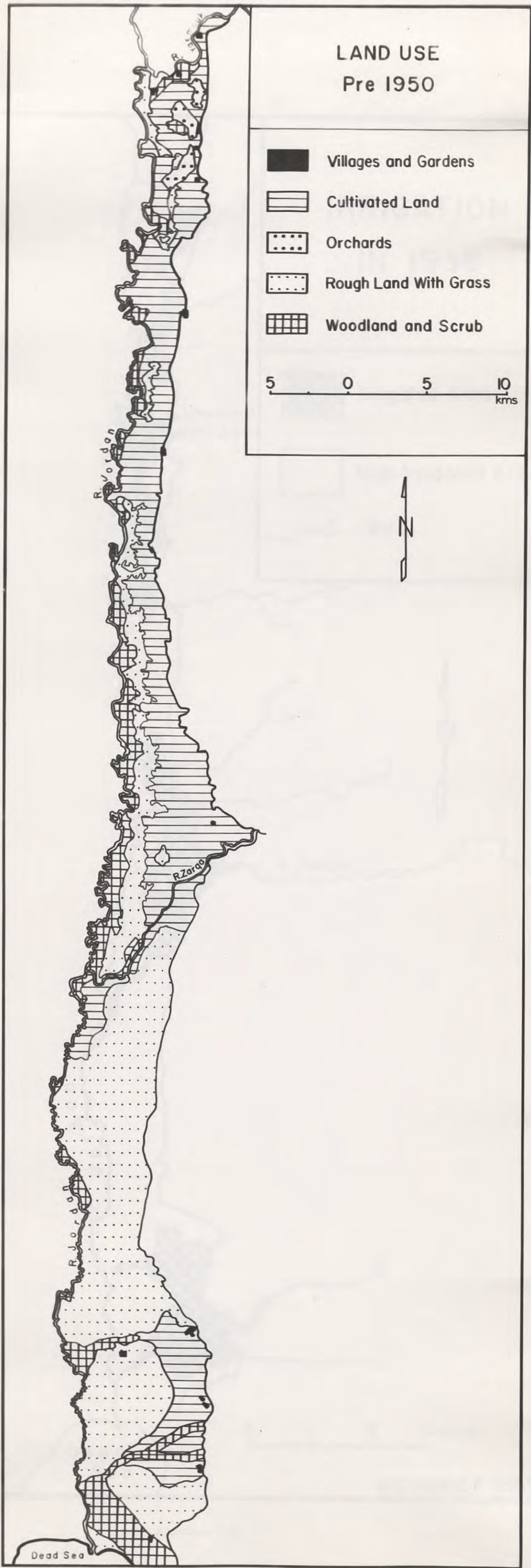


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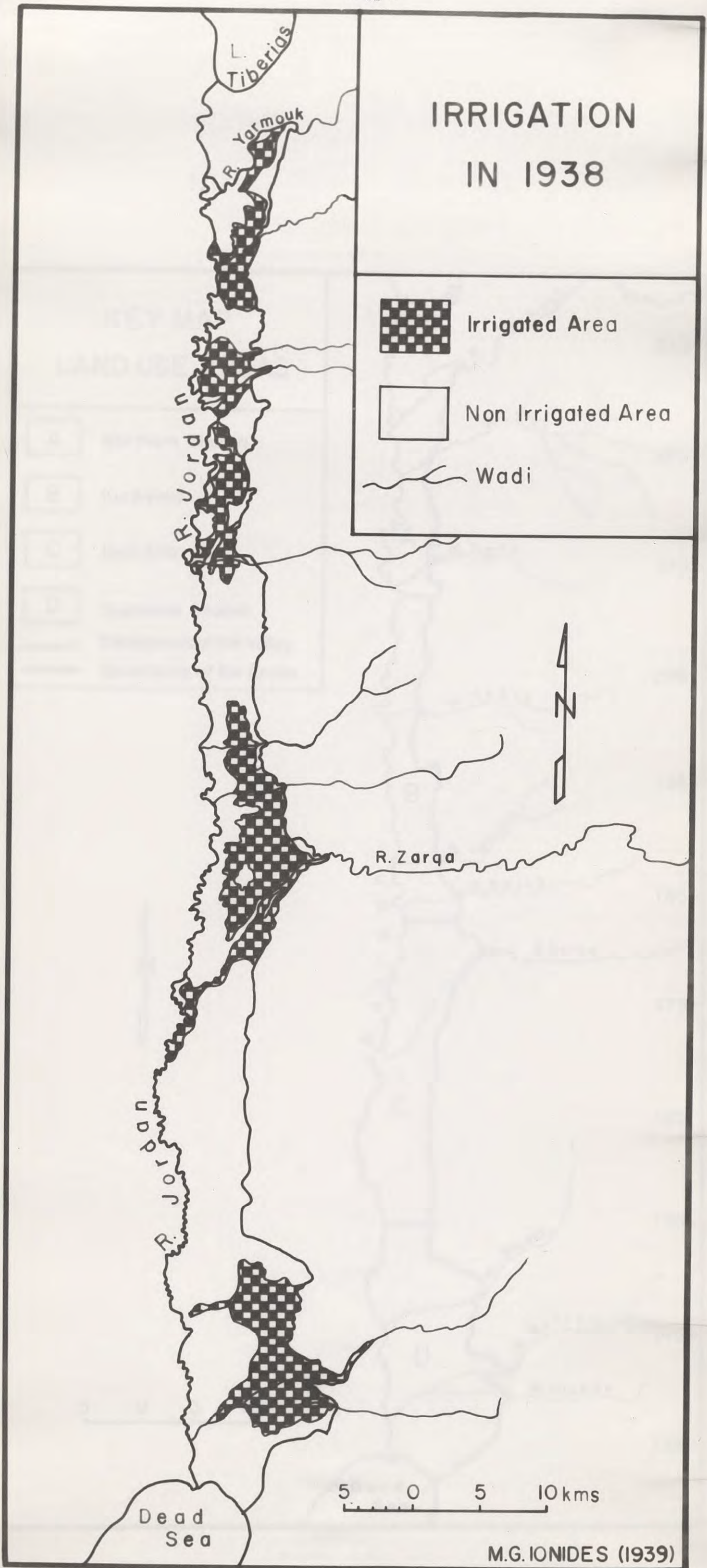


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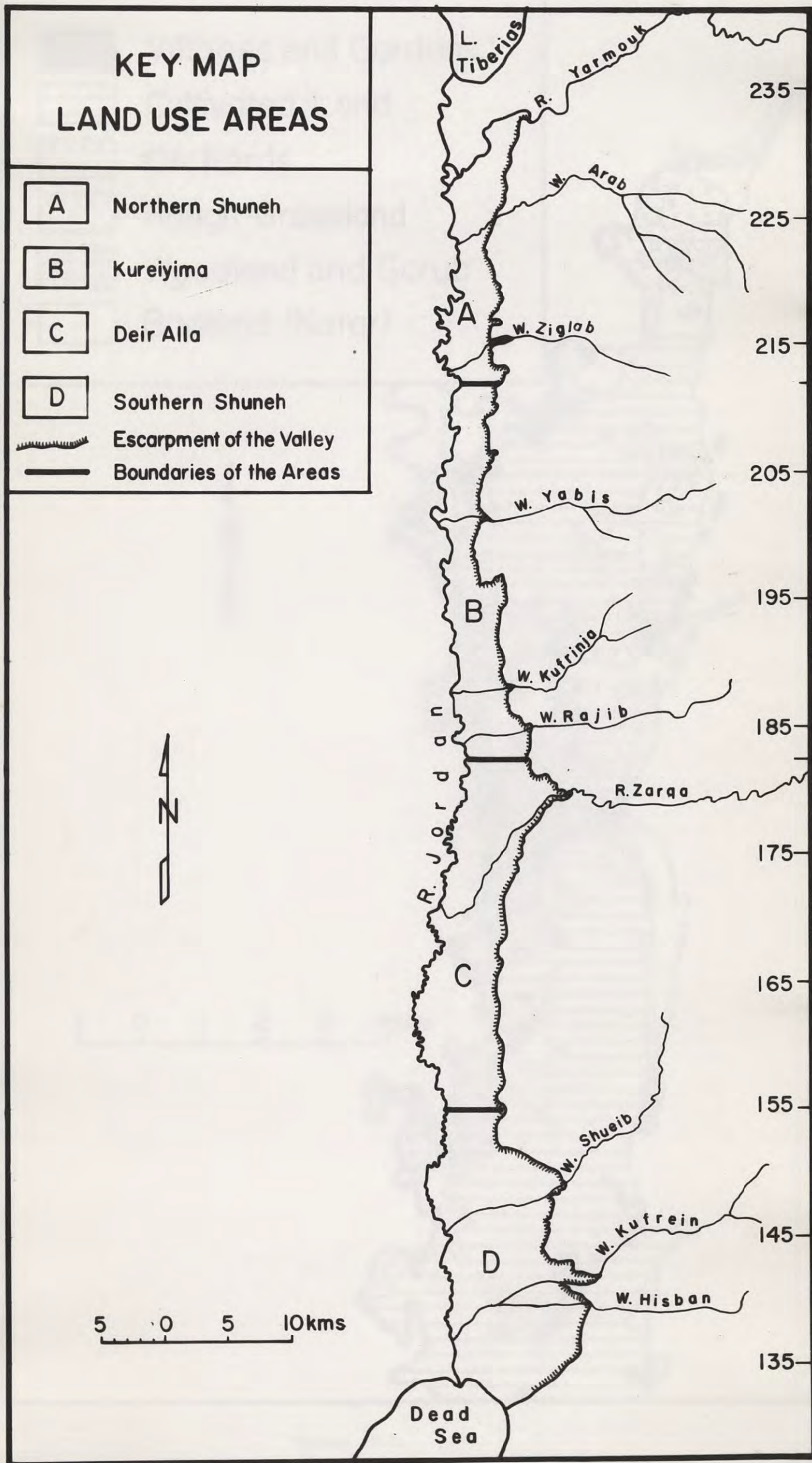


Figure. 8.5.

LAND USE IN 1959

Northern Shuneh

-  Villages and Gardens
-  Cultivated Land
-  Orchards
-  Rough Grassland
-  Woodland and Scrub
-  Badland (Katar)

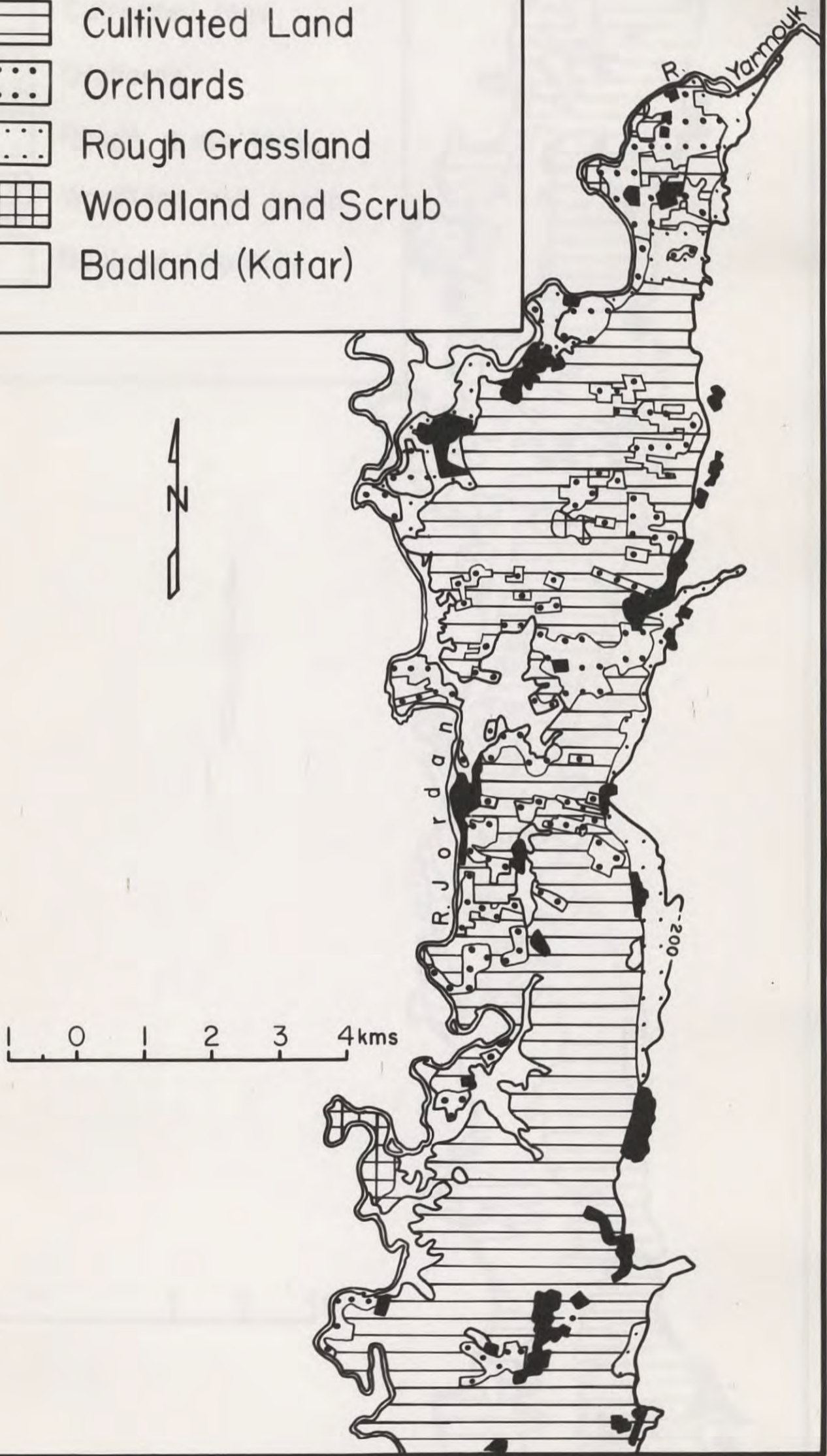


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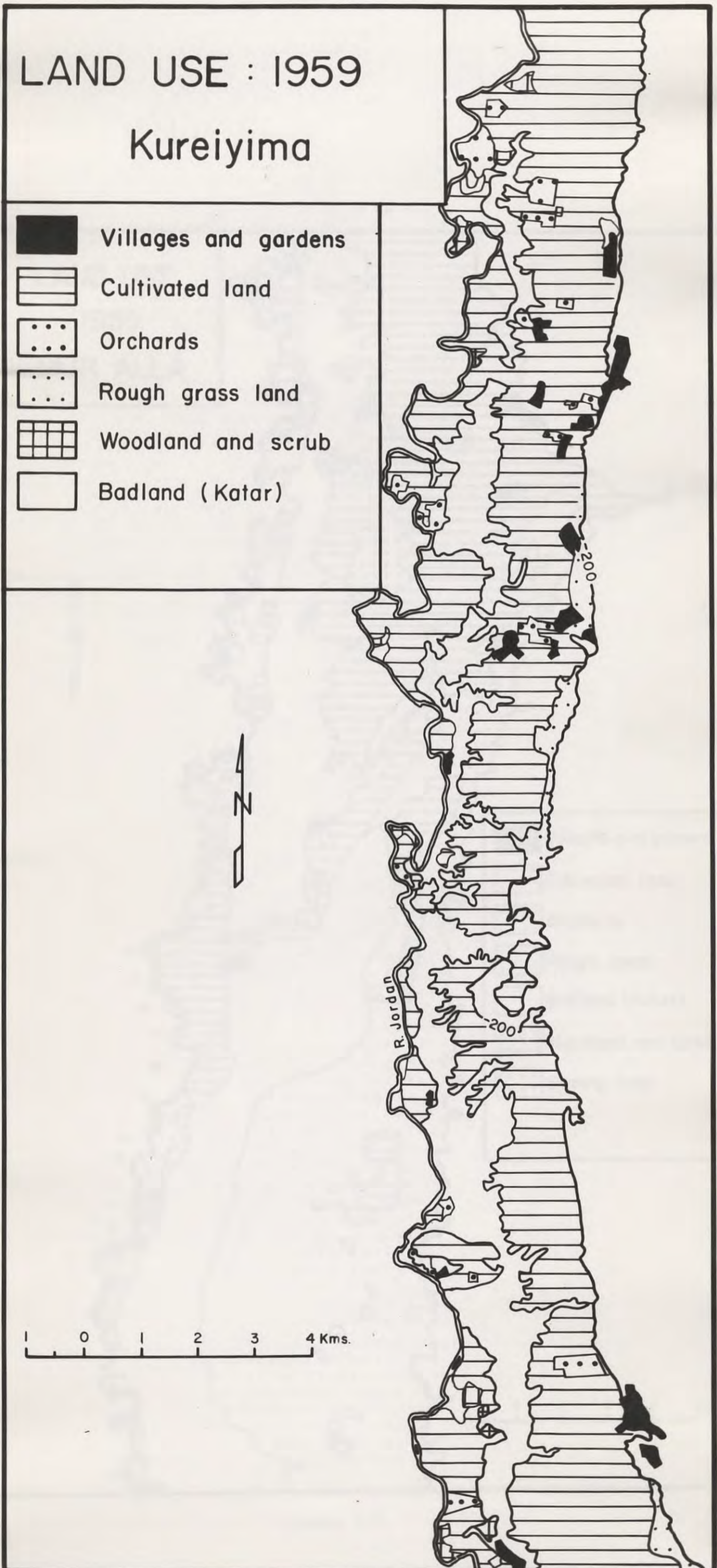


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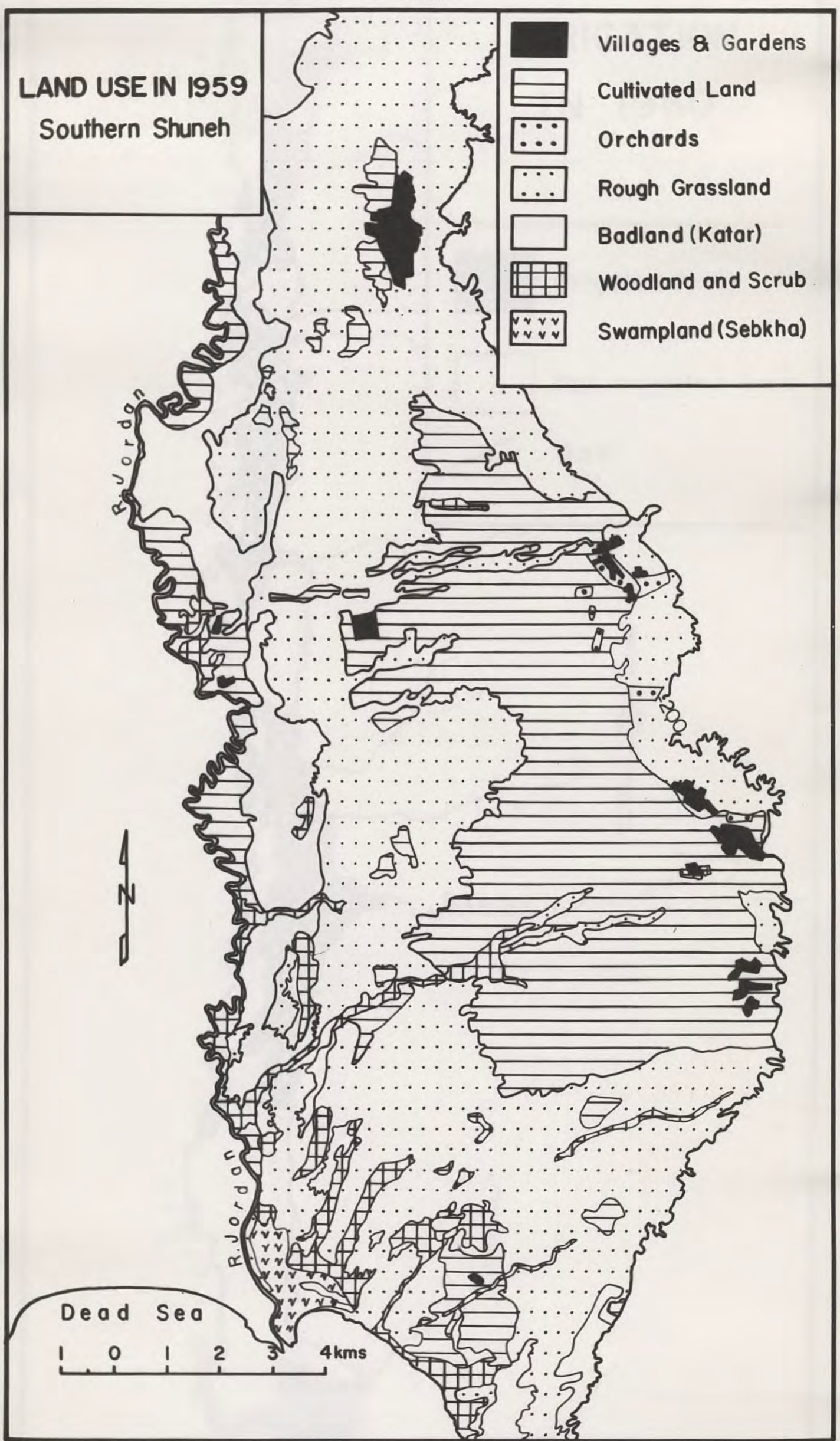


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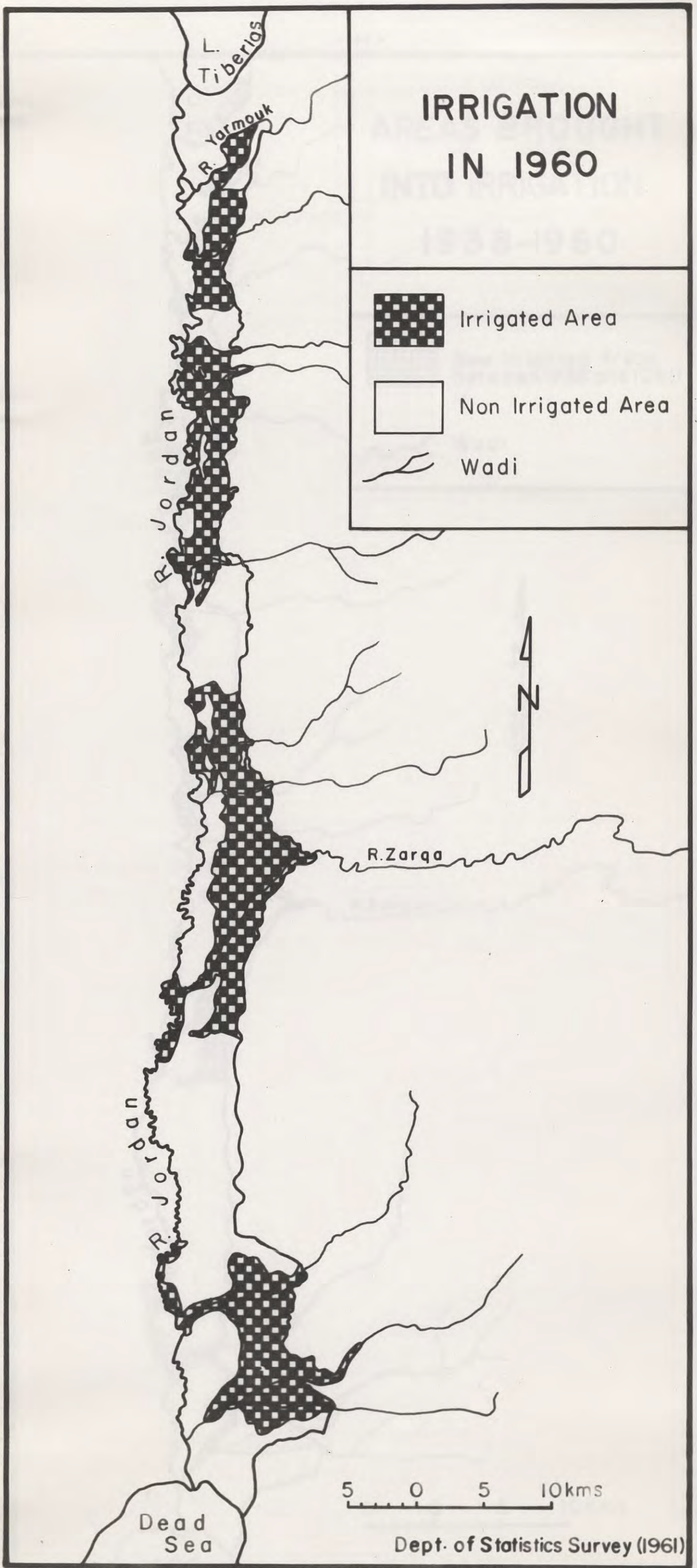


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VILLAGE HARRAWIYA LAND USE
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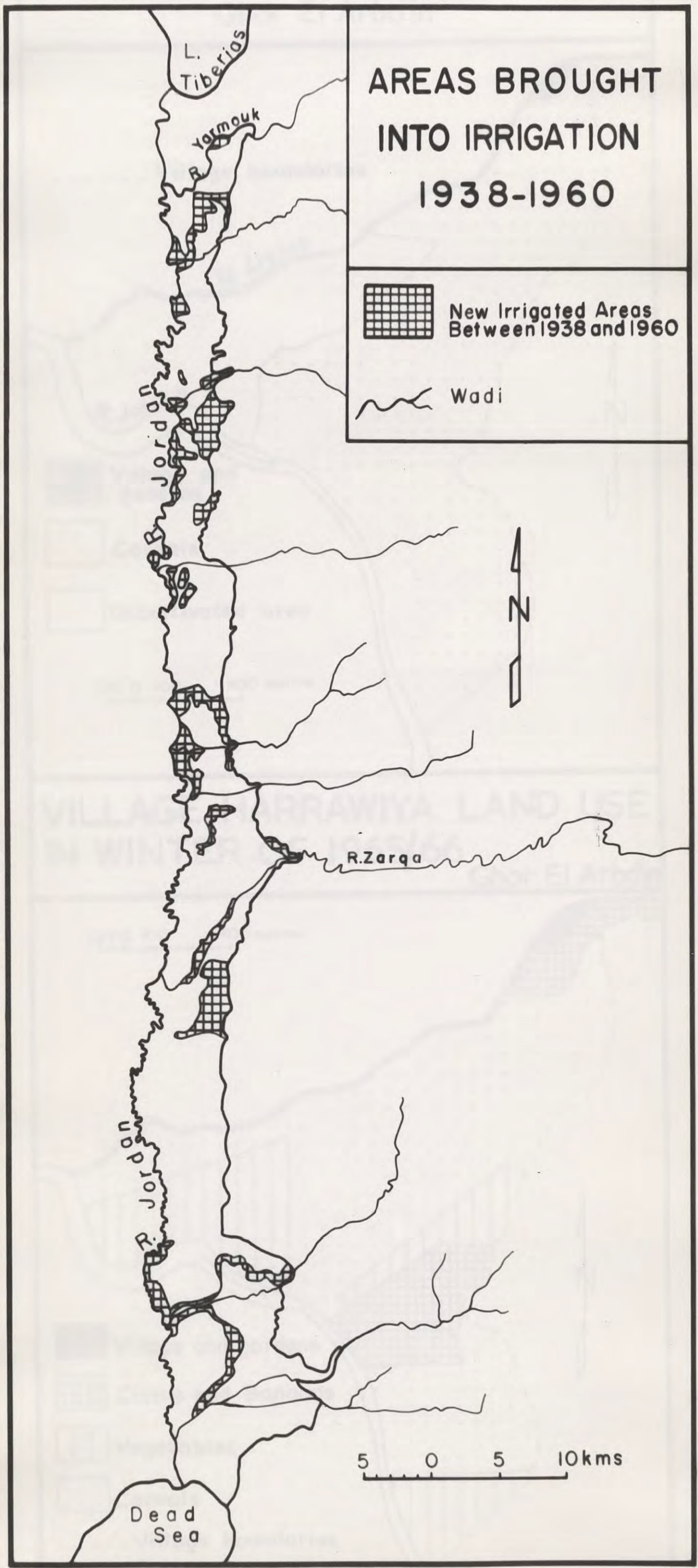


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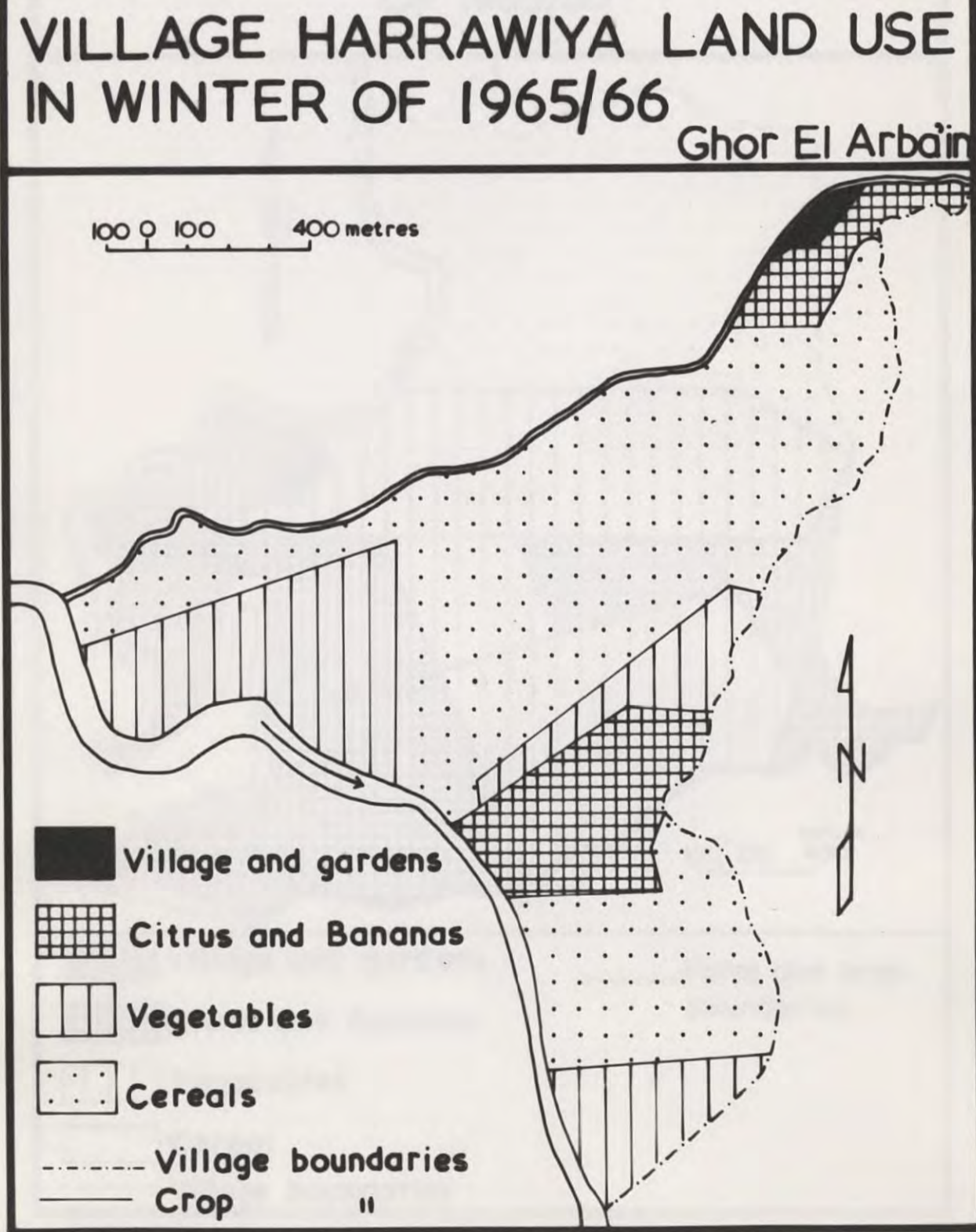
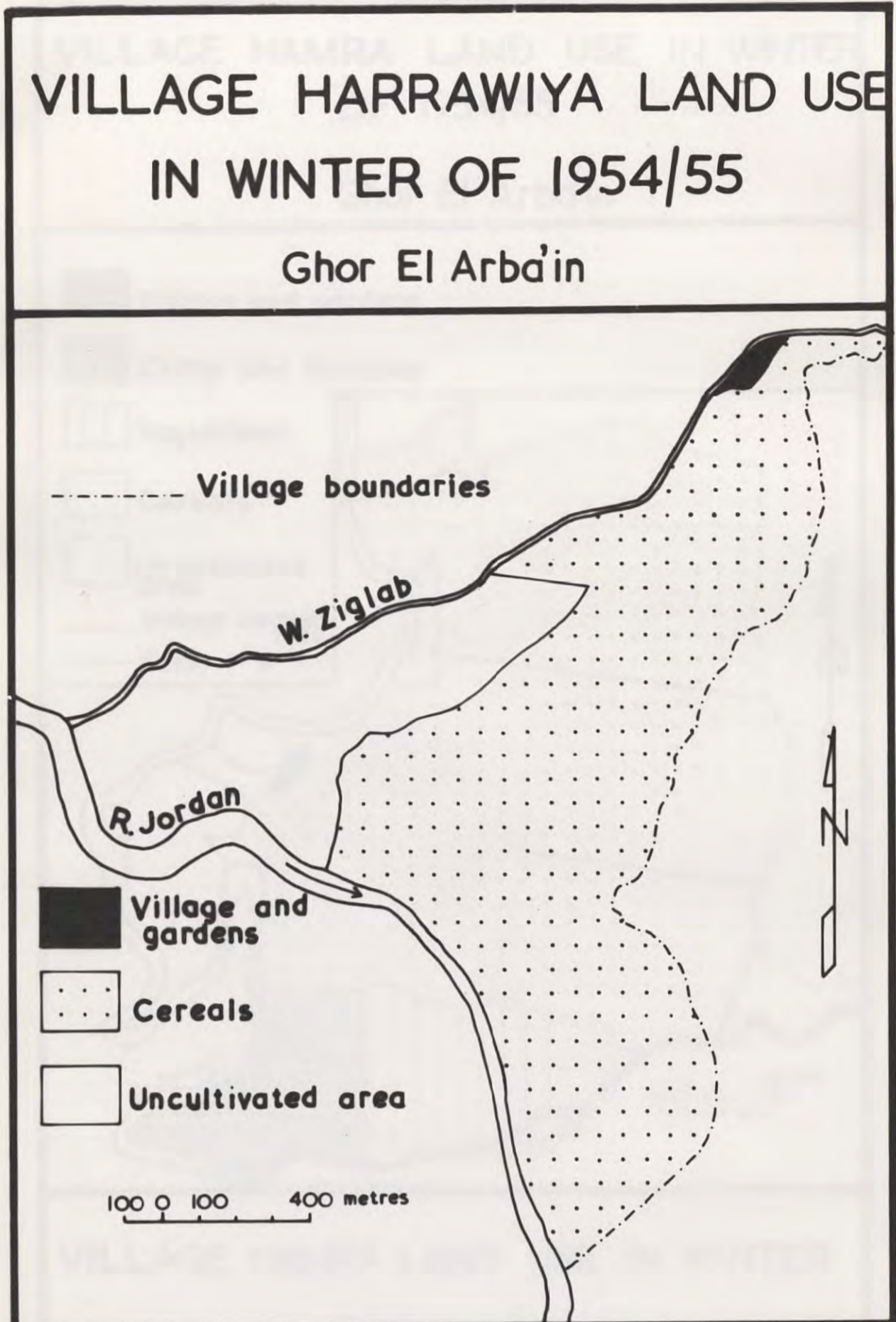


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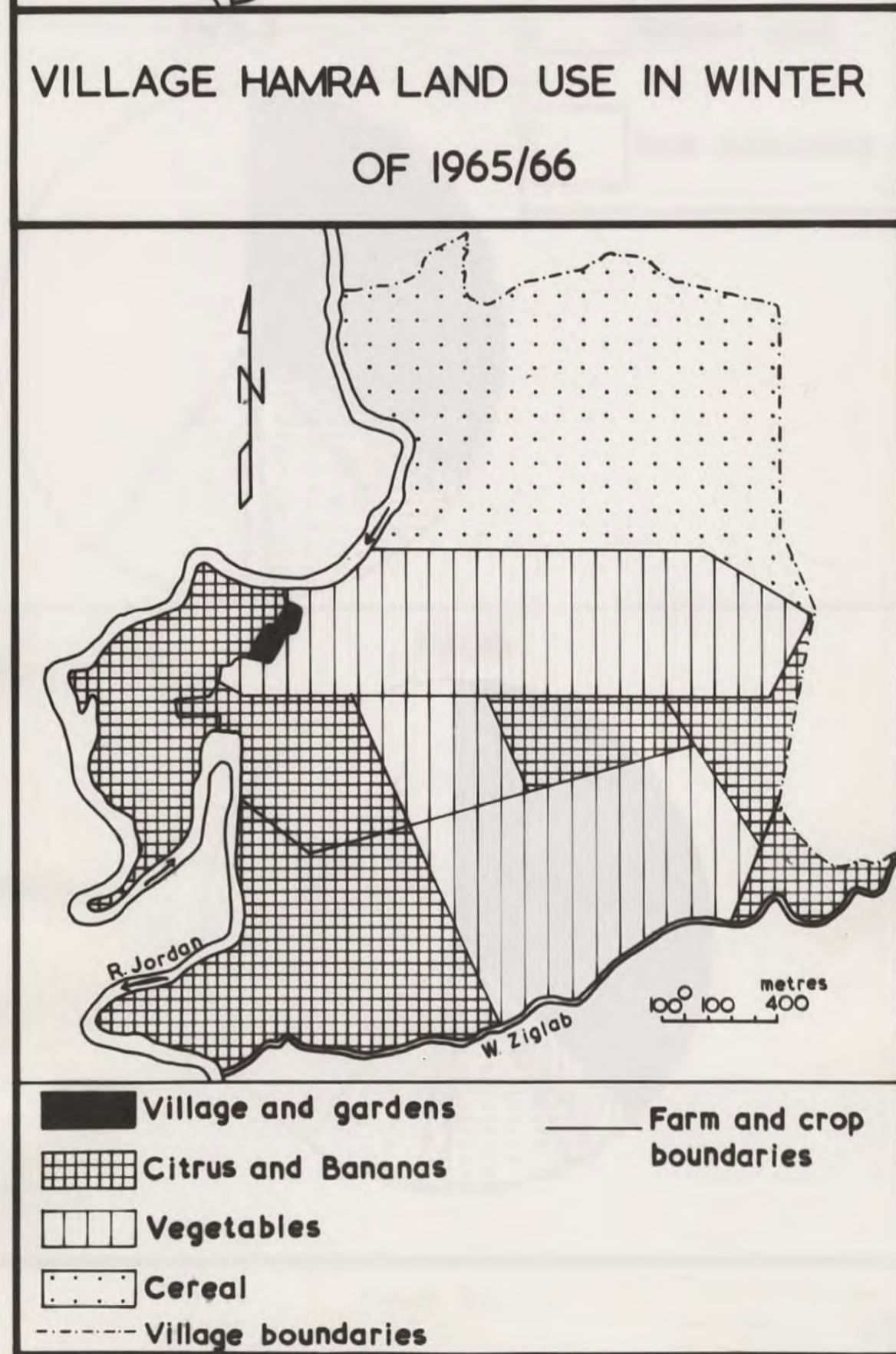
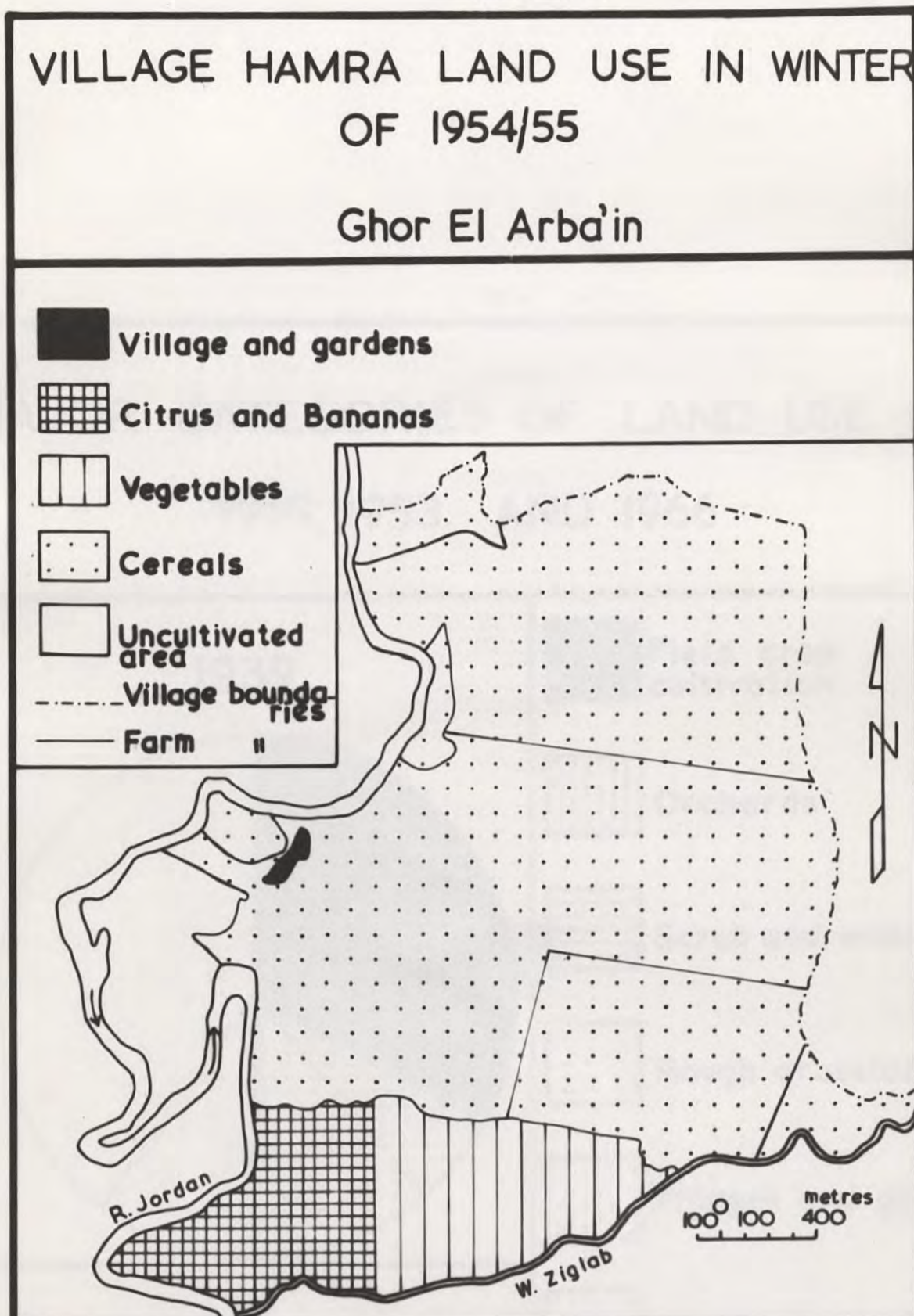


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MAJOR CATEGORIES OF LAND USE IN 1939, 1953 AND 1966

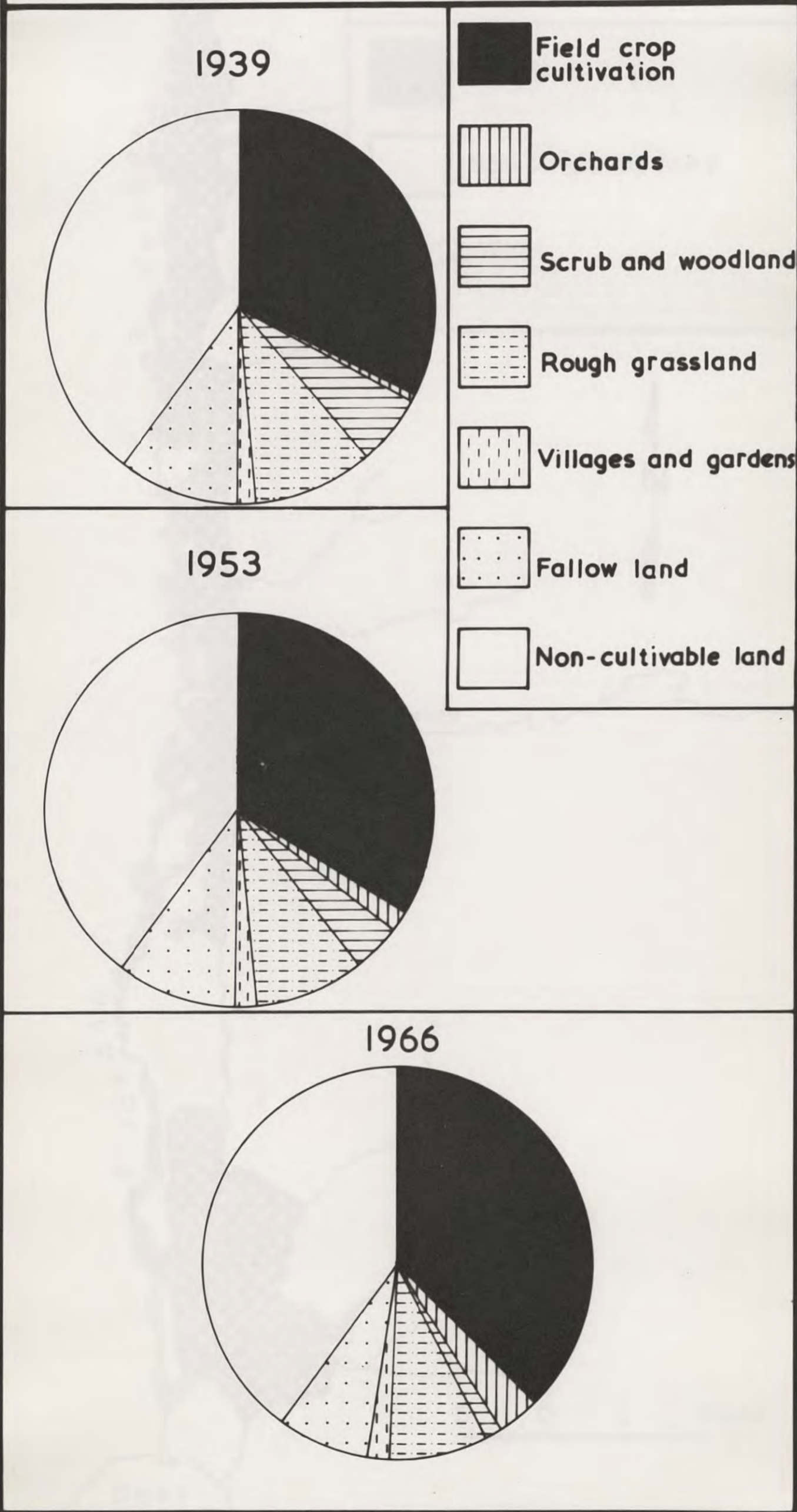


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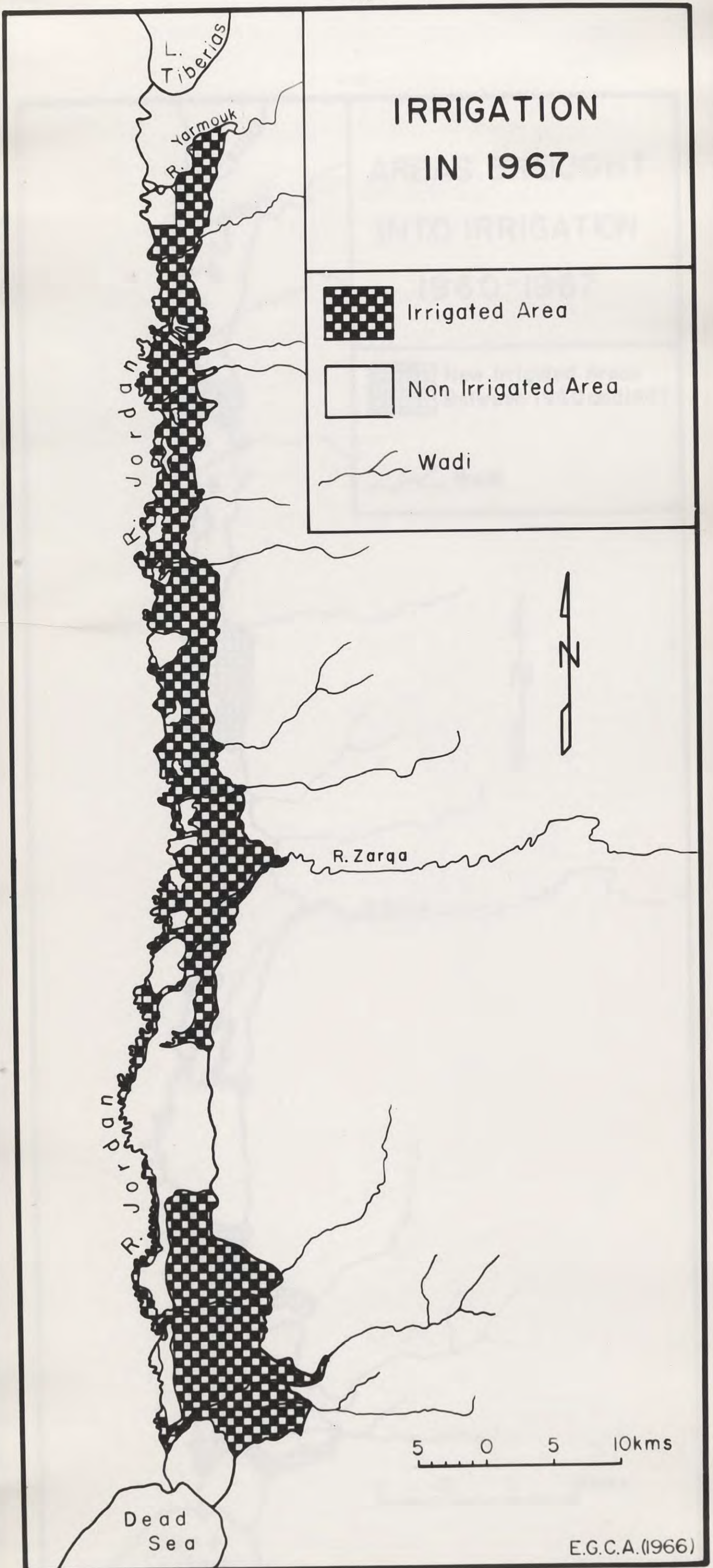


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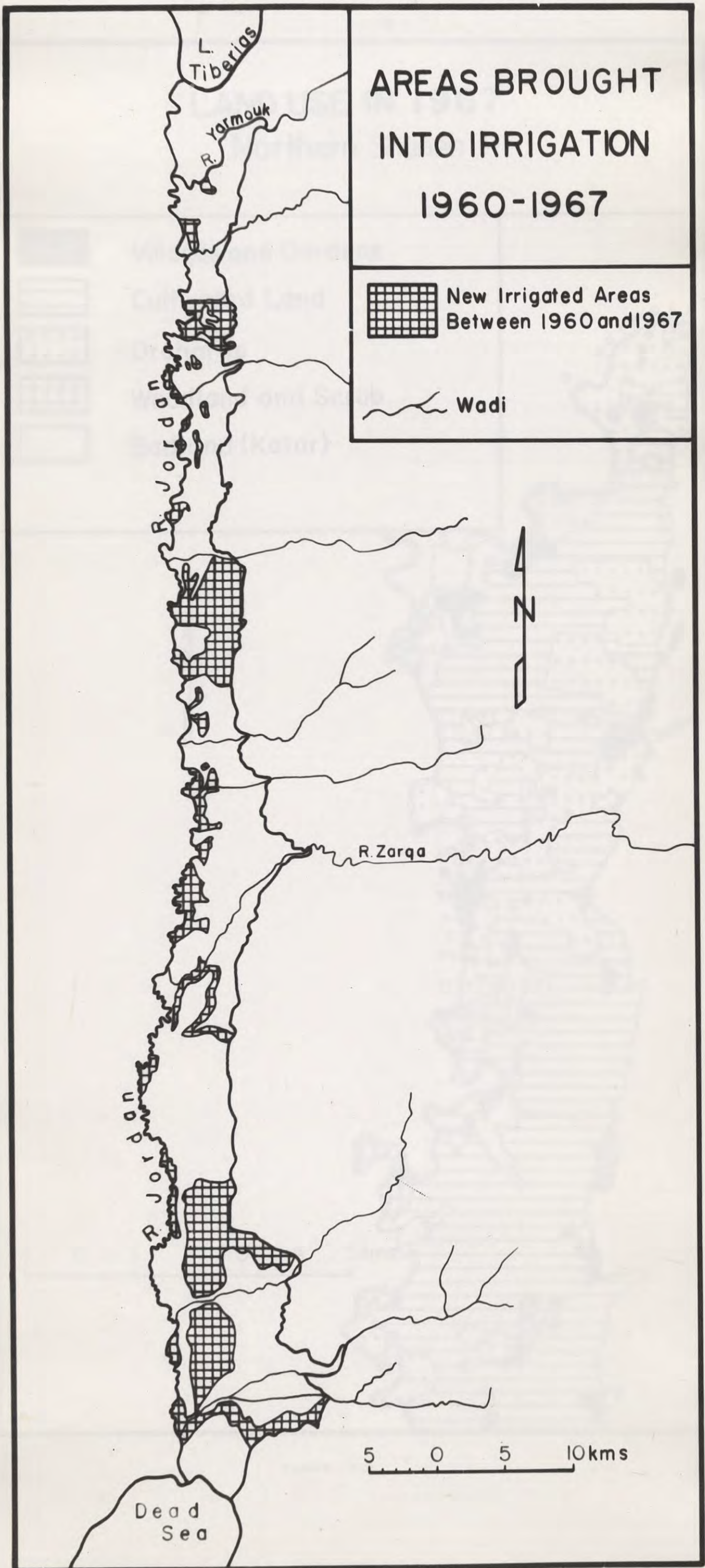


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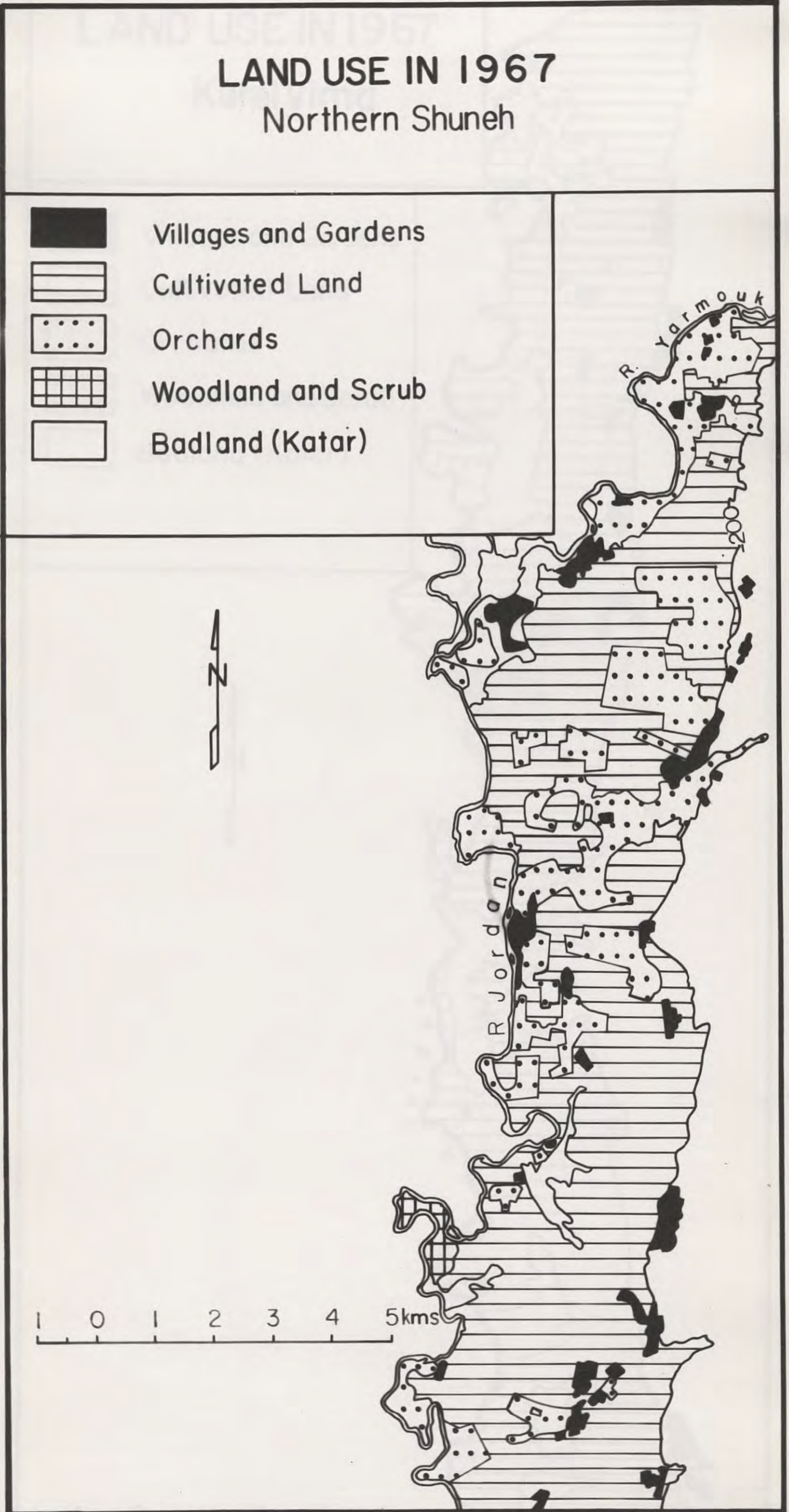


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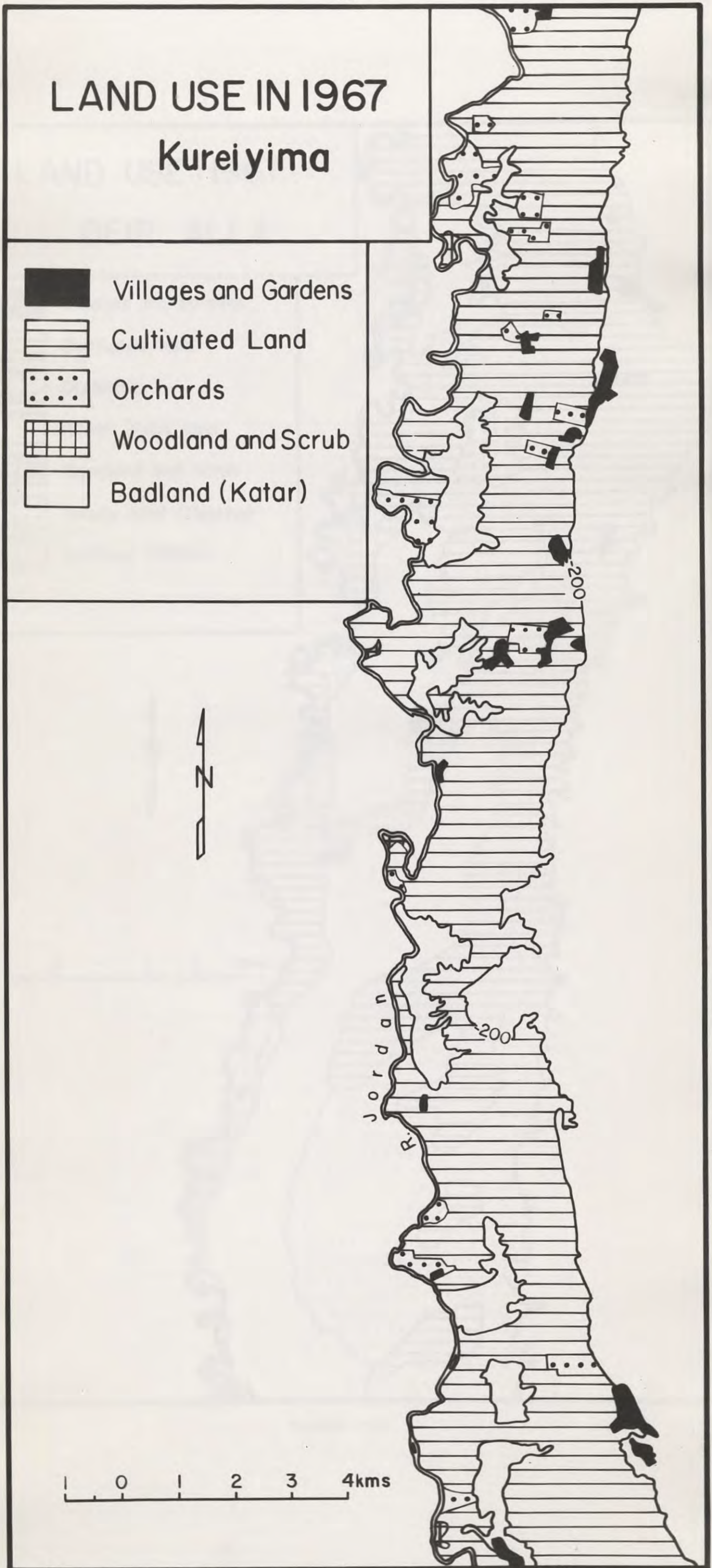


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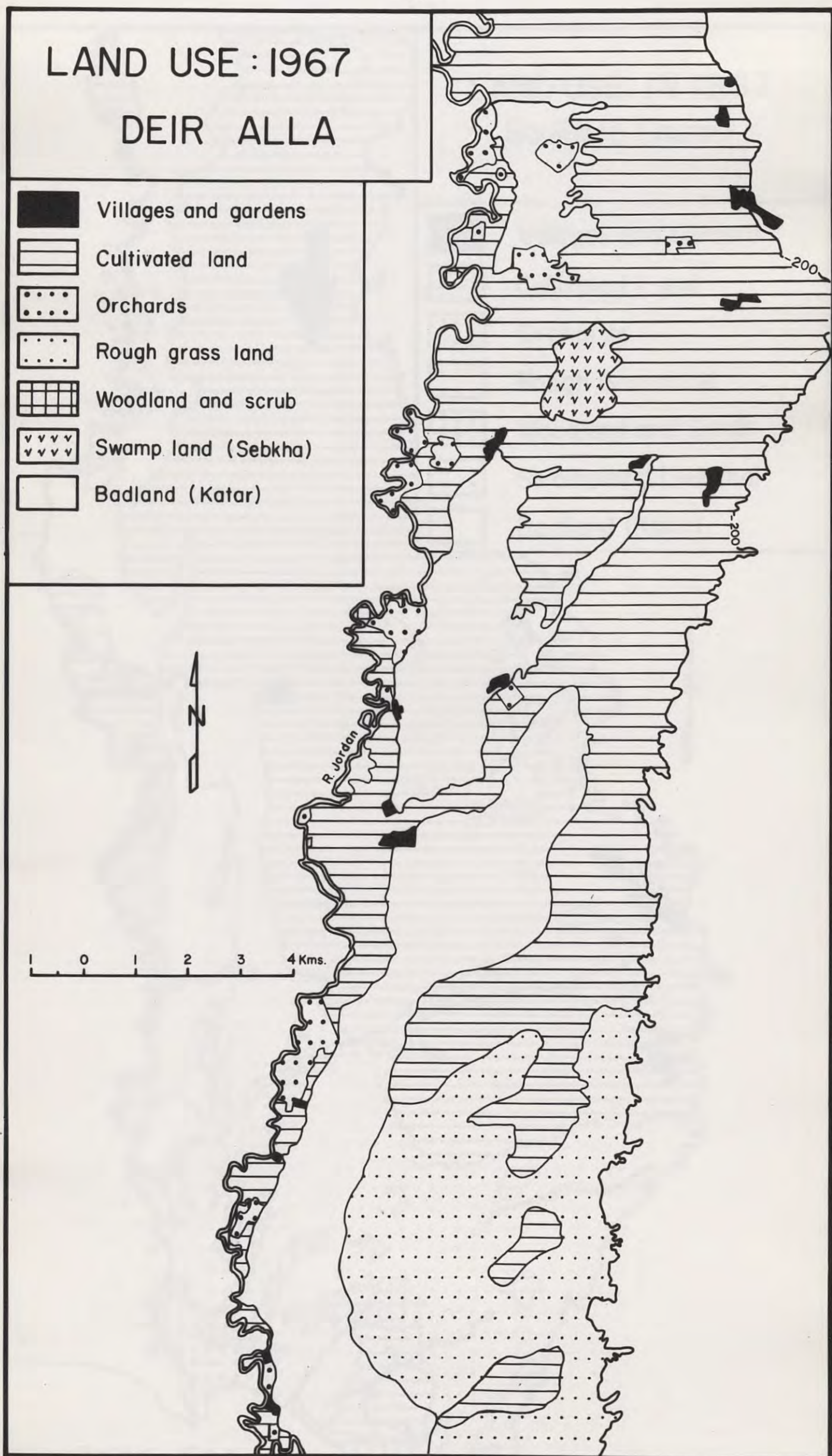


Figure. 9.6.

CROPPING PATTERN DURING WINTERS
OF 1965 AND 1966

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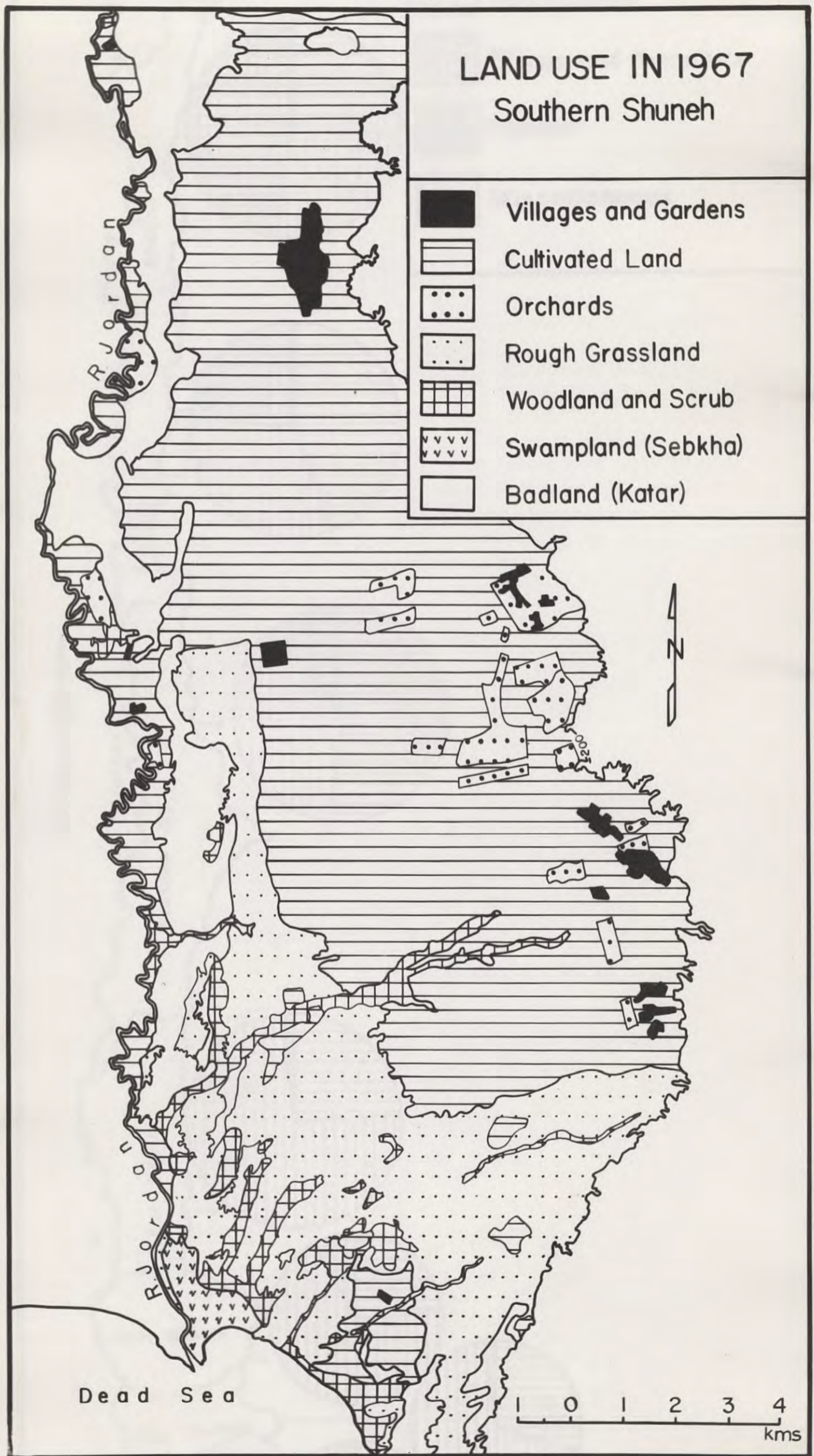


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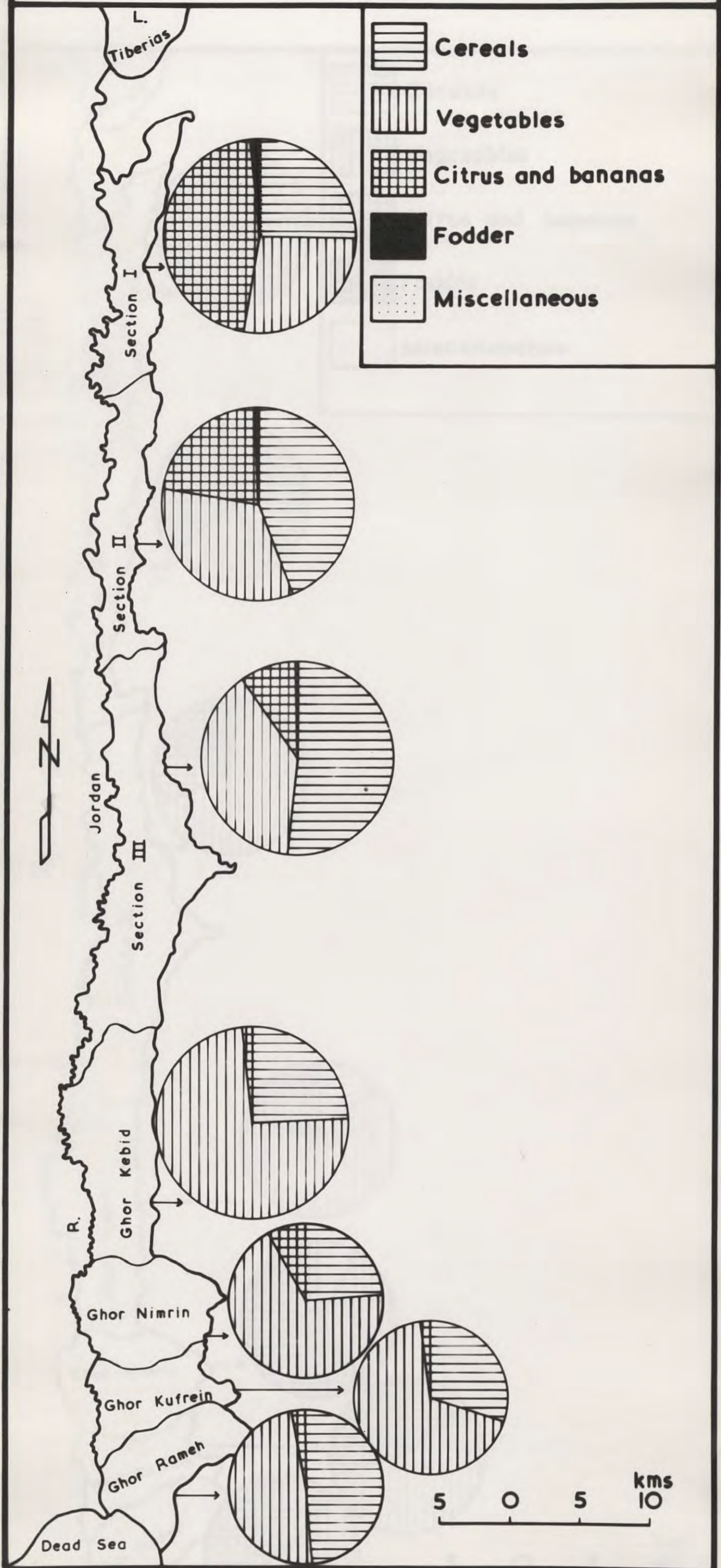


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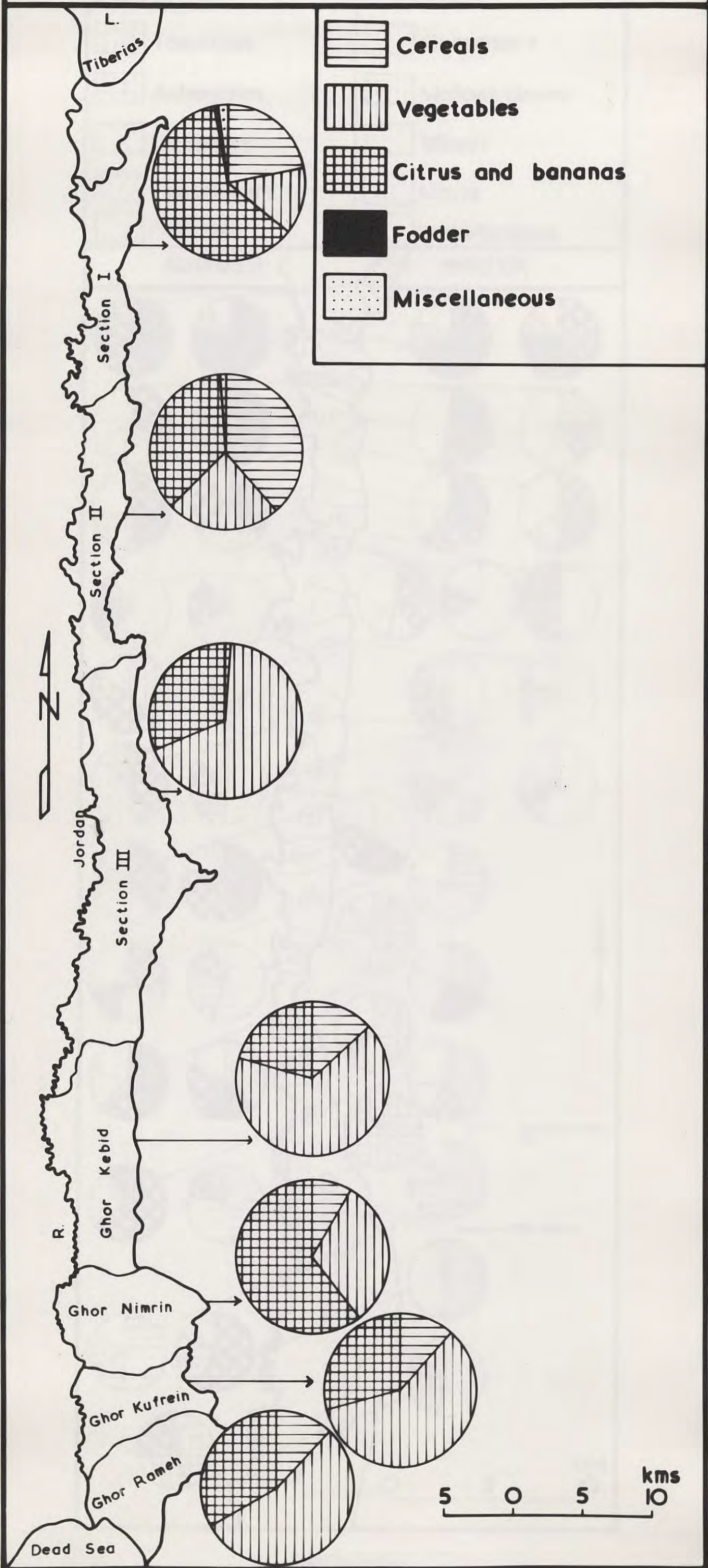


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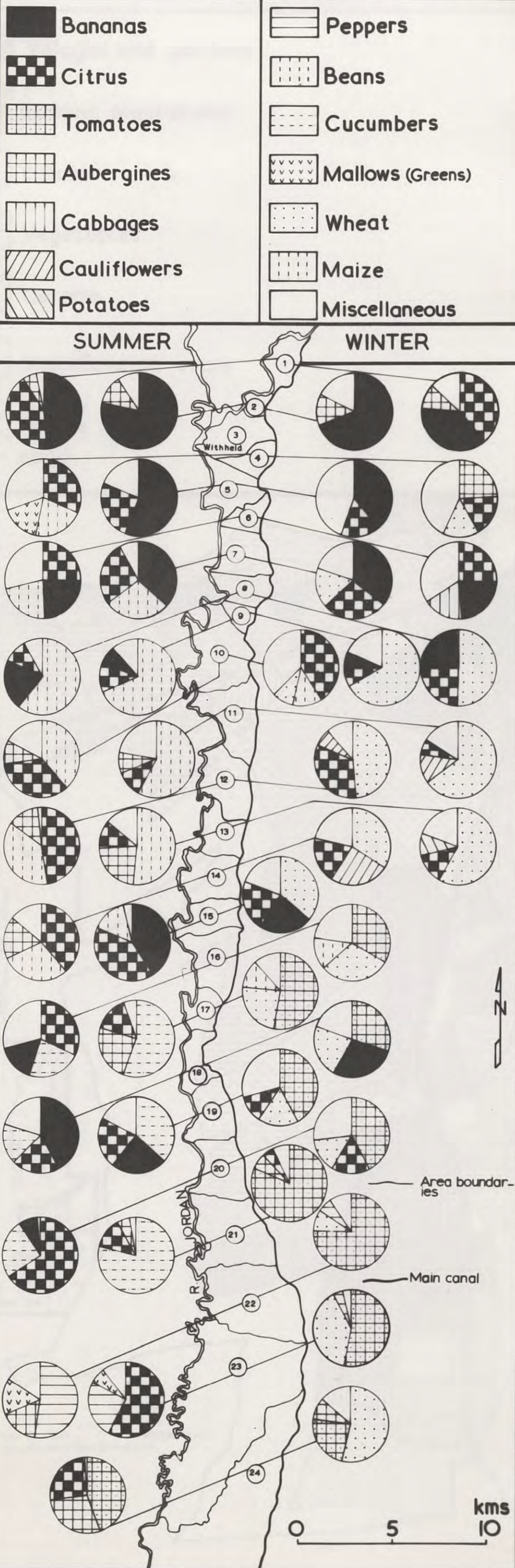



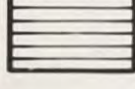
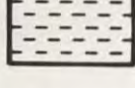
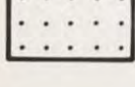
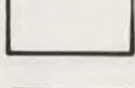
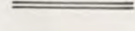


Figure. 9.10.

CROP ACREAGES IN GHOR NIMRIN IN APRIL 1967

-  Villages and gardens
-  Banana plantations
-  Citrus
-  Vegetables
-  Cereals
-  Miscellaneous crops
-  Fallow lands
-  road

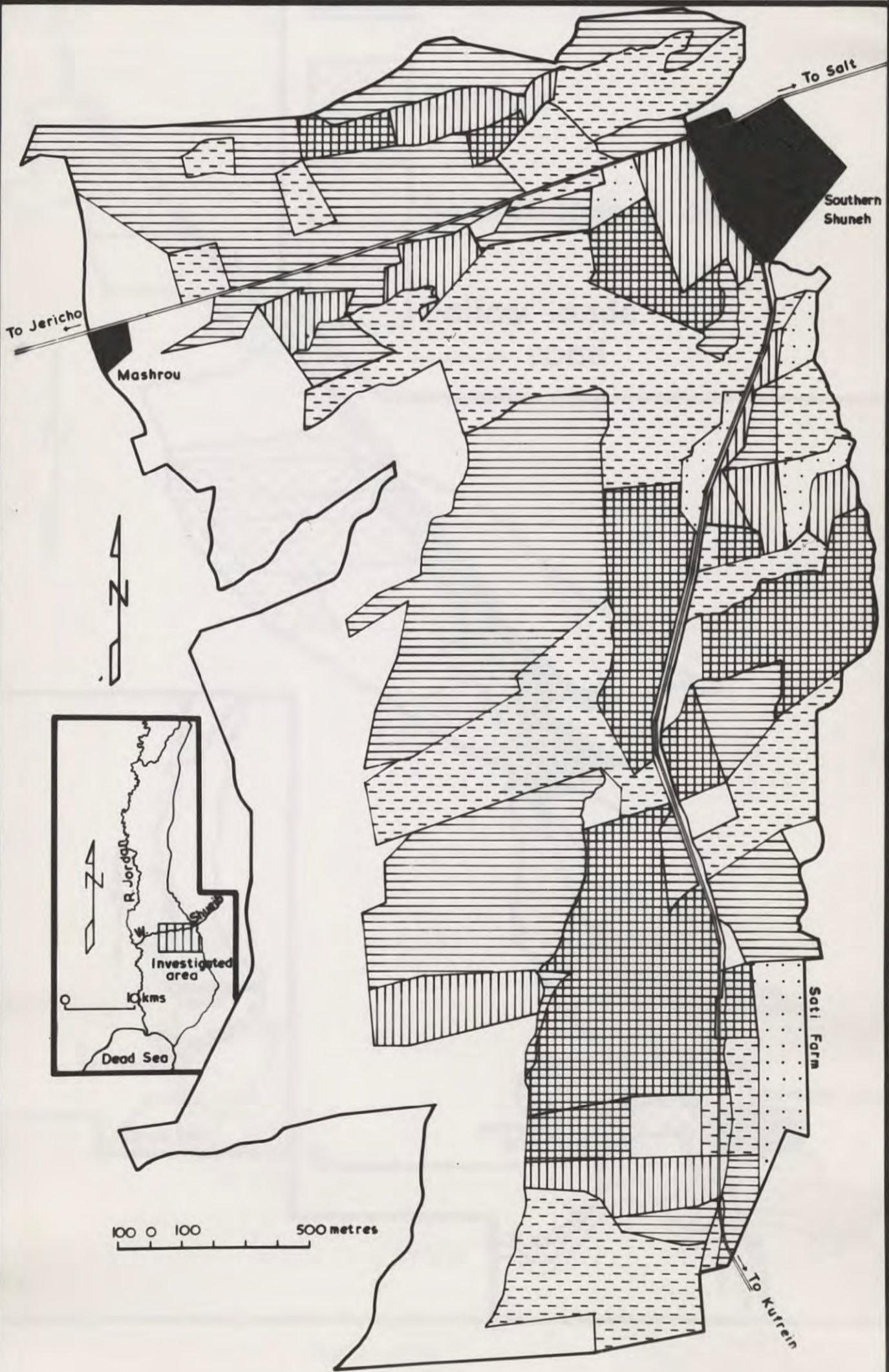


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CROP ACREAGES IN GHOR KUFREIN IN APRIL 1967

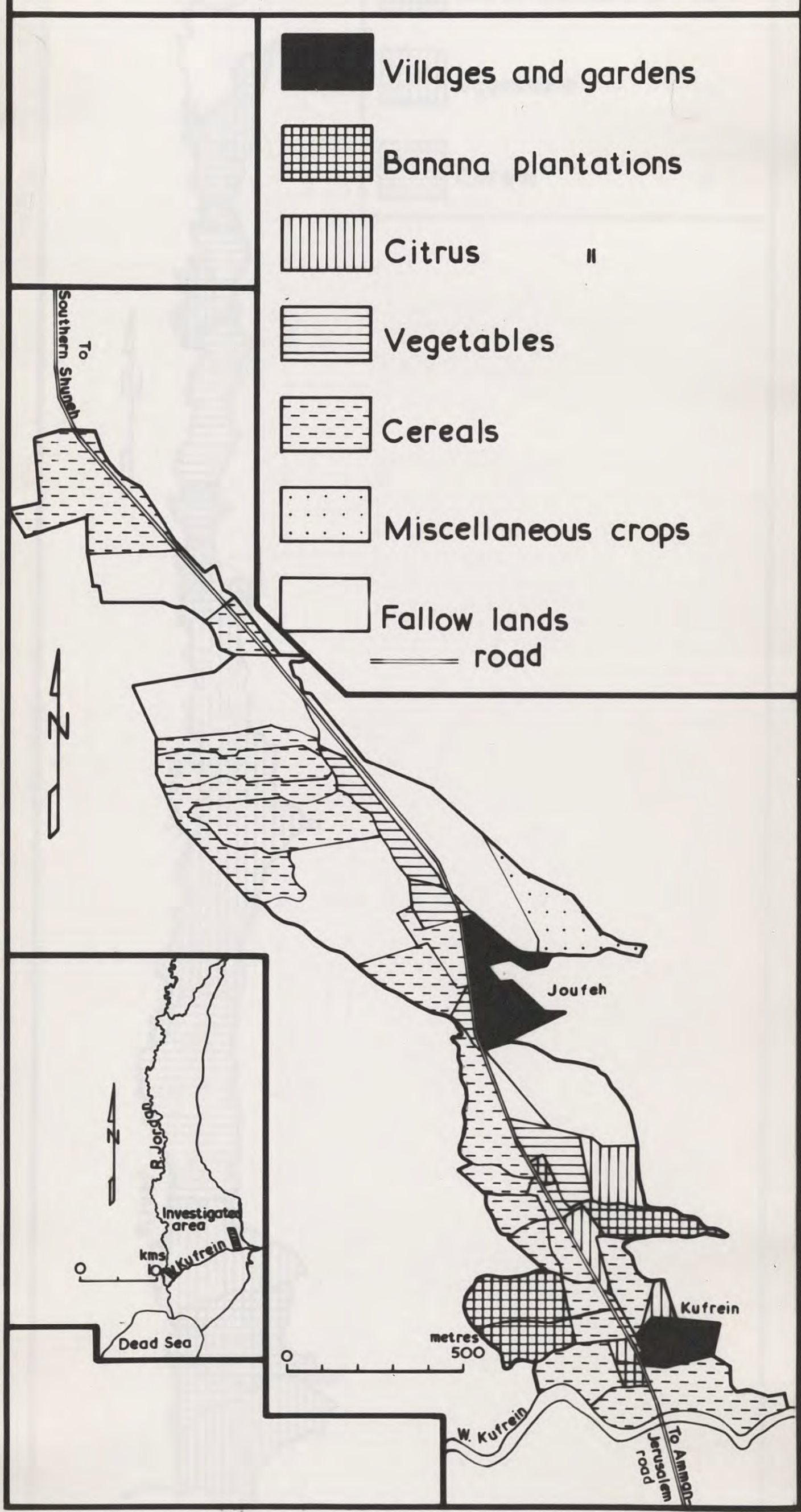


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AGRICULTURAL CROP BELTS

(1966)

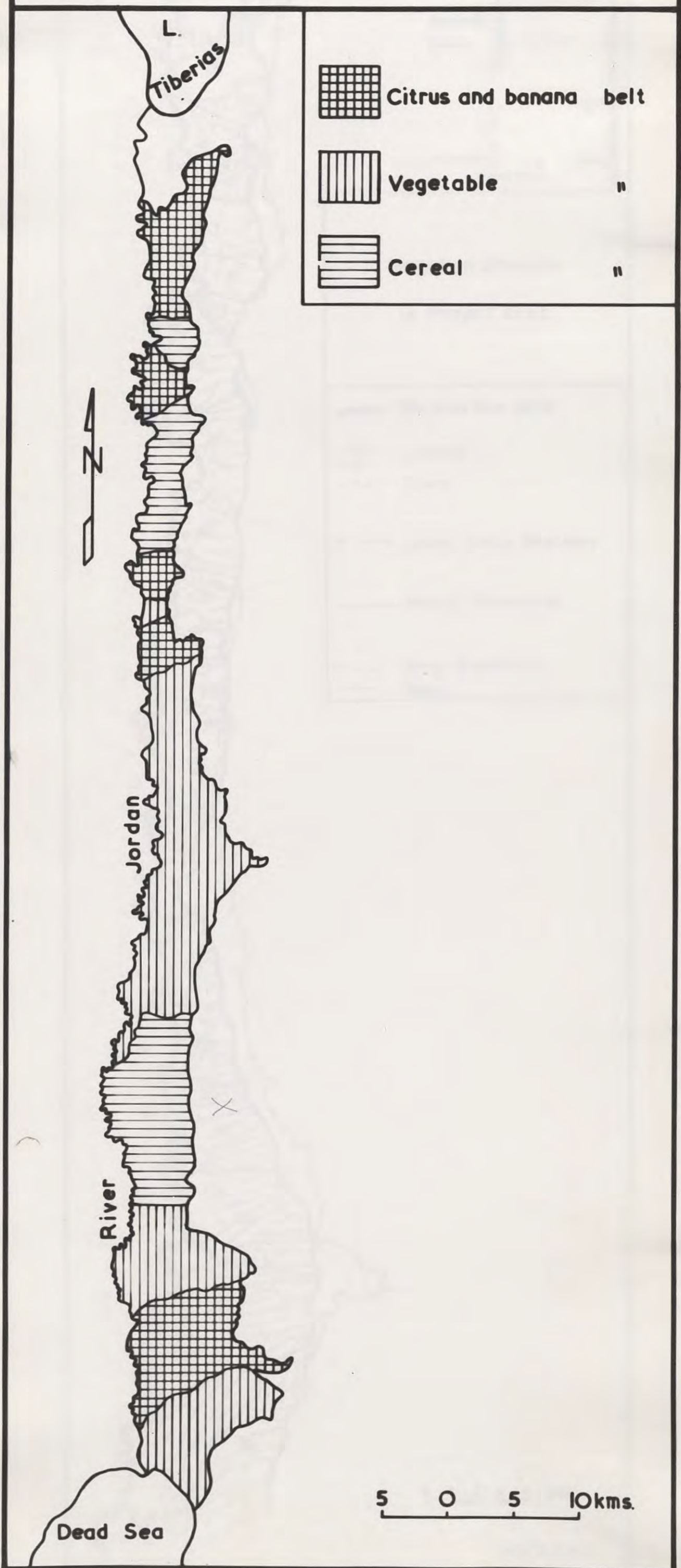


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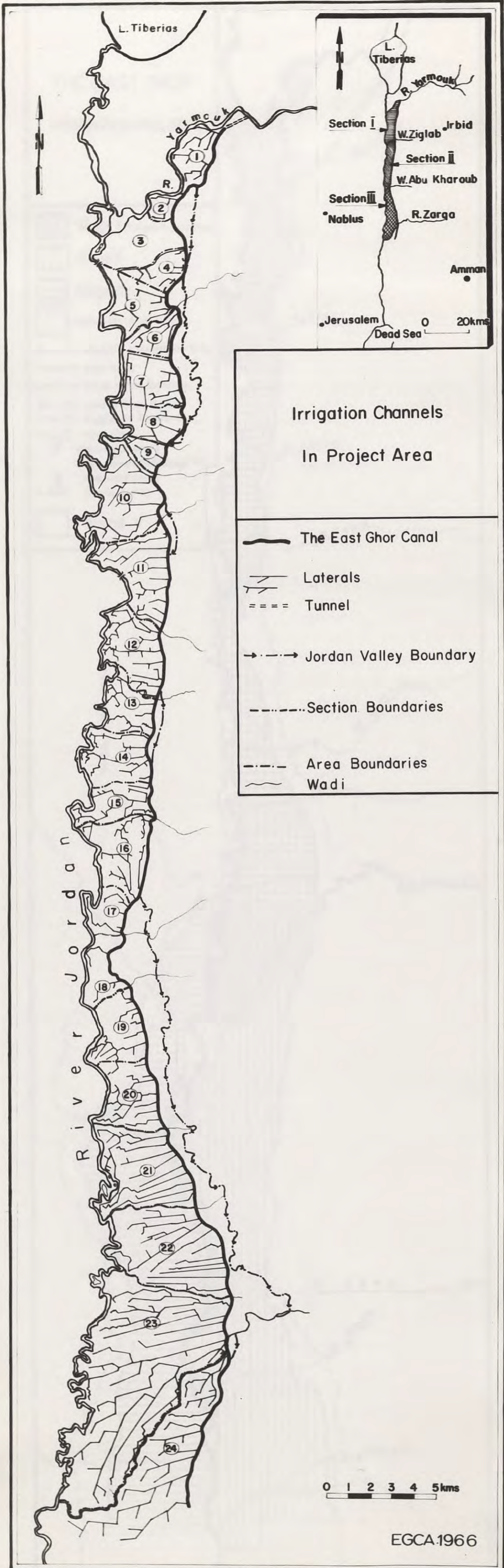


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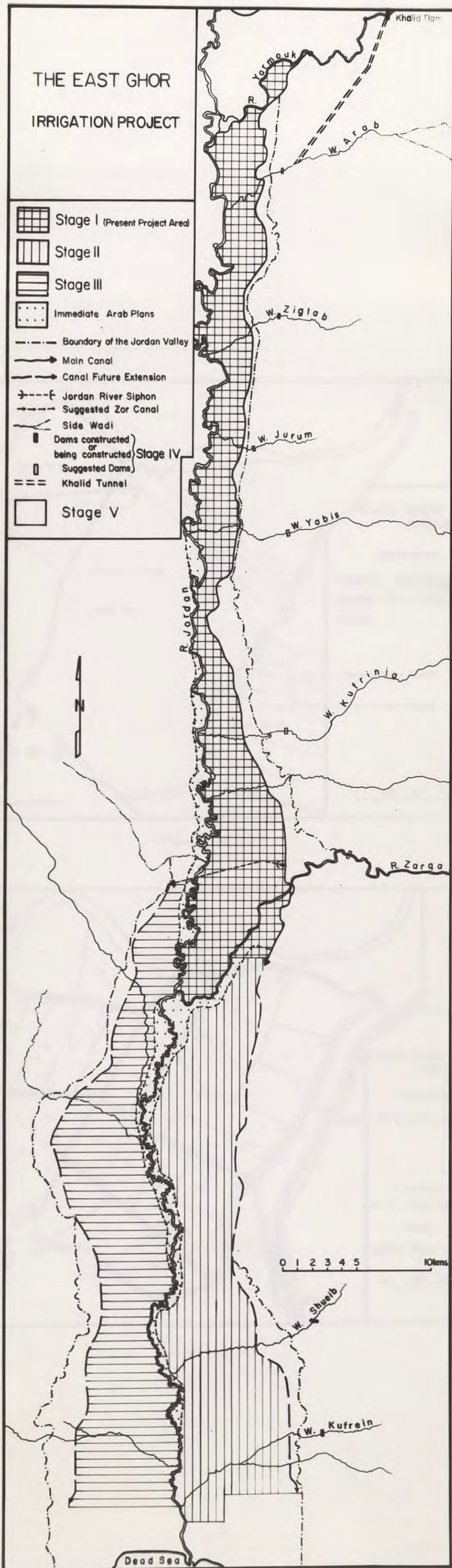


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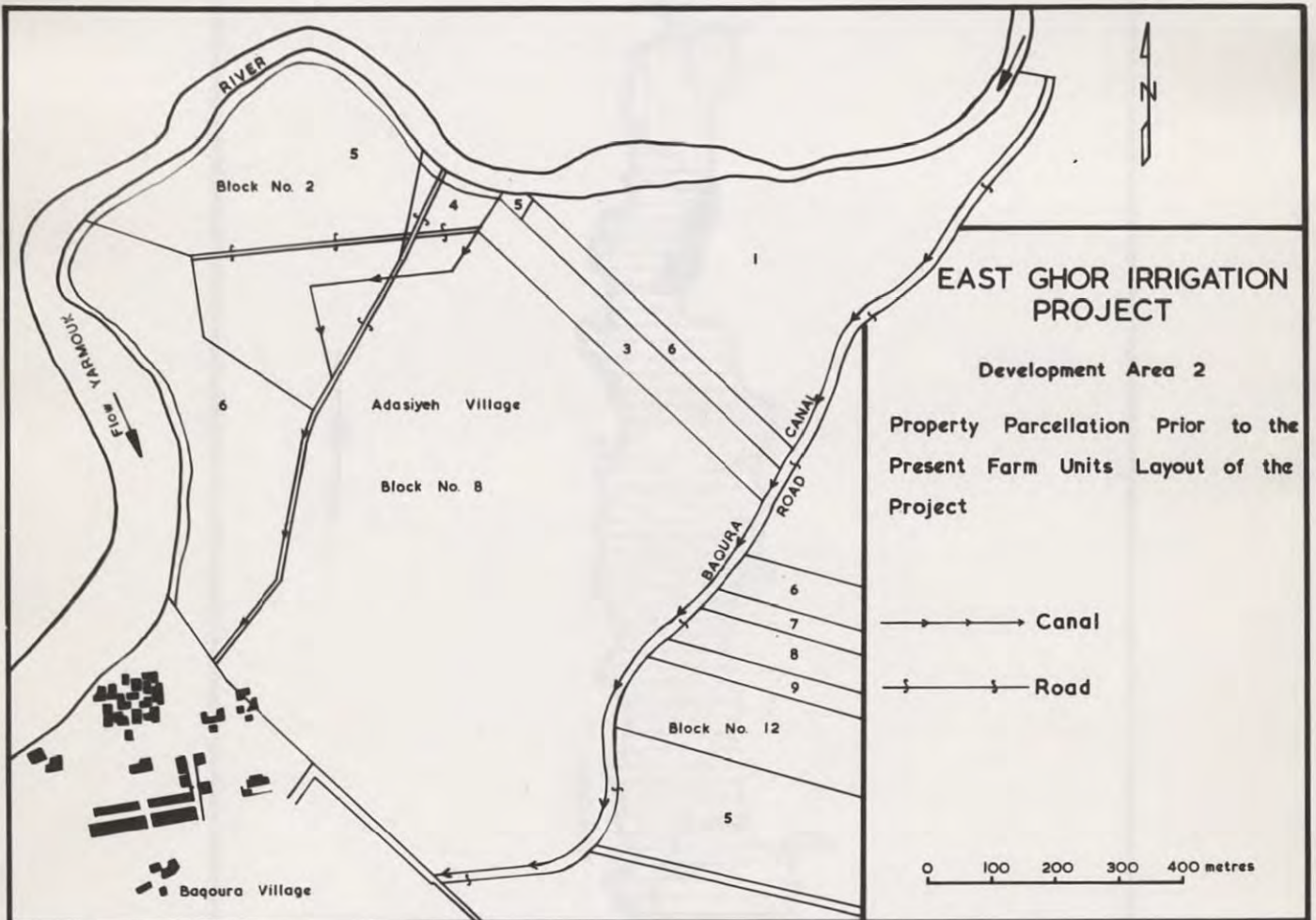


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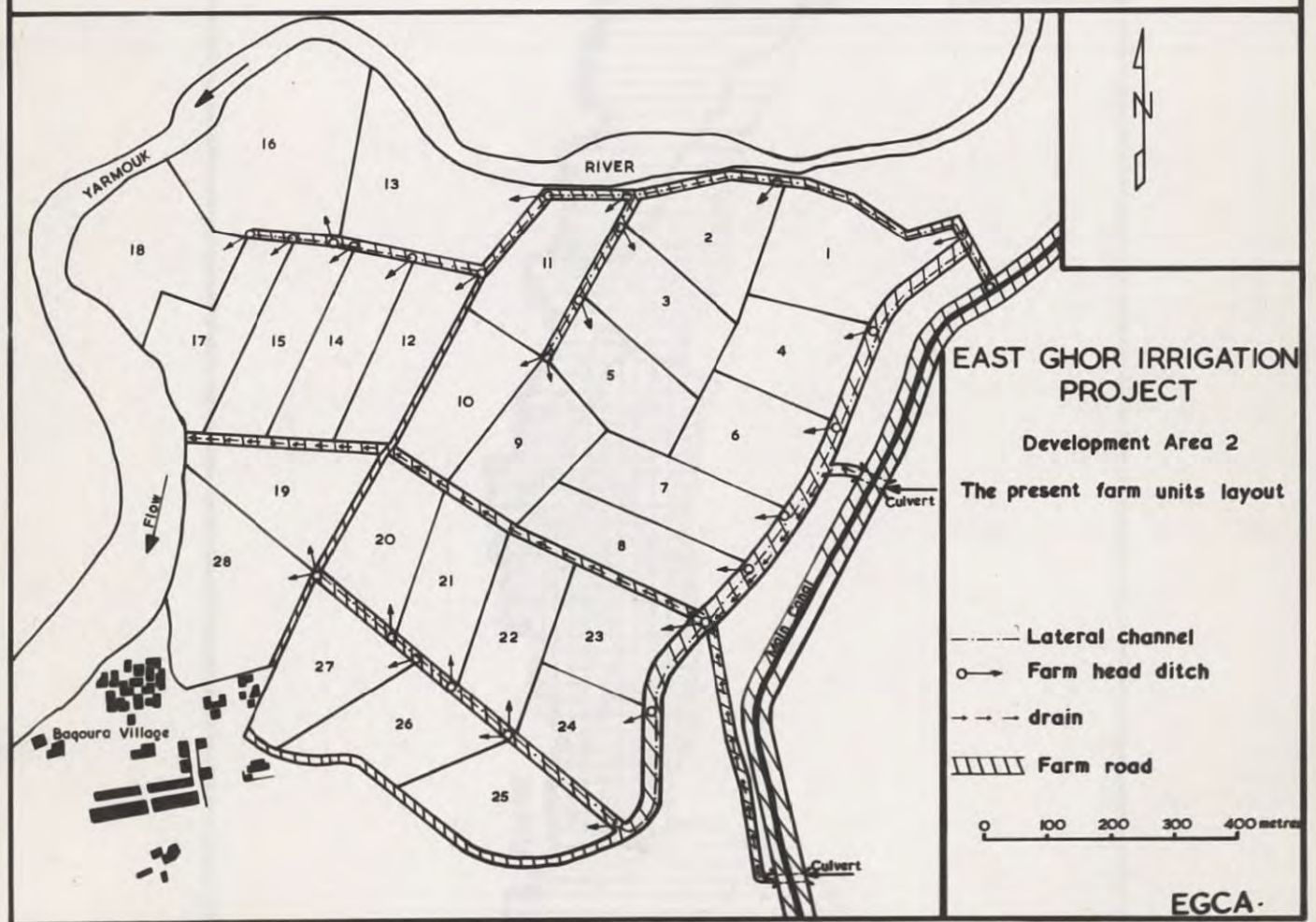


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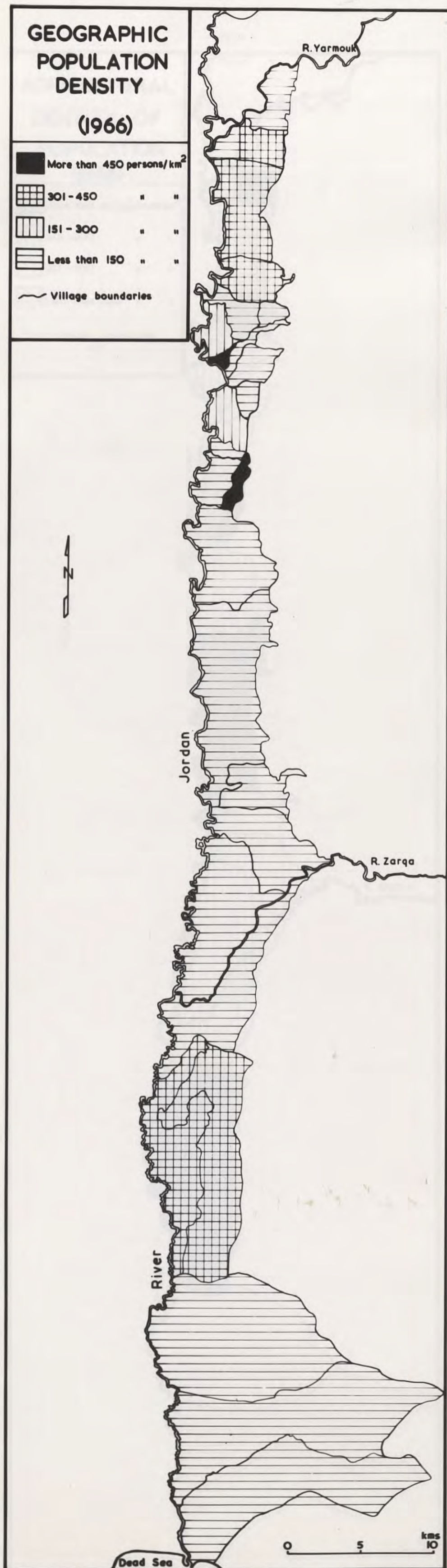


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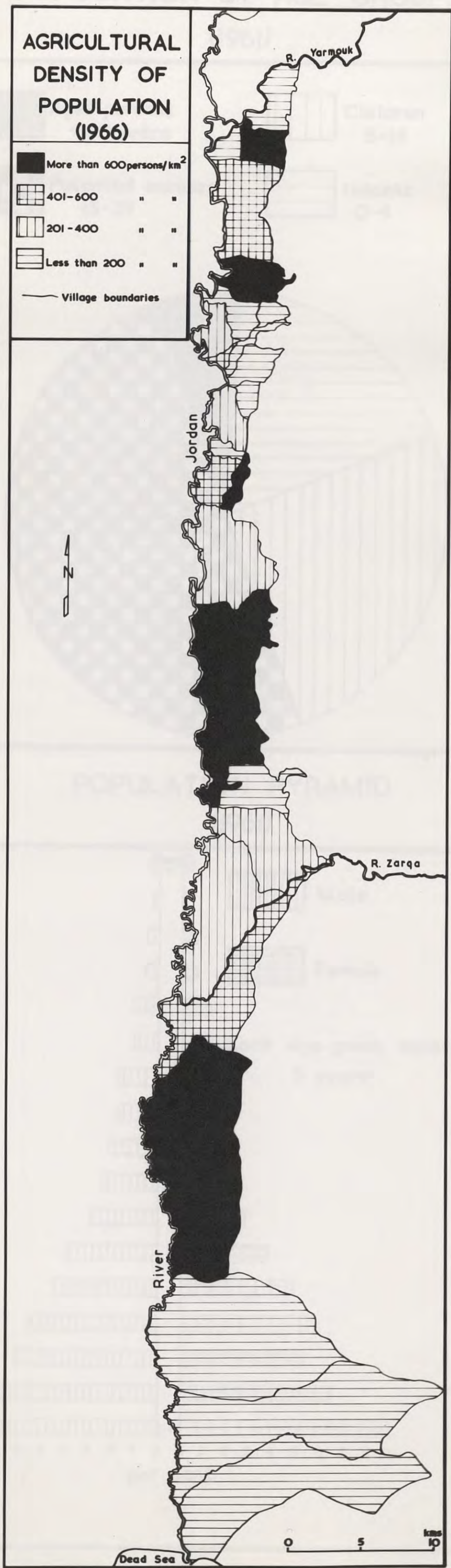
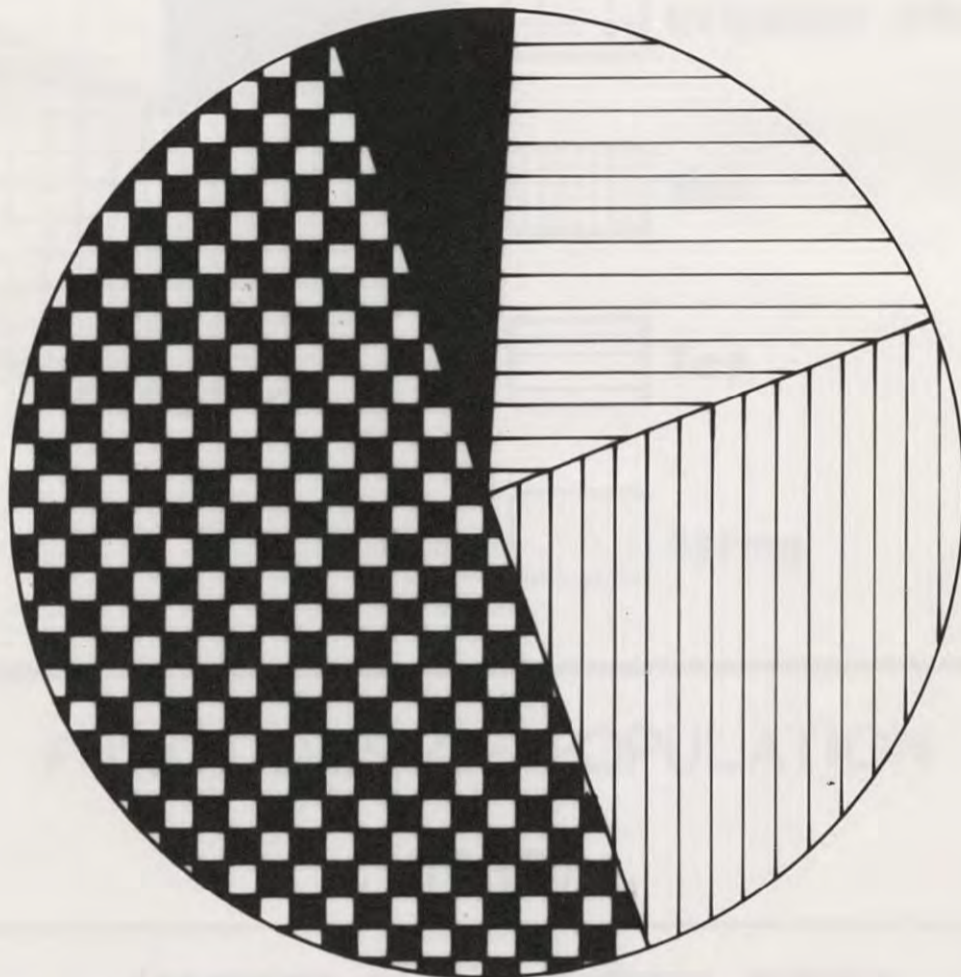
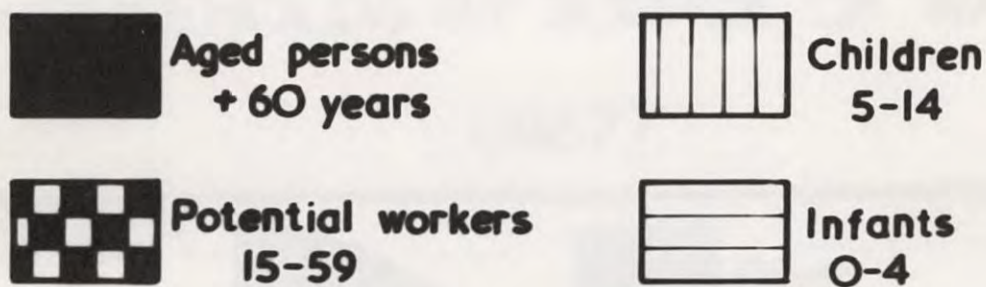


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POPULATION BY AGE-GROUPS (1961)



POPULATION PYRAMID (1961)

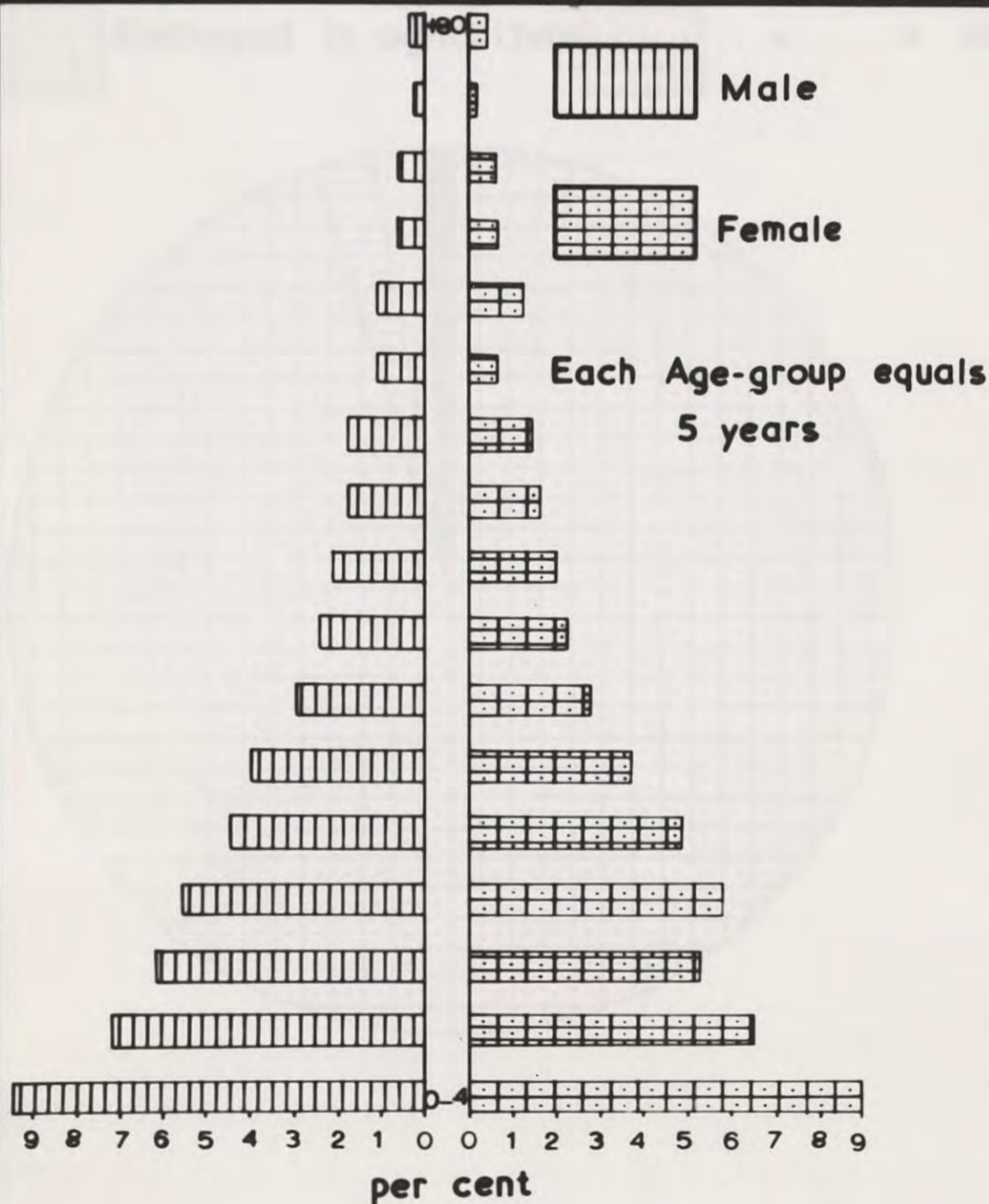
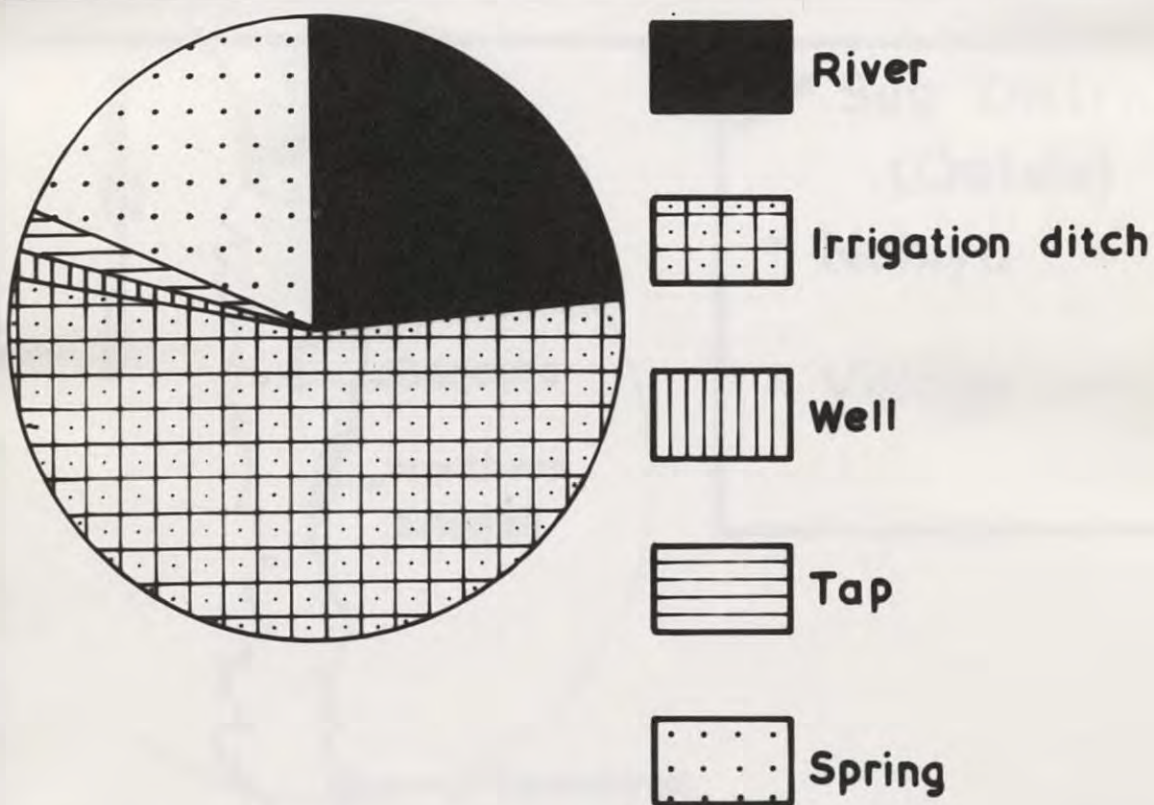


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HOUSEHOLDS BY SOURCE OF WATER (1967)



FUNCTIONS OF POPULATION (1967)

Interview of 150 persons sample

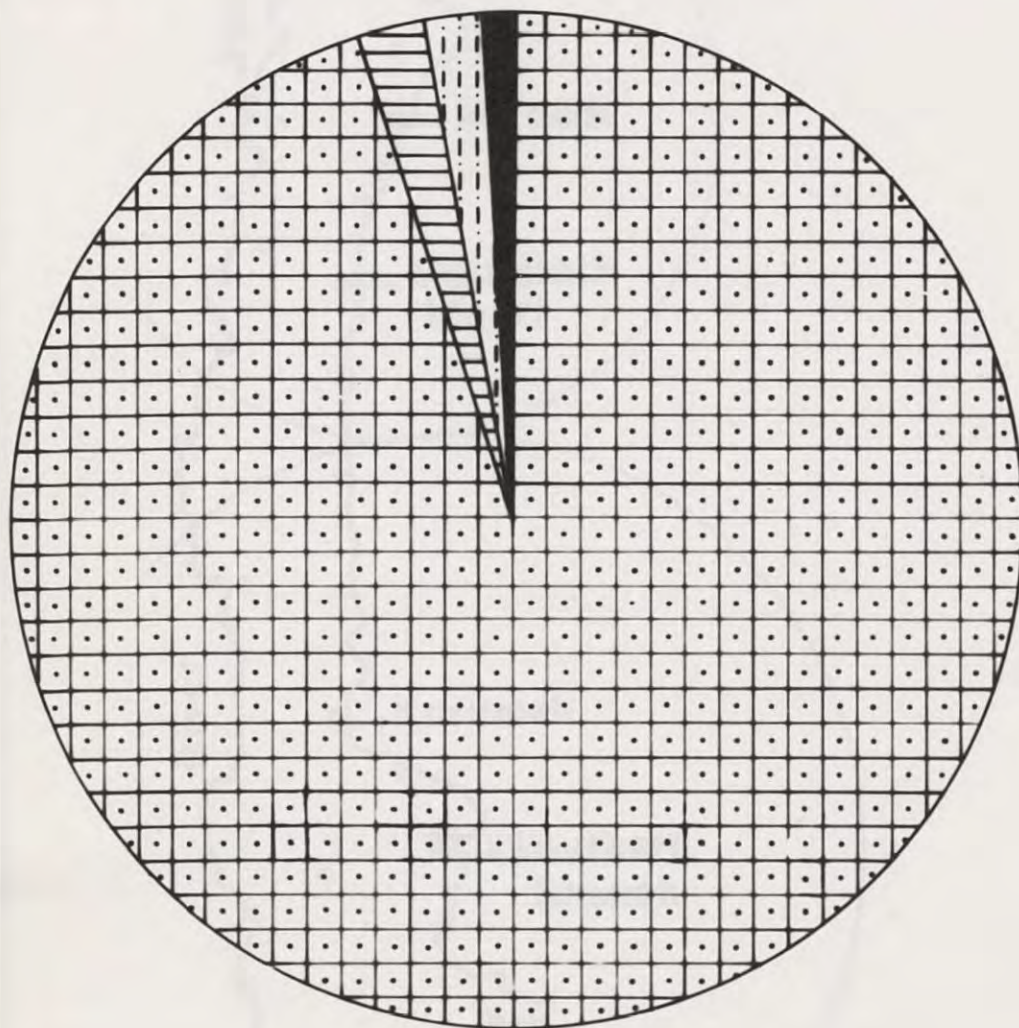
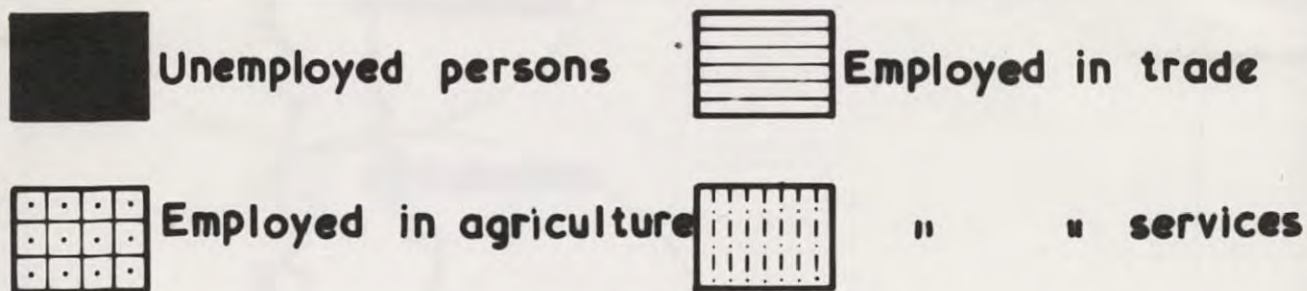


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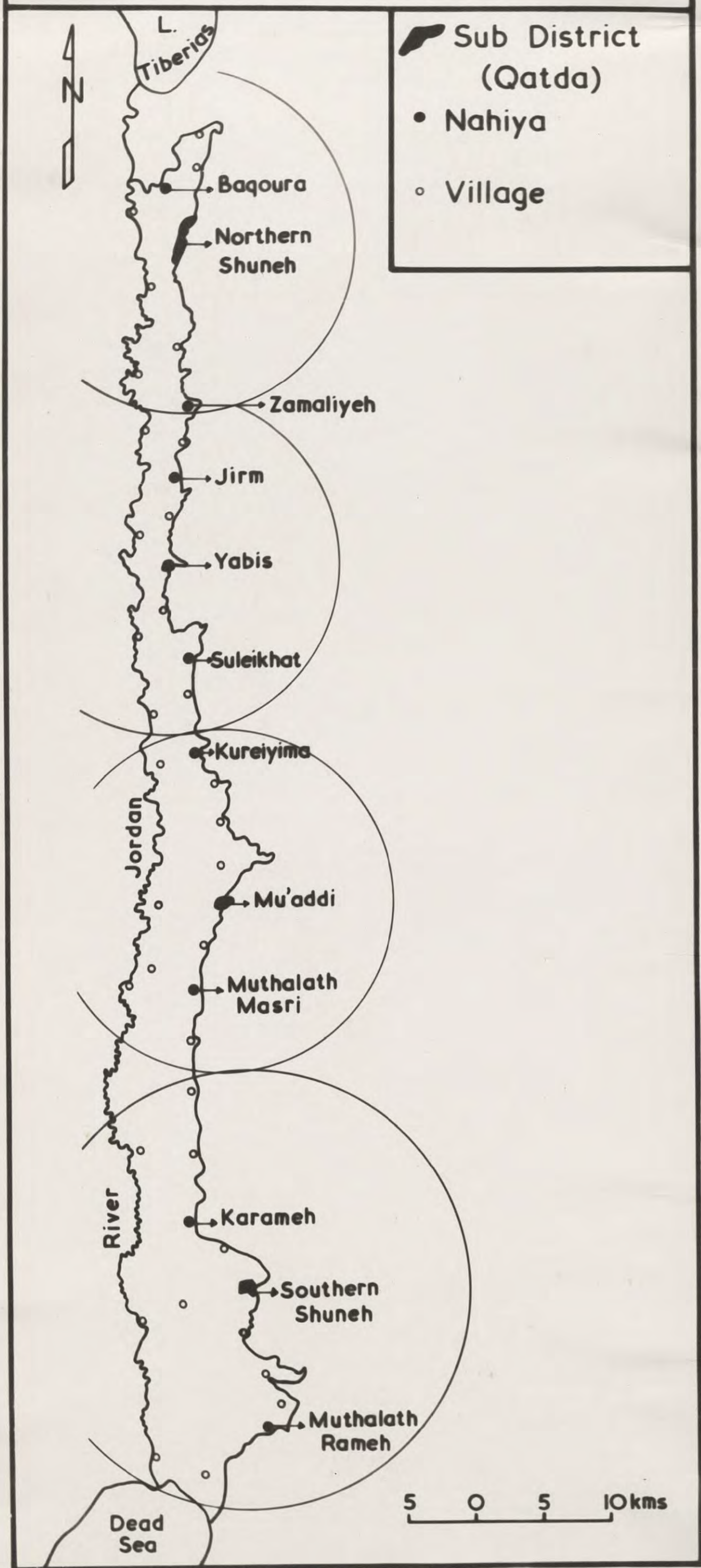


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