

## **Moroccan Oil Shale: Research & Development**

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The Kingdom of Morocco has more than ten oil shale deposits known until now. Total reserves are estimated to more than 50 billions barrels of oil in place. The more important oil shale deposits are located in the north, central and south part of the country. Much work has been done during the 1970s and 1980s, either by the Office National des Hydrocarbures et des Mines (ONHYM) or its partners. Such work was concerning laboratory analysis, geological and mining studies, laboratory and pilot plant tests, environmental and feasibility studies. The paper gives the history of the oil shale industry in Morocco as well as a description of the well-explored Moroccan oil shale deposits and an overview of the different tests and studies conducted for such deposits.