

Exploration in North Africa: an overview

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Several plays were explored in North Africa during the last ten years, with mitigated results.

Egypt had some successful exploration campaigns for the Miocene and the Oligocene sand in the Deep Mediterranean offshore, the Deep Jurassic play and Paleozoic(?) in the Western Desert as well as the Cretaceous in the Upper Egypt.

Libya's exploration results were disappointing as most of the wells that have been drilled to explore the new plays in south Murzuq, Kofra basins have been dry. The offshore Sirte Basin and the Pelagian platform exploration campaigns have not delivered yet any new significant oil discoveries.

Algeria exploration come with no big surprises as the Paleozoic extension has been confirmed.

Tunisia recent discoveries need confirmation especially the Silurian potential.

Morocco is still waiting for the big discovery that can move the exploration to another step.