

thick alluvium of lacustrine sediments underlying surficial deposits, lithic inclusions are absent in attendant soils. When combined with a shortage of water this area was tapped primarily for its faunal and avian resources rather than its flora.

Recommendations

NMAS recommends clearance for the proposed expansion of the caliche pit and suggests that HNG OIL COMPANY proceed with its existing plans. Clearance, of course, is granted by the Bureau of Land Management.