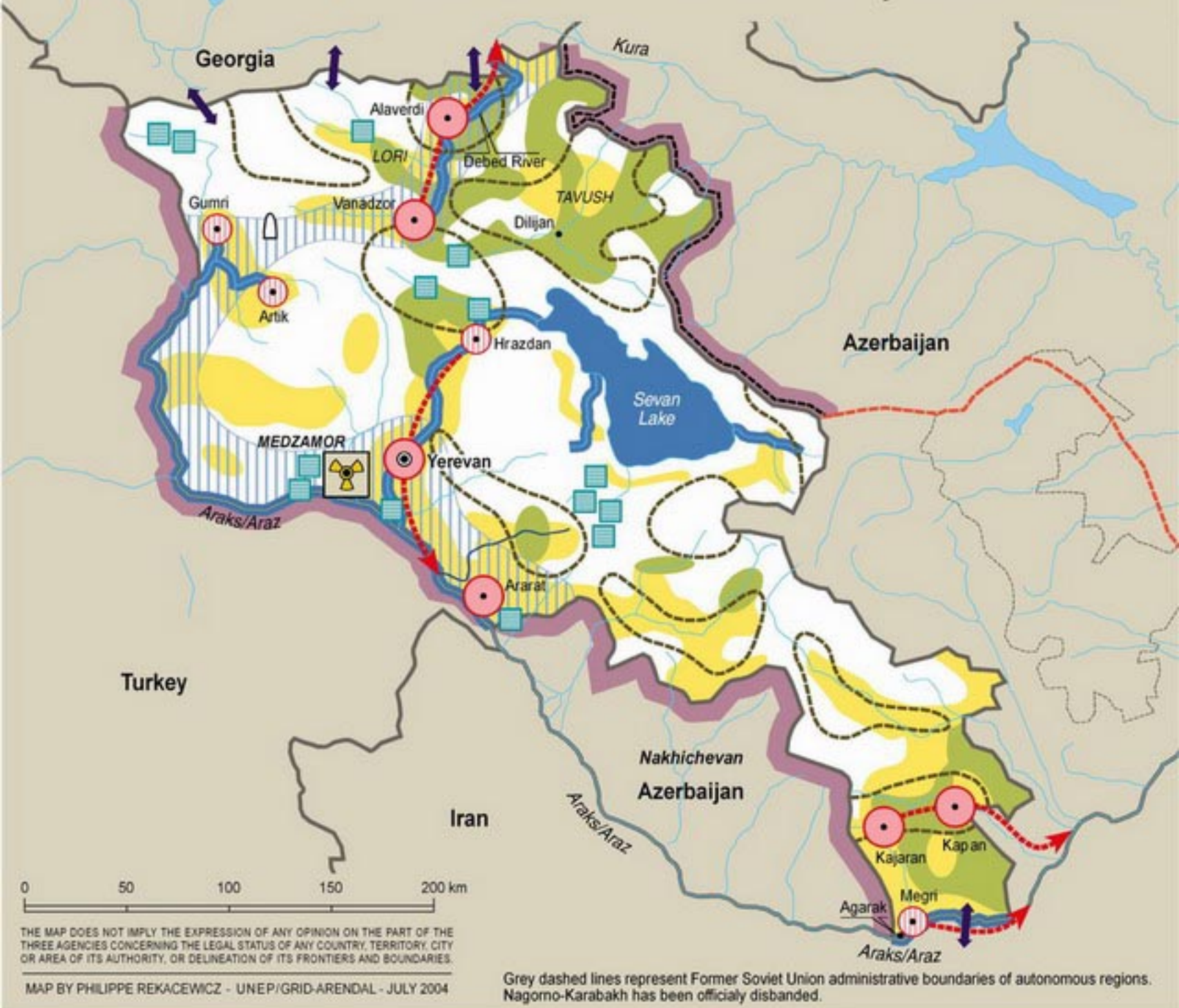








# National environment and security issues in Armenia






## Mines and Industrial activities

-  Large ageing Soviet industrial complex still generating pollution (mines, chemical and cement factories, thermal and metallurgical plants). Significant heavy metal contamination (soil and water).
-  Smaller ageing soviet industrial complex representing a significant source of pollution.







## Water issues

-  Polluted waters and ecosystem due to industrial and agricultural effluents, and untreated waste water.
-  Significant wetland under threat
-  Domestic pollution sources that affect neighbouring countries
-  Polluted groundwater

## Land degradation

-  Soil degradation and erosion: Pollution due to pesticides and/or heavy metals (mainly inherited from the Soviet period). Salinization due to poorly maintained irrigation systems
-  Area affected by deforestation
-  Area at risk of landslides

## Security issues

-  Border closed
-  Border tensions, and landmines in some places
-  Line of contact
-  Jet fuel toxic wastes
-  Nuclear power plant
-  Major transportation links crossing borders between Armenia and other countries