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Geology of Yemen

Geology, Topology and Terrain

Situated on the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula, Yemen is a country with a diverse landscape of mountains, plains, and deserts. It covers 203,849 square miles (527,970 square kilometers) including 112 islands, and it is an area approximately the size of California and Kentucky combined, or about twice the size of Wyoming. It has 0 square kilometers of open water. (Central Intelligence Agency. Yemen- A MapFolio. 2011)

It also shares borders with Saudi Arabia (1,458 km of borderlines) and Oman (288 km of borderlines). Yemen has 1,906 km of coastline. Yemen also claims 12 nautical miles of territorial seas, and an exclusive economic zone of 200 nautical miles. This country includes the Red Sea Islands; the Socotra Archipelago islands of Socotra, Abd al Kuri, Samhah and Darsa; the former Yemen Arab Republic (YAR or North Yemen), and the former People’s Democratic Republic of Yemen (PDRY or South Yemen).

Climate

The climate varies with elevation. The coast is hot and humid throughout the year. The central highlands, with villages at 10,000 feet (3,048 meters), experience an average annual high temperature of 70°F (21°C). Average Daily Temperatures in January: 13.9°C/57°F; in July: 21.7°C/71°F.

The climate in Yemen is mostly desert. Although it is hot and humid along the coastal sections, Yemen has an extraordinarily hot, dry and harsh desert in the east. Yemen is temperate in the western mountains which are affected by seasonal monsoons. Monsoon rains may occur from April to August and from November to January. Rainfall is scarce in the coastal desert regions, but runoff from higher elevations and a series of small dams and channels help support some crops. Mountainsides in the arable highlands are terraced to increase the area suitable for cultivation. Forests once covered the highlands, but overgrazing and logging have almost eliminated them. Excluding its coastal waters, Yemen has no permanent body of open water. (Central Intelligence Agency. Yemen- a MapFolio. 2011)

1 The data in this introductory section are collected from a number of open literature and common knowledge publications and resources, such as various almanacs, AGI’s “Glossary of Geology”, geographical dictionaries and gazetteers; encyclopedias such as the World Survey of Climatology, the Encyclopedia Britannica, Encarta, Water Encyclopedia; Google Books Online and other standard print and online references and resources. Those items otherwise quoted from particular resources are footnoted.

The average annual rainfall in Yemen is 508mm/20”. “Precipitation in Yemen is strongly influenced by relief and consequently varies considerably from place to place. Meteorological observations were made by J. E. Hasen, engineer, and Dr. Carlo Toffoloni, then personal physician to the Imam, at Sana’a and Ta’izz, from 1942 to 1944. According to their observations at Ta’izz, the number of rains ranges from 90 to 160 per year, and annual precipitation ranges from 450 to 700 millimeters. Rainfall may exceed 50mm in a single torrential shower. Two rainy periods are distinguished at Ta’izz: (1) the most important period, in which precipitation may exceed 600mm, extends from April to May, or in some years, to June, and (2) a shorter period in which rain falls mostly during August and September. West winds predominate during the rainy seasons. At Sana’a annual precipitation ranges from 200 to 500 mm (60 to 90 showers) and also falls largely within two periods: (1) April to May and (2), the most important, from the later part of July through the first half of August. Clouds generally gather on the west slopes of the main massifs and cause very heavy rainfall which accounts for the erosive actions of the wadis, and the number of local springs.”

“The greatest rainfall occurs in the south, central and western highlands and feeds innumerable wadis which, like the terraced mountainsides, are heavily cultivated. A short monsoon in April and May alternates with a heavier monsoon in July and August, but the remainder of the years features sunny days.”

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Yemen is covered with rocks whose ages date back to an era prior to the Cambrian era, about 3 billion years ago. Geologically speaking, Yemen composes part of the Arabian Shield within the larger framework of the Arabian-Nubian Shield.

The basement rocks of Yemen are some of the oldest structures dating back to about 3 billion years. Magmatic rocks, gneiss and schist rocks represent such structures. These structures appear as belts extending for tens to hundreds of kilometers as ancient areas separating the small sheets which joined together and formed the Arab-African Shield. These rocks spread basically in two areas: the northern-southern area (that is, Sa’adah governorate) and the western-eastern plateau (that is, Ma’reb-Al-Baidha) along with the makashef فشاكم in the south of Tai’zz and east of Al-mukalla.

“The basement rocks of Yemen represent the southern extension of the Arabian Shield, is [sic] of Paleoproterozoic to Neoproterozoic age. Yemen has identified five terranes, which can be correlated with the eastern margin of the Arabian Shield in Saudi Arabia and with northern Somalia. These include Paleoproterozoic to Neoproterozoic gneissic terranes and Pan-African island arc terranes and suture zones. These are the Affi, Abas and Mahfid terranes (gneiss terranes) and Al-Bayda’ and Mukalla terranes (arc terranes). The Basement of Yemen provides the link between the arc collage of the Arabian Shield and the gneissic Mozambique belt of east Africa.

In the Upper Neoproterozoic constitution of the shape of the Arabian plate has commenced, so that in Yemen a transitional stage between the basement and platform was development and evidenced by the deposition of folded sediments of the Ghabar Group (Infracambrian). Similar subsurface Infracambrian deposits are known from Qinab-1 well (southern flank of the Rub’ Al-Khali basin), which are defined formally as Qinab Group.”

“The Precambrian basement rocks in Yemen comprise metavolcanic, metasedimentary, gneiss and migmatite belts produced in arc environments intruded by post tectonic granites and granodiorites. These are found throughout western Yemen from the northwest (Sa’dah - Al Jawf) and southwest areas (Marib-Al-Bayda), in addition to small outcrops in south of Tai’zz and west of al Mukalla. The oldest known rocks in Yemen occur in the Al Bayda terrane which contains late Archaean aged (Sm-Nd: 2700-2900 Ma) gneisses, amphibolite dykes and granites”

Sedimentary Rocks: The oldest rocks of Yemen’s sedimentary structures go back to the prime Proterozoic Eon. Such rocks are represented by Ghaba’er and Gunab groups which have sandstones and limestones. Also the types of the sedimentary rocks—the sandstones, limestones and the mudstones—cover big areas forming the surfaces and basins in Yemen. Most of these rocks are of the second and third geological eras. An exception is the sandstones of Wajid and the mudstones of A’kberah, located at the western-northern area of Yemen (that is, Sa’adah); these rocks were formed in the first geological era.

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Sedimentary Rocks in Yemen comprise the following:

- **Paleozoic Sediments:**
  - Ghabar Group (Infra-Cambrian-Earliest Paleozoic): Sandstone limestone, silt, gypsum,
  - Qinab Group (Infra Cambrian-Lowest Cambrian): Volcano-sedimentary succession consisting of dolerite, sandstone, silty shale and tuff.
  - Wajid Formation (Cambrian - Carboniferous): Quartz sandstone.
  - Akbarah formation (Late Carboniferous-Permian): Tillite (pebbles & boulders of basement rocks), shales, mudstones, sandstones and siltstones.

- **Mesozoic Sediments:**
  - Kuhlan Formation (Lower-Middle Jurassic): Sandstones, thin claystone and siltstone interbeds.
  - Amran Group (Middle Jurassic-Lower Cretaceous): Carbonate marl/shale with evaporitic succession.
  - Tawilah Group (Cretaceous): Sandstone with siltstone, marl, and shale, often interbedded with sandstone and also forming distinct marl or shale intervals and with generally persistent limestone-marl clasts.
  - Mahra Group (Cretaceous): Limestone, marl, and shale, often interbedded with sandstone.

- **Cenozoic Sediments:**
  - Hadramawt Group (Paleocene-Middle Eocene): Dolomite, shale, limestone with chalk and dolomite, marl, papery shale, bedded gypsum, and alternating sandstone and claystone.
  - Shihr Group (Oligocene-Pliocene): Conglomerate, sandstone, silt, lime tone and gypsum

- **Volcanic Rocks:**
  The formation of the Red Sea’s basin in the third eon was associated with the process of regional uplifting of the western areas of Yemen in the early Eocene Epoch. This was through interval volcanic activities; the highest of which was in the Oligocene and Miocene epochs. Volcanic eruption reoccurred at the beginning of fourth era. Such volcanic operations resulted in the formation of Yemeni volcanics: acid rocks such as rhyolite, Ignimbrite; volcanic glass; and middle and basic rocks like the basalt and andalusite. During the volcanic activities and in the middle of the third eon, there was the formation of overlapped granite structures, injected in different types of rocks; most of which include A’mran group, Altaweelah rock group, the rocks of Yemen’s volcanics and basement rocks. 

  **“Volcanic and Intrusive Rocks:** The was a time of Regional uplift occurred in western Yemen in the Paleocene/Eocene as evidenced by intermittent volcanic activity commencing in the Early Eocene which culminated in Oligocene-Miocene times with extensive extrusive and plateau flood basalt eruptions forming the Yemen Volcanic Group. This comprises an older trap series and younger Volcanic Series. These series include the whole spectrum of basaltic lithologies to silicic ignimbrites and tuffs. Sedimentary units, generally occurring as lenses of limited extent and thickness, occur in many parts of the volcanic sequence between flows.

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These are generally composed of lacustrine deposits consisting of calcareous sandstone, mudstone and reworked volcanic clasts. Also observed in inter-trap sedimentary units are fluvio-aeolian sands and palaeo-soils, generally lateritic, often developing along plane surfaces but at times locally cutting across different beds. The Yemen Volcanic Group is intruded by granitoid rocks along much of the edge of the High Plateau of Yemen, which forms the great eastern escarpment of the Red Sea. Intrusions also occur in the Sana’a and Taiz districts.”

“The Yemen Volcanic Group includes all the Cenozoic volcanic rocks, which is divided into the Yemen Trap Series (31.6 - 15 Ma) that consists of thick series of mainly flood volcanic rocks and Yemen Volcanic Series (10 - 0 Ma) that represents thinner series of mainly peralkaline intraplate basaltic volcanic rocks (Mattash and Balog, 1994). The Yemen Volcanic Series is divided into older volcanic rocks intruded west of Aden (10 - 5 Ma) and younger volcanic rocks east of Aden (5 - 0 Ma).”

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Terrain

There are five main regions in Yemen. The Tihama Coastal Plains; the Yemen Mountain Massif; the Eastern Plateau Region; the Desert, and the Islands. There are also four major drainage basins, regrouping numerous smaller wadis: the Red Sea basin; the Gulf of Aden basin; the Arabian Sea basin and the Rub Al Khali interior basin.

The Tihama Coast Plains

Yemen has a narrow coastal plain backed by flat topped hills and rugged mountains, called “The Tihama” or the “Tihamah” (Arabic: تهامة Tihāmah) is a narrow coastal region of Arabia on the Red Sea. The Tihamah (which means “hot lands” or “hot earth”) form a very arid and flat coastal plain along Yemen’s entire Red Sea coastline. Despite the aridity, the presence of many lagoons makes this region very marshy and a suitable breeding ground for malaria mosquitoes. There are extensive crescent-shaped sand dunes. The evaporation in the Tihamah is so great that streams from the highlands never reach the sea, but they do contribute to extensive groundwater reserves. Today, these are heavily exploited for agricultural use. Near the village of Madar about 48 km (30 mi) north of Sana’a, dinosaur footprints were found, indicating that the area was once a muddy flat.

“This 30 to 60 km wide region ranges in elevation from sea level on the coast to about 200 meters in the foothills. Annual rainfall for the Tihama range between 50 and 300mm, and falls quite erratically. Average temperatures are quite high year round. Humidity is usually between 50% and 70%. High winds often come in from the sea, causing sandstorms and soil erosion. Dryland farming can only be practiced under semi-desert conditions in years of exceptional rainfall, but about 70,000ha are cultivated under spate irrigation, and another 25,000ha under well irrigation.”

The Coastal Plains are located in the west and south-west and are flat to slightly sloping with maximum elevations of only a few hundred meters above sea level. They have a hot climate with generally low to very low rainfall (< 50 mm/year). Nevertheless, the Plains contain important agricultural zones, due to the numerous wadis that drain the adjoining mountainous and hilly hinterland.

It is currently divided between Saudi Arabia and Yemen. In a broad sense, Tihamah refers to the entire coastline from the Gulf of Aqaba to the Bab el Mandeib Strait but it more often refers only to its southern half, starting just south of Jeddah and running parallel to Asir and Yemen. Unlike the inland regions, it is made up of sand dunes and plains and is largely arid except for a few oases. Important urban centers of the region include Al Hudaydah, Mocha, and Zabid in Yemen and Jizan, Al-Qunfudhah, and Al Lith in Saudi Arabia. Most of the Tihama coastline is hazardous to approaching vessels, and harbors are therefore few and far between, especially in the northern half.

“The Tihama Group (Upper Oligocene/recent) represents the syn- and post-rift Cenozoic sediments in the Tihamah basin on- and offshore of the Red Sea along the Yemeni coast and includes the Zaydiyah Formation (Lower Miocene), Maqna Formation (Lower/Middle Miocene), Salif Formation (Middle/Upper Miocene) and Abbas Formation (Pliocene/Pleistocene), which represent the top unit of the Tihamah Group (As-Saruri, 1999; and As-Saruri and Beydoun, 1998). However, the development of the Red Sea- Gulf of Aden rifts in Oligocene/Recent time, which resulted in massive uplift along the rift boundaries, where huge

bimodal volcanic rocks and their associated Neogene intrusions (granite, syenite, diorite, gabbro) formed the high plateau of the western Yemen province.”

The temperatures in Tihamah are probably some of the hottest and most uncomfortable on earth. A normal summer day in Al Hudaydah can be 43° Celsius (110° Fahrenheit) with the humidity of around 40-60% at noon, causing the heat index to be dangerously high. Only the inhabitants can normally withstand the heat, and highland Yemenis often find it very difficult to stay in the Tihamah area.

“The country’s main water divide lies at a distance of about 120km from the Red Sea coast, running north-south for over 400km before it bifurcates just south of the city of Dhamar. Areas west, east and south of this divide are called the western, eastern and southern escarpments respectively. The western escarpment comprises the Tihama Basin-plain and catchment areas. The boundary between the plain and the catchment areas is commonly drawn at 200m contour line limit; the catchments are divided into lower (plain), middle (foothills) and upper (mountains). The Tihama stretches some 400km along the Red Sea, from the Asir region in the north to Bab-al-Mandeb near the southern border. It ranges in width from 20 to 50km, with its widest part stretching between the two largest wadis (Mawr and Zabid). The plain is characterized by flat to slightly undulating topography with a very gentle slope towards the sea; the only significant land forms on the plain are associated with the seven major and several minor wadis, the courses of which generally disappear beneath the high sand dunes near the coast.”

The Yemen Mountain Massif

This massif constitutes a high zone of very irregular and dissected topography, with elevations ranging from a few hundred meters to 3,760 m above sea level. Accordingly, the climate varies from hot at lower elevations to cool at the highest altitudes. The western and southern slopes are the steepest and enjoy moderate to rather high rainfall, on average 300-500 mm/year, but in some places even more than 1,000 mm/year. The eastern slopes show a comparatively smoother topography and average rainfall decreases rapidly from west to east.

“In the desert areas of the east there was once extensive agriculture based on runoff from the mountains, and it was here the great kingdoms were based in pre-Islamic times. But throughout the Islamic period, Ma’rib and the area around it have been parched and poor. In the Tihamah, the lowland coastal plain at the west of the country, runoff from the mountains was also used for farming, and still is nowadays; but the Tihamah never matched the power and prosperity of the ancient east. The dominant area of Yemeni history for the last millennium and more has been the rain fed plateaus and mountain country running north to south.”

The central highlands are an extensive high plateau over 2,000 metres (6,562 ft) in elevation. This area is drier than the western highlands because of rain-shadow influences but still receives sufficient rain in wet years for extensive cropping. Diurnal temperature ranges are among the highest in the world: ranges from 30 °C (86 °F) in the day to 0 °C (32 °F) at night are normal. Water storage allows for irrigation and the growing of wheat and barley. Sana’a is

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located in this region. The highest point in Yemen is Jabal an Nabi Shu’ayb, at 3,666 metres (12,028 ft).

The “Central Highlands” or the “Interior Highlands”, “…climbs from the area of the western foothill (200 to 1,500m) to peaks exceeding 3,000m in the center of the highlands. Seven major wadis run out of the highlands into the Red Sea, three run to the east and two major ones flow southwards. Most of these are perennial in the upper reaches, but rarely reach the sea except at high flood times. Rainfall varies considerably in the interior. Generally it becomes wetter from north to south and from lower to higher elevation. Lower levels of the Western foothills may get 250-300mm annually. Annual averages in the northernmost areas of the highlands may be as low as 100mm, while the figure for Ta’izz provinces is over 600mm. Ibb recorded an average for 1970-73 of 1,100mm. Temperature in the highlands are quite comfortable, with average summer highs of ca 21°C and lows in the winter of around 4°C. The interior is traditionally the major agricultural area of the Yemen Arab Republic. Most cultivation must be practiced on terraced land, and most is rain fed rather than irrigated.”16

“The Central Highlands comprise the upper parts of the central mountain range with altitudes varying between 2,000 and 3,000 meters and peaks often exceeding 3,500 meters. Yemen’s highest mountain, Nabi Shu’ayb, rises to a height of 3,760 meters. This area is much less indented than the western slopes; the eastern slopes of the central highlands are gentle and terminate in the high tablelands. Rainfall in the highlands is less abundant than on the western slopes.”17

**The Eastern Plateau Region**

This region covers the eastern half of the country. Elevations decrease from 1,200-1,800 m at the major watershed lines to 900 m on the northern desert border and to sea level on the coast. The climate in general is hot and dry, with average annual rainfall below 100 mm, except in the higher parts. Nevertheless, floods following rare rainfall may be devastating.18

**Hadhramawt, Hadhramaut, Hadhramout, Hadramawt or حضرموت (Arabic: حضرموت) is a historical region of the south Arabian Peninsula along the Gulf of Aden in the Arabian Sea, extending eastwards from Yemen (proper) to the borders of the Dhofar region of Oman. The name of the region is currently retained in the smaller Hadhramaut Governorate of the Republic of Yemen. The people of Hadhramaut are called Hadhramis and speak Hadhrami Arabic.**

Narrowly, Hadhramaut refers to the historical Qu’aiti and Kathiri sultanates, which were in the Aden Protectorate overseen by the British Resident at Aden until their abolition upon the independence of South Yemen in 1967. The current governorate of Hadhramaut roughly incorporates the former territory of the two sultanates. It consists of a narrow, arid coastal plain bounded by the steep escarpment of a broad plateau (al-Jol, averaging 1,370 m (4,490 ft)), with a very sparse network of deeply sunk wadis (seasonal watercourses). The undefined northern edge of Hadhramaut slopes down to the desert Empty Quarter.

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In a wider sense, Hadhramaut includes the territory of Mahra to the east all the way to the contemporary border with Oman. This encompasses the current governorates of Hadramaut and Mahra in their entirety as well as parts of the Shabwah Governorate.

Hadhramout Governorate now, is what was of the former Sultanates of Al Qa’ety and Al Kathiri. Both of which were British Protectorates, indirectly governed by the British representatives in Aden until Southern Yemen’s independence in 1967; Aden was the largest city in the then Southern Yemen and became its capital after independence. Historically, Hadhramout’s capital was in Shabwa and extended from Shabwa in the East, all the way to Mahra and the border of Oman in the West.

Hadhramout was long ago referred to as the Land of Al’Ahqaf. Legend has it that Hadhramout was named so, after Amar Bin Qahtan, who is said to have invaded Al’Ahqaf; after the disappearance of the A’ad people who are mentioned in the Noble Quran. Folklore has it that, whenever Amar Bin Qahtan entered a battle, many people died. And thus, the Land of Al’Ahqaf was called Hadhr (meaning in Arabic: ‘has come’ or ‘was present’) and mout (meaning ‘death’ in Arabic). While Biblical dictionaries, seem to indicate that the name Hadhramout, is what is referred to as Hazarmaveth in The Bible - Genesis 10:26 and Chronicles 1:20. Hazarmaveth is also said to have been derived from the Greek word hydreumata; meaning enclosed or fortified ‘watering stations’ found in valleys.19

The Hadhramis live in densely built towns centered on traditional watering stations along the wadis. Hadhramis harvest crops of wheat and millet, tend date palm and coconut groves, and grow some coffee. On the plateau, Bedouins tend sheep and goats. Society is still highly tribal, with the old Seyyid aristocracy, descended from the Prophet Muhammad, traditionally educated and strict in their Islamic observance and highly respected in religious and secular affairs.

The Qu’aiti sultans ruled the vast majority of Hadramaut, under a loose British protectorate, the Aden Protectorate, from 1882 to 1967, when the Hadhramaut was annexed by South Yemen. In 1967, the former British Colony of Aden and the former Aden Protectorate including Hadramaut became an independent Communist state, the People’s Republic of South Yemen, later the People’s Democratic Republic of Yemen. South Yemen, along with Hadramaut, was united with North Yemen in 1990 as the Republic of Yemen.

The capital and largest city of Hadhramaut is the port Al Mukalla. The population of Yemen is crowding into its Hadramaut cities: Al Mukalla had a 1994 population of 122,400 and a 2003 population of 174,700, while the port city of Ash Shihir has grown from 48,600 to 69,400 in the same time. One of the more historically important cities in the region is Tarim. An important locus of Islamic learning, it is estimated to contain the highest concentration of descendants of the Muhammad anywhere in the world.

“The Hadhramaut region in the south east of Yemen is well known for its mud brick architecture. Throughout the centuries, the population has developed very sophisticated building techniques and created a unique architectural environment. Spectacular structures such as ten-story mud brick tower houses rise up from the valley’s floor. In interviews throughout the documentary, the masons describe their working techniques and the challenges they face with the introduction of new, imported building materials. The Architecture of Mud documents the vernacular architecture, the building craft and the society they belong to.”20

19 See: http://knol.google.com/k/hadhramout-or-hadrampaun-or-hadrampaun-w-%C3%A4-dhr%C3%A4-
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“Wadi Hadramawt, the biggest wadi in the Arabian Peninsula, is one of the major attractions of southern Yemen. This famous valley runs for 160km, west to east, amidst most arid, stony desert plateaus about 160km from the coast. At the western end is the sandy desert of Ramlat as-Sab’atayn. Downstream the wadi joins with the dry and inhospitable Wadi Masila, which connects the system to the sea. Wadi Hadramawt with its numerous tributaries, however, is very fertile, making it possible for a population of 200,000 to live in agriculture and goat herding. Formed by erosion of the sandstone bedrock over millions of years, the main wadi is today some 300 meters deep and two km wide on average, with the wadi bottom at an altitude of 700 meters. Ground water is available throughout the year; the rainy season brings floods to replenish it, creating this most unexpectedly green land between the desolate tablelands... In the eastern part of the country, the huge Wadi Hadramawt gathers the scanty rains that fall on the rocky area between the Arabian Sea and the central deserts of the Arabian Peninsula. This wadi, though sufficiently fertile to allow a sizable population to derive a living from agriculture, never yields its waters anywhere near the sea. Date palm is the most notably cultivated tree here; the Hadramis grow enough dates for export to other countries.”

The Desert

Dissected upland desert plains in the center of the country slope into the desert interior of the Arabian Peninsula. The Eastern Slopes is “…approximately 80,000 sq km region that slopes gently eastward into the Rub al-Khali. Very little climatic data is available on the area beyond the general observation that it may be classed as varying from desert to semi-desert. Little agriculture is practiced here; rather it is primarily an area of nomadic herding.”

Yemen’s portion of the Rub al Khali desert in the east is much lower, generally below 1,000 meters (3,281 ft), and receives almost no rain. It is populated only by Bedouin herders of camels.

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Between the Yemen Mountain Massif and the Eastern Plateau lies the Ramlat as Sabatayn, a sand desert. Rainfall and vegetation are nearly absent, except along its margins where rivers bring water from adjacent mountain and upland zones. In the north lies the Rub Al...
Khali desert, which extends far into Saudi Arabia and is approximately 500,000 km² in area. This sand desert is one of the most desolate parts of the world.24

“The eastern mountain slopes rise gently towards the eastern desert and end at an altitude of 1,000 meters in the Empty Quarter (Rub al Khali), one of the most desolate parts of the world. The rainfall, though minimal, renders agricultural activities possible, but only in a couple of very broad wadis draining the high tablelands… Eastern Mountain Slopes: 1,200 to 1,500 meters in altitude; Subtropical; Maximum Average Temperature: 22.0°C; Precipitation: 100-250 mm/yr. Eastern Desert: 800-1,200 meters in altitude; Desert subtropical; Maximum average temperature: 24.0°C; Precipitation: 80-100mm/yr.”25

Islands

A number of Red Sea islands, including the Hanish Islands, Kamaran, and Perim, as well as Socotra in the Arabian Sea, belong to Yemen. Many of the islands are volcanic; for example Jabal al-Tair had a volcanic eruption in 2007 and before that in 1883.

The Hanish Islands (Arabic: جزر حنيش) are an island group in the Red Sea. Most of them are a part of Yemen, but before 1998–1999 they were claimed by Eritrea as well. After a long trial with an international court under the guidance of Dr. Abdul Karim Aleryani, Yemen was granted full ownership of the larger islands while Eritrea was awarded the peripheral islands to the southwest.

Kamaran Island (Arabic: كمران Kamarān) is the largest Yemen-controlled island in the Red Sea. The 108-km² (42-sq. mile) island is 18 km (11 miles) long and 7 km (4.5 miles) wide and is strategically located at the southern end of the Red Sea. It is a “shelf island” located in the shallow waters of the Arabian peninsula’s continental shelf with coral reefs surrounding three sides of the island. The population numbers 2,200. Kamaran is generally flat, with a few hills in the south. Its highest point is Jabal Yaman (24 meters high), situated about three kilometers from Ra’s al Yaman, the southeastern cape of the island.

Jabal al-Tair Island (Jebel Teir, Jabal al-Tayr, Tair Island, Al-Tair Island, Jazirat at-Tair; Arabic: جزيرة جبل الطير Jazīrat Jabal aṭ-Ṭayr, literally, “Bird Mountain Island”) is a roughly oval volcanic island northwest of the constricted Bab al-Mandab passage at the mouth of the Red Sea, about half way between Yemen and Eritrea. From 1996 until it erupted in 2007 Yemen maintained two watchtowers and a small military base on the island. After 124 years of dormancy, the volcano that created the island erupted on 30 September 2007. The island is roughly oval, about 3 kilometres (1.9 mi) long, and 3.9 square kilometres (1.5 sq mi) in area. It lies nearly half way between Yemen 115 kilometres (71 mi) to the east and Eritrea about 150 km (93 mi) south west. It is about 82 kilometres (51 mi) from the Yemeni Kamaran Island; the Saudi Arabian Farasan Islands lie to the north east. The island lies close to the divergent boundary between the African Plate and the Arabian Plate.

The island comprises the basaltic strato-volcano Jabal al-Tair (Tair Mountain; Arabic: جبل الطير Jabal aṭ-Ṭayr, literally, “Bird Mountain”) rising from seabed some 1,200 metres (3,940 ft) below the surface of the Red Sea, continuing for 244 m (801 feet) above the surface up to the summit of the crater. The volcano was considered “recently extinct” as of 1982. It was the northernmost known Holocene volcano in the Red Sea, with one central vent, Jebel Duchan. It

lies in the volcanic and geologically active region of the Red Sea Rift, the divergent boundary between the African Plate and the Arabian Plate. In 1900 the British Admiralty described the island as having no natural water supply, and having a high conical peak rising above a basalt bluff some 300 feet (90 m) above a gradual littoral. The prominent profile made it an ideal landmark for Red Sea shipping, and the steep drop-off below sea level meant that it might be safely run for.\(^4\) The island has no settled population, but some parts of the island have allowed for the seasonal presence of fishermen.\(^26\)

**Perim** (Arabic: ﺑﺮﻳﻢ [Barīm]) is a volcanic island strategically located in the Strait of Mandeb at the southern entrance into the Red Sea, off the southwestern coast of Yemen. It has a surface area of 13 square kilometers and rises to an altitude of 65 meters. The island has a natural harbor on its southwestern coast, but there is only scarce vegetation. The absence of fresh water on the island has always been one of the major difficulties impeding permanent settlement. Sometimes in the geological past, its eruptions have blocked the Bab el Mandeb and thus the Red Sea evaporated to an empty hot dry salt-floored sink. A bridge linking Yemen and Djibouti via Perim Island has been proposed in 2008 by a Dubai-based company, Al Noor Holding Investments. At around 28.5 km, it would be one of the longest bridges in the world.

**Socotra** (Arabic: ﺳُﻘُﺘْﺮَﻯ [Suqṭra]), also spelt Soqotra, is a small archipelago of four islands in the Indian Ocean. The largest island, also called Socotra, is about 95% of the landmass of the archipelago. It lies some 240 kilometres (150 mi) east of the Horn of Africa and 380 kilometres (240 mi) south of the Arabian Peninsula. The island is very isolated and through the process of speciation, a third of its plant life is found nowhere else on the planet. It has been described as the most alien-looking place on Earth.

Socotra is one of the most isolated landforms on Earth of continental origin (i.e. not of volcanic origin). The archipelago was once part of the supercontinent of Gondwana and detached during the Miocene, in the same set of rifting events that opened the Gulf of Aden to its northwest.

The archipelago consists of the main island of Socotra (3,625 km\(^2\) (1,400 sq mi)), the three smaller islands of Abd al Kuri, Samhah and Darsa and small rock outcrops like Ka’l Fir’awn and Sabūnīyah that are uninhabitable by humans but important for seabirds.

The main island has three geographical terrains: the narrow coastal plains, a limestone plateau permeated with karstic caves, and the Haghier Mountains. The mountains rise to 5,000 feet (1,500 m). The island is a little over 80 miles (130 km) long east to west and typically 18–22 miles (29–35 km) north to south.

The climate of Socotra is classified in the Köppen climate classification as BWh and BSh, meaning a tropical desert climate and semi-desert climate with a mean annual temperature over 18°C (64°F). Yearly rainfall is light, but is fairly spread throughout the year. Generally the higher inland areas receive more rain than the coastal lowlands, due to orographic lift provided by the interior mountains. The monsoon season brings strong winds and high seas.

Public transport on Socotra is limited to infrequent minibuses to Qulansiyah and to the villages on northeastern coast, car hire usually means hiring a 4WD car with driver. Ships connect the only Socotra port- 5 km (3 mi) east of Hadibu- with the Yemeni coastal city of Al Mukalla. According to information from the ports, the journey takes 2–3 days and the service is used mostly for cargo.

\(^{26}\) “Jebel at Tair.” 2011. Global Volcanism Program, Smithsonian Institution. See the site accessed September 13, 2011: [http://www.volcano.si.edu/world/volcano.cfm?vnum=0201-01](http://www.volcano.si.edu/world/volcano.cfm?vnum=0201-01)
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Yemenia and Felix Airways fly from Socotra Airport to Sana’a and Aden via Al Mukalla (RIY- Riyan Airport). The Sana’a service operates daily, while Aden flights are on Mondays, as of December 2009.

Surface and Ground Water Resources

The country’s biggest natural resource problem is its falling water table. Rainfall, though heavy in some areas of the country, is insufficient to meet Yemen’s agricultural needs. Consequently, Yemen extracts more groundwater than is recharged, causing the water table to drop by an average of 2 meters annually. Population growth is also placing greater pressure on limited water resources, particularly in urban areas. In particular, the population of Sana’a is growing at around 7% a year and, as a result, the capital’s water table is dropping rapidly.27

Excluding its coastal waters, Yemen has no permanent body of water. There are limited natural freshwater resources, and inadequate supplies of potable water. The freshwater withdrawal for domestic use, industrial purposes and agriculture is about 6.63 cubic kilometers per year, based on 1997 estimates. This comes to about 316 cubic meters of freshwater per person per year (based on 2000 estimates). There are only 4.2 cubic meters of renewable freshwater resources (based on 1997 estimates) in the country.

“Agriculture takes the lion’s share of Yemen’s water resources, sucking up almost 90 percent. Until the early 1970s, traditional practices ensured a balance between supply and demand. Then the introduction of deep tube wells led to a drastic expansion of land under cultivation. In the period from 1970 to 2004, the irrigated area increased tenfold, from 37,000 to 407,000 hectares, 40 percent of which was supplied by deep groundwater aquifers. The thousands of Yemenis working abroad often invested their remittances in irrigation. Other incentives to expand farmland came in the form of agricultural and fuel subsidies. Farmers began growing less of the local, drought-resistant varieties of wheat and more water-intensive cash crops such as citrus and bananas.”28

The renovated Jadaan Cistern is built of natural stone that protects the water supply. A USAID environmental health program helped the community in the mountain village of Thula renovate a 700-year-old cistern using natural materials and traditional methods.

The Hadramaut Basin covers almost 40% of the total surface area of Yemen. The aquifer material consists of sand and gravel mixed with clay and sandy clay. Because of the poor quality of water in some of its parts, the productivity of the Hadramaut Basin is rather limited. The basin recharge is claimed to be about 257 x 10^6 m³ y⁻¹.

About 62% of the population of Yemen has access to improved water resources. About 38% have only unimproved resources. Only 52% of the population has access to

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improved sanitary facilities. Food or waterborne diseases are high, with bacterial
diarrhea, hepatitis A and typhoid fever as leading illnesses. Schistosomiasis, a water
contact disease, is also prevalent. Polio and malaria are common to Yemen. Polio is present
in some Red Sea coastal towns and malaria is also present in low-lying areas along the Red Sea.
There have been reports of a dengue fever outbreak in the Arabian Gulf coast and in the western
coastal towns of al-Hodeidah and Mokha and the hill area of al-Dali’. The most recent outbreak
occurred in Tai’zz, in southern Yemen.

Today, there are between 45,000 and 70,000 wells in Yemen, the majority of which are
under private control. No one can be certain of the exact number, as almost all were drilled
without license.29

There are about 6,800 square kilometers of irrigated land in Yemen, based on
2008 estimates. Overgrazing of pastureland is endemic. Soil erosion and desertification
is also a hazard.

“Surface water quality in the Tihama is generally considered to be fairly good,
with medium salinity, low sodium, and slight alkalinity in some cases. Test analysis in
wadis Rima and Zabid showed total dissolved solids (TDS) around 290 mg/l and 500
mg/l respectively. Electrical conductivity was 455 and 740 micromhos (at 25°C)
respectively. These values are probably representative for the Tihama, but no data is
readily available for the highlands areas. Groundwater quality in the Tihama is quite
variable. It can be fairly good, as in wadis Rima and Zabid, but more commonly Tihama
groundwater tends toward high salinity. Often this is attributed to the existence of salt
deposits underlying the aquifer in many area.”30

“Along the coast between Al Mukallā and Aden a number of fishing villages are
supplied by water within a half mile of the shore. The water levels are a few feet above
mean sea level and probably represent wedges of freshwater floating on sea water
(Ghyben-Herzberg Principle). The fresh water has probably originated from the higher
ground behind the coastal plains by slow seaward movement, and partly from natural
precipitation.”31

The minister for water and the environment, Dr Abdulrahman al-Eryani, is an agricultural
engineer - and he is a worried man. “The Sana’a basin is using water 10 times faster than Nature
is replenishing it,” he told me. “And before long there won’t even be enough to drink. I am not
an optimist. I think many of the city’s people will simply have to move away. “The solution I am
proposing is a very clear policy - a voluntary one - of reallocating people from here down to the
Red Sea coast. We could use renewable energy there to desalinate sea water. And it would be
cheaper than trying to provide enough water to Sana’a. “This is not the first time that Yemenis
have had to move to avoid disaster. It’s happened many times in the last few thousand years,
when Nature allowed the population to increase rapidly. This time, though, there are political
frontiers in the way of an exodus.”32

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2011: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/from_our_own_correspondent/6530453.stm
“Towards the north, the rains gradually diminish. In the central highlands, the summer is dry, with only a couple of showers a month. Most of the rain occurs in this region in two distinct rainy seasons, the lighter in March and April, and the heavier around August. In Sana’a, April may bring a rainfall of about 100mm and August usually sees almost 200mm of rain.”

“While Yemen is a Muslim country and Islamic law is a part of its legal heritage, its present legal system is codified and follows the civil law system. There are two laws that are relevant to your request. The first is the Water Law No. 33 of 2002, an Arabic copy of which is available on the Yemeni Public Prosecutor’s website, at http://www.agoye.com/userimages/Image/book/2/2/1(28).pdf, and the second is the Environment Law No. 26 of 1995, an Arabic copy of which is also available on the same website, at http://www.agoye.com/userimages/Image/book/2/2/1(23).pdf.”

“Historically, management of water resources in the Republic of Yemen has been inadequate, with some of the key problems being:

• water and property rights are not clearly defined,
• the problems of groundwater mining have led to abstraction rates that exceed recharge by about 80% on average, and in some places abstraction exceeds recharge by 400%,
• charges for water use are low, or non-existent,
• water usage is distributed 93% for irrigation purposes, 5% for domestic use, and 2% for industry, and
• political and economic upheaval over the past decade has resulted in limited institutional capacity, particularly to bring water demand in line with availability.

As a major step forward in the process of securing improved water resources management, the Government of the Republic of Yemen (GOY) have prepared a Water Law, which was ratified by the House of Representatives in July 2002.”

Geography

There are about 24,133,000 citizens of Yemen (2010 estimate). The median age is 18.1 years old, and the population growth is 2.647%, with 33.49 births per 1,000, and a death rate of 7.02% per 1,000 (2011 estimates). The life expectancy at birth is 63.74 years old.

About 32% of the total population is urbanized. The governorates of Yemen are divided into 333 districts (muderiah). The districts are subdivided into 2,210 sub-districts, and then into 38,284 villages (as of 2001).

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Cities and Towns

Aden (عدن, Arabic: ندأ Adan) is a seaport city in Yemen, located by the eastern approach to the Red Sea (the Gulf of Aden), some 170 kilometres east of Bab-el-Mandeb.

The ancient port of Aden was well known to the Romans as the trading port of “Eudæmon” (Greek for “Happy Spirits”), and it was a transfer point on shipping between Rome and India, and partly the origin of the famous “Incense Route” and the “Spice Route” that saw the transportation and trade of aromatic trees (de arboris aromaticis) such as myrrh, pepper, cinnamon, cardamom and cassia; of aromatic herbs (de herbis aromaticis), such as nard, saffron, cardamom, that came through the trade routes, others that were also available in Europe, such as thyme, aloes, rose, violet, lily, gentian, wormwood, fennel and others. The decline of the incense trade later saw Yemen take to the export of coffee via the Red Sea port of al-Mocha.

Aden’s population is approximately 800,000. Aden’s ancient, natural harbor lies in the crater of an extinct volcano which now forms a peninsula, joined to the mainland by a low isthmus. This harbour, Front Bay, was first used by the ancient Kingdom of Awsan between the 5th and 7th centuries BC. The modern harbor is on the other side of the peninsula. Aden consists of a number of distinct sub-centers: Crater, the original port city; Ma’alla, the modern port; Tawahi, known as “Steamer Point” in colonial days; and the resorts of Gold Mohur. Khormaksar, located on the isthmus that connects Aden proper with the mainland, includes the city’s diplomatic missions, the main offices of Aden University, and Aden International Airport (the former British Air Force base RAF Khormaksar), Yemen’s second biggest airport. On the mainland are the sub-centres of Sheikh Othman, a former oasis area; Al-Mansura, a town planned by the British; and Madinat ash-Sha’b (formerly Madinat al-Ithad), the site designated as the capital of the South Arabian Federation and now home to a large power/desalinization facility and additional faculties of Aden University. Aden encloses the eastern side of a vast, natural harbor that comprises the modern port. The volcanic peninsula of Little Aden forms a near-mirror image, enclosing the harbor and port on the western side. Little Aden became the site of the oil refinery and tanker port. Both were established and operated by British Petroleum until they were turned over to Yemeni government ownership and control in 1977.

Aden is one of the largest towns, with an estimated population in 2010 of 692,900. “The port of Aden is undergoing large scale redevelopment, under a 20 year management contract with the Port of Singapore Authority, which holds 60 per cent equity. The port should capture significant Europe-Asia container traffic, as it avoids the detour into the Persian Gulf.”

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Dhamar Town and Dhamar Province. Dhamar is a major agricultural region, being located midway between two of Yemen’s three largest cities (Sana’a and Ta’izz). It produces to some degree almost all the crops grown in the Yemeni highlands. Dhamar town itself is notable as the only town in the former Yemen Arab Republic not to be walled: rather it is merely a town on open plains. Dhamar is the most consistently elevated governorate in Yemen, with most of the land lying at over 2,500 metres (8,200 ft). The climate, though, remains hot during the day, with typical maxima of between 25 and 30 °C (77 and 86 °F), but frosts are very common at night during the winter months. During January 1986, temperatures are believed to have fallen as low as −12 °C (10 °F). Although no reliable rain gauge exists within the governorate, it is estimates that annual rainfall would range between 400 and 500 millimetres (16 and 20 in) concentrated exclusively in the summer months, especially in July and August but also in March and April. Occasionally, floods can prove disastrous though causing extensive erosion, notably in early April 2006. Adrah Dam: Adrah village is famous for its large number of dams. Adrah Dam is 10 kilometers to the east of Dhamar city. This dam dates back to the Hymiarate civilization but its ancient monuments are still there. The Dam is a water barrier built between two mountains. It is 67 meters long, 47 meters height, and approximately 20 meters width.

Hodeida (al-Hudaydah) is an industrial city and the seaport for Sana’a on the Red Sea. There is a main road between Sana’a and the port of Hodeida, about 40km long. Its chief exports are coffee and dates. After a disastrous fire in January 1961 destroyed much of the city, it was rebuilt, particularly the port facilities, with Soviet aid. A 360° photograph of the Port of Al Hudaydah with typical ships in the African style can be seen at the site, accessed on September 13, 2011: http://www.360cities.net/image/port-of-al-hudaydah-with-ships-yemen/#484.47,16.95,70.0

A highway to Sana, the capital, was completed in 1961. Hudaydah was the site of a Soviet naval base in the 1970s and 1980s. The city has a large number of historical places, particularly in Zabid, which is regarded as one of the most important Islamic towns in the world. The city is not large but it has more than 100 old mosques. Furthermore, the city used to have an old university which is as old as al-Azhar.

Al Hudaydah (Arabic: الحديدة, haddiya) is also a governorate of Yemen, and its capital is Al Hudaydah. This governorate borders the Red Sea and is part of the narrow Tihamah region. Hodeida “…is the second largest city and the principal seaport in Yemen. It depends, for its domestic water, on the Town Water Supply with sources of water from four drilled wells in Baydah, about 11 kilometers northeast of the city. Water from these wells has nitrates, chloride, salt, calcium and magnesium far beyond acceptable levels for human consumption as defined by WHO.” The average temperature in Hodeida (1974) was a low of 19°C, high 38.8°C, and often climbing above 54°C. 37

Huth. “Huth, the next town along the main asphalt road and thus roughly on the major watershed, is a little lower. The landscape and the housing are quite similar to those near Khamir. The track westward, however, from Huth to Shahârah, drops steeply from the plateau across a crumbling, weathered strata that give an impression of the world decayed; and at the bottom, in the lowlands of al-Batanah, one is in a quite different landscape. The temperature and humidity are higher than on the plateau, agriculture is far richer (exploiting spates from the mountains), and the insect life in summer makes the fizzling crackle of a broken insulator on some massive power cable. The dense fields of sorghum are interspersed with houses that are often little more than shanties. A few watch towers stand out on rock elevations. It is here that al-

'Usaymat and 'Idhar are found. On the western side of al-Batanah is the rugged, terraced mountain massif, about 2,500 meters high, where Shaharah stands and where al-Ahnum have their territory."38

**Ibb** (or **Abb**) (Arabic: إب) is a city in Yemen, the capital of Ibb Governorate, situated on a mountain ridge, surrounded by fertile land and is known as “The Green City”. It is located about 73 miles (117 km) north-east of Mocha. Ibb was governed by a semi-autonomous emir until 1944, when the emirate was abolished. The population is 160,000 (2005). Ibb is bordered by several provinces, from the north with Dhamar, south with Ta’izz and Ad Dali, east with Al Bayda’, and west with Al Hudaydah. Ibb has a cool continental climate, varied in the mountainous highlands and mild in the centural plains, while it’s warm in the southern and western regions. It rains over most parts of the province. A summer seasonal rainfall in most districts reach to 800–1200 mm.

The city has its source of water from three wells drilled in Queensland near Ibb. The quality of water is in excess of the maximum permissible limits in calcium, chloride and nitrates.39

“Rainfall is highest on the western slopes of the western mountains and the southern part of the mountain area, where the province of Ibb is called “the fertile province.” Around Ibb, it rains every month of the year- only a few mm in January but, in July and August (when there may be daily rain), a monthly rainfall of 500mm is common.40

**Al Mokha.** Mocha or Mokha (Arabic: المکا [al-Mukhā]) is a port city on the Red Sea coast of Yemen. Until it was eclipsed in the 19th century by Aden and Hodeida, Mocha was the principal port for Yemen’s capital Sana’a. At present, Mocha is no longer utilized as a major trade route and the current local economy is largely based upon fishing and small amounts of tourism. The village of Mocha was officially relocated 3 kilometers west along the Red Sea shore to accommodate the building and demolition of several coastal highways. This seaport town depends on two drilled wells for its water supply. The water has chlorides, sulphates, nitrates and salt content above the maximum permissible levels for human consumption.41

**Saada** (Arabic: صعدة) is a governorate located in the north of Yemen on the border with Saudi Arabia. As of February 2004, the province had a population of 695,033 inhabitants, around 3.67% of the total population of Yemen and have an area of 11,375 square kilometers. It is one of the most inaccessible areas of Yemen and ranks among the poorest in the country. The provincial capital is Sa‘dah, the largest city in the province. Saada is one of the few regions of Yemen inhabited by a large majority of Zaydis, a Muslim religious minority close to Shi’a Islam (from which they separated at the end of the 8th century after a dispute about the identity of the fifth Shi’a Imam). It is currently the center of an insurgency pitting Zaydi rebels against the government.

**Sana’a** is the largest town with a population of about 2.339 million (2009 estimate). “The geology around the city mixes volcanic with sedimentary rocks, and the reflected light in the morning and afternoon can create striking patterns on the brown and black mountains. This relieves the general barrenness of the city’s environs, where the decline in the water table in the last few years has seriously impeded agriculture in the valley. Wadis flowing down into the

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valley, however, remain verdant channels of cultivation. Terracing, a short distance from the capital on the western slopes of the escarpment, allows the desolate hills to turn green during the year’s two growing seasons.”

The capital of Yemen, Sana’a, is one of the oldest cities in the world. It is a walled city with eight gates and numerous mosques. “If you want local colour, then go to Sana’a. The entire old city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, complete with tall stuccoed houses whose perforated walls use the winds for natural ventilation. There is the small square which covers the site of the 6th-Century Christian cathedral, though nothing now remains of its ebony and ivory pulpit or its crosses of silver and gold. In the narrow lanes of the market you are pressed to buy a bag of dull golden crystals and your senses succumb to the smell of burning incense. To the Romans, Yemen was, after all, Arabia Felix, the home of frankincense and myrrh. They still make novel souvenirs. Venture further, beyond the Old City’s 30-foot-high (9-metre-high) clay walls, and there are plenty more reminders that Sana’a is one of a kind. There is the Military Museum, an eclectic assembly of old weapons (including a camel-mounted cannon), old motor cars, and relics of the British colony in Aden. A chillingly topical touch is an illustration from the 1950s of an execution, the bloodied scimitar still in the swordsman’s hand as the convict expires. Perhaps that explains why the museum is run by part of the interior ministry - the moral guidance department. Sana’a is at least 2,500 years old. It claims to be the world’s oldest inhabited city, though Damascus disputes that.”

A small Vietnamese-speaking community is found in the capital city of Sana’a, originating from Yemeni immigrants expatriated from Vietnam after the Vietnam War in the 1970s. A small yet rising number of ethnic Chinese in Sana’a brought the Chinese language to the country, a byproduct of historic Chinese immigration. Also there are South Asian Languages spoken by the small but present South Asian community, most notably Hindi, Urdu and Marathi languages.

Sana’a is “…the capital city and depends upon deep wells dug to a maximum depth of 200 meters. The wells are dug in a cretaceous sandstone aquifer northeast and northwest of the city. Shallow wells are dug into the alluvium which overlie layers of basalt rock. Although this is probably the best water in Yemen, it is considered below acceptable standards for human consumption.”

“One third of the 125 wells operated by the state-owned Sana’a Local Corporation for Water Supply and Sanitation for supply of the capital have been drilled down to 2,600 to 3,900

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feet. The combined output of all these wells barely meets 35 percent of the growing city’s need. The rest is supplied either by small, privately owned networks or by hundreds of mobile tankers. In recent years, as water quality has deteriorated, privately owned kiosks that use reverse osmosis -- a water filtration method -- to purify poor-quality groundwater supplies have mushroomed in Sana’a and other towns. Future supply options include pumping desalinated water from the Red Sea over a distance of 155 miles, over 9,000-foot mountains into the capital, itself located at an altitude of 7,226 feet. The enormous pumping cost would push the price of water up to $10 per cubic meter (roughly 35 cubic feet). Yemen may be willing to pay this price for household demand. For agricultural water, however, the elevated cost is out of the question since the quantity required per capita is at least one hundred times greater. Other options to supply Sana’a from adjacent regions are fraught due to perceived water rights. Islam teaches that water is a gift from God and cannot be owned. Land, however, can. When a person digs or drills a well on his own land, he obtains the right to extract and use as much water as he can draw. The increasing awareness of the country’s water scarcity has resulted in a race to the bottom -- every man for himself. Well owners are trying to capture what remains of this valuable resource before the neighbors do.\footnote{Lichtenthaler, Gerhard. 2010. “Water Conflict and Cooperation in Yemen.” Middle East Research and Information Project. See the site, accessed on September 13, 2011: http://www.merip.org/mer/mer254/water-conflict-cooperation-yemen}

Ta’izz (Arabic: ضع Taʿizz, or Taiz, is a city in the Yemeni Highlands, near the famous Mocha port on the Red Sea, lying at an elevation of about 1,400 metres above sea level. It is the capital of Ta’izz Governorate. The city is the third largest city in Yemen following the capital Sana’a and the southern port of Aden. Ta’izz has a dramatic setting where the roads run up and down the mountain sides. Above the city rises the 3,006 metres high Sabir Mountain. The weather in Taizz is fair and beautiful most of the time. The average daily temperature high during August is 30°C. Annual rainfall of Ta’izz may reach 760 mm to over 1,000 on Jabal Sabir per year. Ta’izz is one of the largest cities, and a government center in the highlands, with an estimated population in 2010 of 556,480 people.

“This city [Ta’izz] has its domestic water supply from the Town Water Supply and from natural springs in Jabal Sabar and Salah. The Town Water Supply has six wells in the Hauqla area drilled by USAID during the sixties. (Sample analyses of these waters are listed in Appendix VI). Their nitrate content is extremely high and range from 50 to 200 parts per million as compared to 45 parts per million, considered the maximum permitted level for drinking purposes. Similarly, the salt content is 2,000 PPM as compared to the maximum permissible level of 1,500 PPM. Water from Jabal Salah is relatively acceptable although it has 16 PPM of nitrates and high levels of fluoride respectively. Yet there is considerable demand for this water although the supply fails to meet the demand. Therefore, over 90% of population depends upon the less desirable Town Water Supply for drinking and domestic use.\footnote{Speece, Mark. 1982. Draft environmental report on Yemen (Yemen Arab Republic). Page 31.}"

For such a small area, the Ta’izz governorate has an extraordinarily diverse geography. The western half of the governorate is part of the Tihamah coastal plain and has an exceedingly hot, humid and arid climate. The eastern half, however, is very mountainous, with the major peak being 3,070-metre-high Jebel Saber, near Ta’izz city. These mountains trap the moisture created by an upper-level wind reversal between April and October, so that in the eastern half of the governorate annual rainfall increases from 200 millimetres (8 inches) in the foothills to probably more than 1,000 millimetres (40 inches) near Jebel Saber. Temperatures in the highlands remain
high during the daytime, but at the highest elevations they can fall dramatically to -5°C (23°F) overnight.

**Ethnic Groups**

The ethnic groups in Yemen are mostly Arab, but there are also populations of Afro-Arabs, South Asians and Europeans living in the country. About 70% of the men are literate; only about 30% of the women are.

There are also refugees from the region’s problems. Some of these refugees are treated well, others not. “Since 2008 more than 100,000 mainly Somali and Ethiopian asylum seekers and migrants have arrived on Yemen’s shores by boat. Many suffer horribly along the way. The smugglers who carry them cram their passengers into overcrowded boats and savagely beat those who try to move. Smugglers have murdered passengers and have often forced them to disembark in deep water and swim to shore, leading to many deaths from drowning. More than 1,000 people have died making the crossing in the past two years. After arriving in Yemen the exhausted travelers face one of two very different receptions, depending not on why they have come but on where they come from. Those from Somalia are welcomed as refugees without exception. But the majority of those from Ethiopia are treated like criminals to be hunted down and deported, even if they came to Yemen in search of asylum…”

**Religions**

Shafi’i (Sunni) The majority of the Sunni (63% of the total population of Yemen) are of the Shafi’i sect, but also include the Salafi and some other sects. “The southern mountains and the Tihamah have been predominately Shafi’i (Sunni) for almost as long, being ruled by a succession of more or less powerful states and sometimes raided or dominated by the northerners. The Shafi’is have much more tolerance for such practices as venerating saints, since they recognize less close an association than did Zaydis between religious doctrine and temporal power. The Imamate was the major difference between the two schools. Apart from this, the doctrinal differences between Zaydis and Shafi’is are not very marked, and it is only at a few points in their history that either group has tried to suppress practices approved by learned men of the other. But the northerners, without the Imans’ encouragement, often dominated or even occupied Lower Yemen. At several periods the Imamate controlled both ends of the country, and southerners today show a marked distrust of northern tribesmen.”

Zaydi or Zaidi or Sayyids (Shia): The majority of the Yemeni Shia (about 35% of the total population) are of the Zaydi sect, but also include the Isma’ili sect.

The origins of the sayyids were summarized by Dr. Paul Dresch in his book, A History of Modern Yemen. “The areas around Sana’a and northwards for centuries were dominated by Zaidi (Shi’ite) Imams. The crux of Zaidism was that legitimate rule descends through the Prophet’s line, of his daughter Fatimah and son-in-law Ali Bin Abi Talib. Such descendants of the Prophet are usually called sayyids (also sometimes sharifs; or sadah or ‘Alawis, after Ali

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49 Mohammed Al-Kibsi told the Observer that he once heard his grandfather, who was a judge in Hajjah, telling this story: “My grandfather said that when Imam Al-Hadi first came to Yemen, he saw that most of the tribes people were illiterate shepherds. He instructed his cousins not to marry illiterate or ignorant people. He then kept marrying sharifat (plural of sharifa, female sayyids) to sadah,” said Al-Kibsi. "All sadah do the same thing, and never allow non-family members to marry their daughters.}
Bin Abu Talib). Their venture in the northern part of Yemen was launched in AD 896 around Saada by the first Imam, Al-Hadi, and on occasion they had ruled enormous areas, Imams being of the sword as well as of the book and righteousness: the Qasimis in the seventeenth century had briefly held most of Yemen (even Hadhramout for some years), and certain earlier Imams less enamored of state forms had also been conquerors. The sayyids were important further south too, especially in Hadhramout. There the sayyid presence was established in AD 952 by a migrant from Iraq named Ahmad Isa, but the venture he began was very different from that in the far north and the Shafi’i (Sunni) style of Islam, unlike the Zaidi, launched no great bids for power: Sayyid influence was local, often built around mediation and sacred tombs, although family connections and connections of learning reached beyond particular towns or tribes.”

Dhamar Governorate is the important seat for the Zaydi religious sect which has long had a major influence in Yemen. The pre-Islamic kingdoms of Saba’ (Sheba), Qataban and Himyar had their capitals within the present area of Dhamar, and the Himyarite kingdom with its capital at Yarim set up the numerous terraces that allow for highly intensive agriculture throughout the region.

“The northern tribes have been much where they are now are throughout the period, and from the end of the ninth century AD to 1962 were associated with a succession of Zaydi (Shi’ite) Imams drawn from descendents from the Prophet. Zaydism developed early in Islamic history and has little in common with later developments of Shi’ite ideas in such countries as Iran. Zaydi scholars were usually hostile to undisciplined ecstasy, the veneration of saints, or millenarian longings, and they promoted instead a rather sober religious style which is still that of most tribesmen today. The Imam was ideally both a scholar and warrior who could order what is right and forbid what is reprehensible. The Imamate’s political fortunes varied greatly, but association of Zayidsim with the tribes is of long standing.”

Jews are the oldest non-Muslim religious minority. Nearly all of the country’s once-sizable Jewish population have emigrated to Israel. Fewer than 400 Jews remain in the northern part of the country, primarily in Amran Governorate.

“A small but important Jewish minority existed in the country through the first 14 Islamic centuries. During the years 1948 to 1950, the newly established state of Israel organized operation “Magic Carpet”, a major airlift from Aden through which some 50,000 Yemeni Jews emigrated to Israel, leaving only a few hundred behind.”

Since January 2007, the historic Saada governorate community of 45 Jews have lived in Sana’a, under the protection and care of the Yemen Government, after abandoning their homes in the face of threats from al-Houthi rebels. The community has also abandoned its synagogues in Saada. There is at least one functioning synagogue in the Amran Governorate. Jewish residents of Rayda and Bait Harrash in Amran Governorate reportedly experienced increased harassment by a small group of their Muslim neighbors. Government officials reportedly could not intervene because of a lack of witnesses to the harassment. In one case a bullet was fired into a water tank on the roof of one of the community’s homes while a member of the family was on the roof. Government authorities investigated the case and arrested the perpetrator, who remained incarcerated at the end of the reporting period. The displaced Saada Jewish community continued to reside in Sana’a, under government protection and care, after being threatened by

al-Houthi rebels in January 2007. In April 2008 a large group of men entered, ransacked, and
destroyed two homes in the Saada Governorate belonging to a member of the Jewish community
now living in Sana’a. The attack was reportedly believed to have been the work of some of the
al-Houthi rebels.52

“At this time 65 Jews from Al Salim live in the Tourist City in San’a, and 270 Jews live
in Raida and Kharif, in ‘Amran governorate, where they live under the protection of the local
tribe. We urge you to instruct Jibran Abu Shawarib, the leader of the Hashid tribe in that area,
and the governor of ‘Amran province, Kuhlan Abu Shawarib, Jibran’s brother, to afford the
Jewish communities in Raida and Kharif all necessary protection, and to work towards the safe
return of the Jews now in Tourist City to their homes in Al Salim.” 53

Christian- In 2008, there were 3,000 Christians throughout the country, most of whom
are refugees or temporary foreign residents. There are four churches in Aden, three Roman
Catholic and one Anglican. Christian missionaries and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs)
affiliated with missionary groups operate in the country; most restrict their activities to the
provision of medical services; others were employed in teaching and social services. Invited by
the Government, the Sisters of Charity run homes for the poor and persons with disabilities in
Sana’a, Taiz, Hodeida, and Aden. A Swedish mission organization runs a technical school for the
disabled and poor in Taiz. There was also a medical mission in Saada, but in January 2007, the
mission reportedly fled to escape the fighting. It is believed that they remained in the region to
provide medical assistance to victims of the violence. Another mission operated two charitable
clinics in Aden.54

Hindu- in 2008 there were 40 Hindus living in Aden who trace their origins to India.
Aden also has one Hindu temple.55

Tribes

Yemenis consider Allah, family, and tribe to be the most important aspects of their
traditional society. The objective in life is to be devoted to Allah so that in death one’s spirit will
be with Allah. The Yemenis are extremely proud of their historical dedication to Islam.

People are concerned with the perceptions of others and will not do something that might
be regarded as disrespectful to Allah or family. Likewise, individuals yield their wishes and
rights to the well-being of the tribe or family. Concepts of personal space are not common.
Ancestry helps determine who has power, who holds public office, and who is considered
especially devout. Personal relations are also important. Yemenis prefer to establish trust and
confidence before proceeding with business. Increasing Western influence has benefited Sana’a
but has also created strains between more secular areas and conservative villages.
“Yemen is a tribal society; therefore, people are mostly seen based on which tribe and or city they come from. Depending on the organization, where you come from may have a significant influence on where you go within the organizational structure. Ethnic differences also effect where one may go within the organizational structure with a “pure” Yemeni, a Yemeni whose both parents are from Yemen, being favoured over the “Muwalad” Yemeni who has a parent from a different country... A local superior or manager is usually respected for their experience and leadership. However, one must keep in mind that Yemen is a tribal structured country and therefore the city or tribe the manager belongs too can also play a role in defining the structure of the relationship with the superior or manager.”

It is above all the clan system that influences social interrelationships in Yemen. There is a complex hierarchy of tribes, each exerting different degrees of power.

“A tribe in Shabwa province permitted its men to kidnap their cousins for the purpose of marriage. Yemeni Bedouins divorced their wives immediately if they were asked to do so or else they were considered of a lesser grade than normal men. Some tribes of Yemen shake hands and touch each other with their noses when they say hello to each other. While the tribesmen in a region in Saada province still adorn themselves and take better care of their hair than women.”

The current military aid and counterterrorism efforts will do little if anything to stabilize Yemen, which faces a host of grave environmental and economic challenges. Most of these challenges, from water shortages to a rapidly increasing population, are not easily dealt with and all require long-term strategies and solutions. The tribal nature of Yemeni society has existed for hundreds, if not thousands, of years and will remain long after the Salih regime has ended. This tribal structure is both an asset and an impediment to stability. It is an asset in that it often produces a functioning governmental structure that is responsive to local needs. The myriad tribes, their customs, laws and government have endured and in some cases offer viable and desirable alternatives to a regime that is beset with corruption and cronyism. However, it must also be noted that feuds between and within tribes are common and blood-feuds remain a scourge in parts of Yemen. The intertribal feuds, which will likely increase as the Salih regime’s patronage network breaks down, are one of the primary impediments to stability in Yemen. From practical and ideological perspectives, AQAP has little to offer to Yemen’s tribes and it is unlikely that the organization would be able to act as any kind of unifying force. However, if real development is not pursued, groups like AQAP will continue to find shelter and recruits among Yemen’s overwhelmingly impoverished residents. It is clear that AQAP understands the

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importance of Yemen’s tribes and that it is attempting to incorporate this understanding into its own efforts to recruit and expand in Yemen.58

“Many of Yemen’s northern tribes belong to one of two tribal confederations: the Bakil and the Hashid. The Bakil is Yemen’s largest tribal confederation, but it is historically not as well organized as the smaller but far more politically active Hashid confederation. The Hashid, traditionally led by members of the al-Ahmar family, is an influential actor in Yemeni politics. President Salih’s Sanhan tribe belongs to the Hashid confederation. This and Salih’s reliance on tribal politics to consolidate and increase his political reach have ensured the continued prominence of the Hashid in all aspects of Yemeni society, especially in northern Yemen. Both the Hashid and the Bakil have rejected al-Qaeda efforts to recruit their members (Saudi Gazette, January 6, 2010).” 59

“Banu”, the plural of “ibn”, is used to designate a tribe or clan in Yemen.

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claim descent from Qahtān, while the Ghafari are non-Qahtānic stock, mainly Maʿadi or Nizari. The Seiʿar are reckoned as the westernmost Ghafari, while the Al-Kathir are Hinawi. Regional terms for the country westwards and eastwards of Dhufār are, respectively, Maʿarab and Mishgas; thus the Seiʿar and all tribes to the west are Maʿarab, although some are Ghafari and others Hinawi.”

“…the Southern Arabs entered the Islamic period with a sense of ethnic distinction between themselves and all other Arabs to explain the differences in language, custom and physiognomy. Popular belief held and still holds that although the Arabs are descended from a common ancestor, Sham ibn Nuh (Shem, son of Noah), the “pure” or southern Arab (Qahtani) is descended from Qahtan ibn Amir (Joktan ben Eber), or Hud, as he is often called, whereas the northern Arab (Adani) is descended from Ismail (Ishmael) through Adnan. Other Arab nationals, particularly those of tribal societies, know or think they know to which group they belong but are little concerned about it, but this split is a matter of importance to Yemenis, and many twentieth century feuds can be traced back to it. The Imans of Yemen claimed Qahtani descent as a consequence of their alleged descent from the Himyar, although they were in fact, Adanis if, as they also claimed, to be descendents of the Prophet Mohammed through grandson Hassan. Author Manfred Wenner points out that both claims are possible as a result of intermarriage.”

Arab tradition maintains that a semi-legendary ancestral figure named Qahtan and his 24 sons are the progenitors of the southern inhabitants of the Arabian peninsula known as Qahtani. Early Islamic historians identified Qahtan with the Yoqtan (Joktan) son of Eber of the Hebrew Bible (Gen. 10:25-29). Among the sons of Qahtan are noteworthy figures like Aʿzaal (believed by Arabs to have been the original name of Sanaʿa, although its current name has been attested since the Iron Age) and Hadhramaut. Another son is Yaʿrub, and his son Yashjub is the father of ‘Abd Shams, who is also called Saba. All Yemeni tribes trace their ancestry back to this “Saba”, either through Himyar or Kahlan, his two sons. The Qahtani people are divided into the two sub-groups of Himyar and Kahlan, who represent the settled Arabs of

the south and their nomadic kinsmen (nomads). The Kahlan division of Qahtan consists of 4 subgroups: the Ta’ or Tayy, the Azd group which invaded Oman, the ‘Amila-Judham group of Palestine, and the Hamdan-Madhij group who mostly remain in Yemen. The Kahlan branch includes the following tribes: Aus and Khazraj, Ghassan, Azd, Hamdan, Khath’am, Bajflah, Madhhij, Murad, Zubaid and Nakh’, Ash’ar, Lakhm and Kindah.
Qat (Khat)

The primary recreation in Yemen is chewing qat while visiting friends. Soccer, the most popular sport, is played mainly by school-aged boys. Women do not participate in sports, but they enjoy dancing. Music is an important part of festive occasions and qat chews.

Most Yemeni men visit friends and relatives every afternoon to talk, gossip, and chew qat (an addictive stimulant leaf that grows on a bush). The “chew” is usually held in a room with cushions and pillows on the floor. Visitors purchase their own qat at the suq (open-air market). When swallowed, juice from the leaves has a caffeine-like effect on the body but does not significantly alter behavior. Cola, juice, or water is also served. Guests also smoke a mada’a (water pipe filled with tobacco) and cigarettes. The visit ends by 6:30 p.m. Often business or political decisions are made and disputes are resolved during the chew. If women chew qat, they do so in a separate room or household. More Westernized or educated people may avoid qat because of its negative impact on society: qat inhibits a healthy appetite, the poor often substitute it for food, and qat fields are displacing cash and food crops.

Male guests do not see the females in the host family. If they need something, the host calls for the women to bring the desired item, which is placed where a male family member can retrieve it. Women do not necessarily visit the same homes as their husbands. In rural areas or the north, women only visit close neighbors; they do not walk on roads or go into town. Young children generally stay with their mothers when they visit, or they stay home with an older sister or grandparent.

Housing styles vary from region to region, but most homes feature a sitting room, in which the male host and his guests sit on cushions as they chew qat. Rural Yemenis generally live in stone or mud-brick houses with two or three storeys. Multi-storey apartment buildings are common in cities, though some families build small freestanding houses on urban outskirts, where land is cheaper. Examples of ancient building methods—such as stones fitted together without mortar—are still evident in many parts of the country, though cinder blocks are rapidly replacing traditional techniques. Running water is available in many parts of the country, but most villages remain without it. Women in remote areas typically draw water from the nearest well twice a day, sometimes walking up to two hours each way. They may carry the water in pots on their heads or load them onto donkeys.62

The preferred social activity among Yemenites is the khat session. The khat is a green plant that produces a light stimulant effect. According to the World Health Organization it is a mild narcotic, although Yemenites are convinced that it is not a drug. Its freshly cut leaves are chewed and held between the teeth and the cheek. The more skillful manage to form a tennis ball sized mass in their mouths! Khat sessions take place every day. Someone will invite friends to their home, or a gathering will occur in a public place or on the street. Sessions begin early in the afternoon and may last until late in the evening. It is said that khat loosens the tongue and keeps one awake. As a result, khat sessions are an opportunity for long conversations among men.

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would appear that a number of important decisions are made during khat sessions, which are always timed to coincide with formal and official meetings. On the other hand, it is generally thought very poorly of for women to indulge in this activity.63

“The country imports most of its food, largely because it has too little water to feed itself. Yemenis have about one-fiftieth as much water per head as the world average. And, to confound confusion, insupportably large amounts of water go on a non-essential crop - khat. Khat in today’s Yemen is what smoking was in Britain a generation ago. Everywhere you go you find men with cheeks bulging bizarrely as they get their fix. It is a shrub whose leaves, when you chew them, can induce mild euphoria, excitement, hallucinations and even constipation. It is increasingly popular in Yemen. While a few years ago men would spend a couple of hours a day on their habit, many now chew happily away for seven or eight hours. Within the last five years or so khat use has become much more accepted among women. One young professional woman told me she chewed it perhaps once every three months, as a way of socialising. More often, she said, would be too much. She blames the drug for what she says is Yemenis’ failure to better themselves. Moralising apart, khat is having a baleful effect on Yemen. Of the country’s scarce water, 40% goes on irrigating khat - and khat cultivation is increasing by 10% to 15% a year. You cannot blame the farmers. As one says, growing khat earns him 20 times as much as growing potatoes. You probably should not blame the chewers either. In a country where almost half the people live on less than US$2 (£1) a day, you find your fun where you can.”64

Infrastructure

Yemen’s infrastructure is poor. It has no railway and relies on a dilapidated road network to transport people and goods around the country.

Roads

The British government has a clear warning for their military and civilian employees, or British tourists, about using the roads in Yemen: “In the event of a breakdown of law and order access routes in and out of major cities may be blocked. If you wish to drive outside Sana’a you will need prior permission from the Yemen Tourist Police. Travel permits may take at least 24 hours to be issued and are easiest to obtain through a travel agent. Travel without such permission is likely to result in detention and possible deportation. You should be aware that the consular assistance we can offer outside Sana’a is limited due to restrictions on travel. There have been disturbances in Aden, Lahij and al-Dhali’, which have resulted in closures of the Aden-Sana’a road. These have been short-lived but if you intend to travel by road you should check that the road is open before starting your journey. You can drive in Yemen on an International Driving Permit. Driving standards are poor and mountain roads hazardous. You should avoid all road travel outside the main cities at night. Care should also be taken to avoid minefields left over from Yemen’s civil wars. Travelling off well-used tracks without an experienced guide could be extremely hazardous, particularly in parts of the south and the central highlands.”65

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Given the size of the country, the road transport system in Yemen is relatively limited. In 2004 there were around 10,500 km of asphalt roads and 13,500 km of graded roads. By comparison, neighboring Oman, with a total land area of around two-thirds the size of Yemen (and a considerably smaller population), has about 14,700 km of asphalt roads and more than 25,000 km of graded roads. Maintenance poses another problem for Yemen: in many areas of the south the road system is in a state of disrepair. The poor road system hinders economic development, and one of the demands frequently made by tribes in the north in exchange for hostages is provision of roads to villages. Aware of the inadequacies of Yemen’s road system, the government is making efforts to upgrade the country’s main arterial routes. Plans for a highway linking Aden in the south and Amran in the north are well advanced, although funding remains a hurdle. Once completed, the road will halve the current journey time between the southern coast and the northern border with Saudi Arabia.66

“…what is dust during the dry season becomes mud when it rains. You may find that small dirt roads along the wadis- plenty of them around here! - are untraversable, even with a 4WD vehicle, so you had best stick to the main roads."

Yemen’s transportation system is relatively extensive; the most remote mountain villages are accessible by some form of transportation. Two-lane paved roads run between major cities. Smaller communities are connected by dirt roads or dry riverbeds. Private cars are rare outside of major cities. Most urban people travel by bus or in converted six-passenger minivans. Shared taxis are fast and convenient but crowded, with 10 people in a station wagon or as many as 20 in a larger vehicle. Buses are slower but more comfortable. Outside of large cities, women rarely travel, and then only if accompanied by a male relative. Yemen has an airline but no railways. Major seaports are located in Aden, al-Hudaydah, al-Mukalla, and Mocha.

“Foreigners who use public transportation complain about fleas and lice.”68

Ports

The main ports of Yemen are: Hodeida (Al Hudaydah), Aden, Mukalla (Al Mukalla) and Mocha. In addition, Ras Isa serves as a loading point for oil exports, and a small amount of cargo passes through Nashtoon port. Hodeida, built by the Soviets in the 1960s, is the main point of entry for imports to the populous northern highlands. Mukalla serves the Hadramawt hinterland for imports of goods and exports of oil. An active trade in live animals with Ethiopia is conducted through Mocha. Another port is under construction at Belhaf, on the southern coast, from where the country will commence liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports in 2009.69

Yemen’s primary port is in Aden, which has a natural physical advantage over other container ports in the region: it is just a few kilometres off the main shipping routes between Europe and Asia and is one of the world’s best natural deepwater harbours. Facilities at Aden consist of Maalla port and the Aden Container Terminal (ACT), which opened in March 1999.

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After the collapse in business at the port in late 2002 after the bombing of a French tanker, the Limburg, monthly throughput dropped from over 42,000 TEUs in September to just 8,000 TEUs. However, activity has since recovered, and in 2007 the ACT handled its highest throughput ever. In November 2007 a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with Dubai Ports World (DP World) to operate and develop the ACT.  

Sea Transport

The International Maritime Bureau reports offshore waters in the Gulf of Aden are high risk for piracy; numerous vessels, including commercial shipping and pleasure craft, have been attacked and hijacked both at anchor and while underway; crew, passengers, and cargo are held for ransom; the presence of several naval task forces in the Gulf of Aden and additional anti-piracy measures on the part of ship operators reduced the incidence of piracy in that body of water by more than half in 2010.

The Yemen Coast Guard was established in 2002. According to the US Coast Guard website, they helped the Yemen Coast Guard with their patrol boats: “US Coast Guard Awards Contract to Build Two 87-foot Protector-class Coastal Patrol Boats for the Yemen Coast Guard. September 11, 2009. The Coast Guard awarded a $28.2 million contract to Bollinger Shipyards, Inc., in Lockport, La., on September 11, 2009, to build two 87-foot Protector-class Coastal Patrol Boats for the Yemen Coast Guard. The Office of International Acquisition (CG-922) at the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) received a request from the Navy International Programs Office (IPO) to procure these boats on May 13, 2009. The USCG anticipates the delivery to Yemen in August 2011. This procurement is the latest in a series of projects, which further strengthen the longstanding relationship between the US Coast Guard and the Yemen Coast Guard. Since 2003, the USCG has delivered eight 44-foot Motor Life Boats, twelve 25-foot Defender Response Boats, and four 42-foot Fast Response Boats (SPC-NLB) to the Yemen Coast Guard. The USCG has also provided 26 mobile training team visits and 54 resident training slots in USCG schools to the Yemen Coast Guard.”

Yemen also has some lighthouses that are maintained for sea navigation by the Yemen Ports Authority, an extension of the “Port of Aden.” A list of the lighthouses, photographs and descriptions of their flashing can be seen (accessed on January 6, 2012) at: http://www.unc.edu/~rowlett/lighthouse/yem.htm.

Air transport

Yemen has five major airports: Sana’a, Aden, Rayyan (near Mukalla), Taiz and Hodeida. Following renovation work at Aden airport, which was damaged during the 1994 civil war, the government had ambitious hopes to turn the facility into a regional cargo hub, with an “air cargo village” to be created alongside the long-planned free zone. The project subsequently collapsed amid allegations of corruption, although some US$250m of the funds raised at the London donor conference in 2006 is to be used to revive the project. Another 12 airports have paved runways.

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Yemen also has another 38 airports with unpaved runways, most of them under 1,500 meters long.

Yemenia is the national airline. In 1996 it absorbed Al Yemda, the former carrier of South Yemen. Plans to privatise Yemenia, 51% of which is owned by the government of Yemen and 49% by the government of Saudi Arabia, have seemingly been abandoned. The company suffers from overstaffing and ageing aircraft. Yemenia partly resolved the latter issue by leasing three new Boeing 737s for eight years, effective from April 2002. However, with the fleet’s remaining nine aircraft rapidly becoming worn out, Yemenia announced in March 2006 that it would acquire six Airbus A350 long-haul aircraft, with options for four more. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in 2012.

**Energy**

According to the World Bank, Yemen has the lowest level of electricity connection in the Middle East, with only 40% of the population having access to electricity. Rural areas are particularly badly affected. Industrial concerns, hospitals and hotels have their own back-up generators. To address these shortages, a 340-mw gas-fired power plant is currently under construction--and close to completion--at Marib. Further expansion to the facility, which will add an additional 400 mw of output, is already planned. Yemen has received considerable support for the development of its power generation network in recent years, with contributions coming from Saudi Arabia, France, the US, as well as multilateral donors such as the World Bank. Consequently, a National Rural Electrification Program is now in place and the construction of three substations, along with the necessary transmission lines, is currently under way. Yemen is also looking into the development of wind power, although plans for the construction of a nuclear power generating facility have been shelved.\(^2\) Electrical production is 5.665 billion kWh (2007 estimate). Electrical consumption is about 4.133 billion kWh.

**Telecommunications**

Landline telephone systems have become much more reliable in recent years, and cellular phone use is now widespread. Internet cafés are available in major cities.

Yemen’s television stations are government-owned. Newscasts are in Arabic (with two English news bulletins per day). Local radio stations broadcast in Arabic. The Ministry of Information administers all broadcasting through the Public Corporation for Radio and Television. It controls most printing presses and funds some newspapers.

The press writes openly about social life and politics. Sana’a has several Arabic daily newspapers and two English weekly papers. TV and radio are vital news sources, given that illiteracy is widespread. State-run Yemeni Radio and Television Corporation (YRTC) operates national networks. Private satellite TV stations operate from bases outside Yemen.\(^73\)


**General assessment:** since unification in 1990, efforts have been made to create a national telecommunications network.

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**Domestic:** the national network consists of microwave radio relay, cable, tropospheric scatter, GSM and CDMA mobile-cellular telephone systems; fixed-line and mobile-cellular teledensity remains low by regional standards

**International:** country telephone code - 967; landing point for the international submarine cable Fiber-Optic Link Around the Globe (FLAG); satellite earth stations - 3 Intelsat (2 Indian Ocean and 1 Atlantic Ocean), 1 Intersputnik (Atlantic Ocean region), and 2 Arabsat; microwave radio relay to Saudi Arabia and Djibouti.

The Internet country code for Yemen is .ye. In 2010 there were 255 Internet hosts in the country. About 2.349 million Yemenis have access to the Internet (2009 estimate). Internet use is growing, albeit from a very low base. According to the ITU, in September 2009 there were 370,000 users, or 1.6 per cent of the population. OpenNet Initiative, which monitors internet censorship, says filtering is “relatively broad in scope”. Rebel groups are increasingly making use of the internet to air their views.

Teledensity in Yemen is low, with only 4.5 landlines per 100 people in 2007, according to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). This is the lowest penetration rate in the region (with the exception of Sudan) and compares unfavorably with international norms. Mobile-phone density in Yemen is also low by regional and global standards, at just 13.6 subscribers per 100 people in 2007, according to the ITU, although it is increasing rapidly. TeleYemen is the exclusive provider of international telecoms services for the country—including fixed-line, telex and Internet services—and is also one of the mobile-phone operators. In December 2003 a five-year tender for the management of TeleYemen was awarded to France Telecom. An initial public offering of some 45% of TeleYemen’s mobile subsidiary, Yemen Mobile, was launched in July 2006, with shares traded through the banks. Two private companies, Sabafon and Spacetel Yemen, launched mobile-phone services in early 2001, after winning 15-year licences at a cost of US$10m each in mid-2000. Growth of the companies’ services has been rapid, but the precarious security environment, ponderous legal system and poor consumer payment record have acted as barriers. In August 2006 a licence for a fourth mobile-phone provider was awarded to Unitel, a joint venture between China Mobile and a group of Yemeni investors. Yemen’s usage of the Internet also remains low in comparison with that of neighboring countries—a result of the prohibitively high costs of computer equipment and connections relative to average wages, as well as the restricted bandwidth available on the country’s outdated telephone network.74

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74 Economist Intelligence Unit: Country Profile: Yemen. See: http://find.galegroup.com/gtx/infomark.do?&contentSet=IAC-Documents&type=retrieve&tabID=T001&prodId=AONE&docId=A180876881&source=gale&srcprod=AONE&userGroupName=loc_main&version=1.0
Natural Hazards
Earthquakes in Yemen: January 1, 1941 in Yemen. Latitude: 16.400; Longitude: 43.500 Magnitude: 5.9; Deaths: 1200.


November 22, 1991. Latitude: 13.887; Longitude: 44.068; Depth: 10km; Magnitude: 4.7mb; Deaths: 11.

Sandstorms and dust storms occur in summer months.

Volcanism: Yemen experiences limited volcanic activity; Jebel at Tair (Jabal al-Tair, Jebel Teir, Jabal al-Tayr, Jazirat at-Tair) (elev. 244 m), which forms an island in the Red Sea, erupted in 2007 after awakening from dormancy.

Large red triangles show volcanoes with known or inferred Holocene eruptions; small red triangles mark volcanoes with possible, but uncertain Holocene eruptions or Pleistocene volcanoes with major thermal activity. Yellow triangles distinguish volcanoes of other regions.

Other historically active volcanoes include Harra of Arhab, Harras of Dhamar, Harra es-Sawad, and Jebel Zubair, although many of these have not erupted in over a century.

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78 Arabic reports exist of an active volcano in eastern Hadramaut that erupted in the 10th century and was reported to be still smoking in 1813. Geologic maps of the Arabian Peninsula show Quaternary mafic volcanic rocks in this area, which lies south and west of the Wadi al Masilah river valley.
79 The Harra es-Sawâd (or Shuqra) volcanic field in southern Yemen extends for nearly 100 km along the Gulf of Aden, east of the city of Shuqra (Shaqra). The volcanic field is oriented WSW-ENE and contains about a hundred cones that have produced a 40 x 95 km lava field that blankets faulted basement limestones. Most of the volcanic field is Holocene in age, and in many cases the flows and cones are essentially uneroded. Although eruptions may have occurred in historical time, the only recorded event was a major, but poorly documented eruption in 1253 AD.
80 The Quaternary Harra of Arhab lava field in Yemen, north of the capital city of Sana‘a, consists of a 1500 sq km basaltic plateau capped by a few small stratovolcanoes and about 60 scoria cones, two of which have erupted in historical time. Cones in the volcanic field (also known as the Sana‘a or the Sana‘a-Amran volcanic field) are
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**Economy**

Yemen is a low income country that is highly dependent on declining oil resources for revenue. Petroleum accounts for roughly 25% of GDP and 70% of government revenue. Yemen has tried to counter the effects of its declining oil resources by diversifying its economy through an economic reform program initiated in 2006 that is designed to bolster non-oil sectors of the economy and foreign investment. In October 2009, Yemen exported its first liquefied natural gas as part of this diversification effort. In January 2010, the international community established the Friends of Yemen group that aims to support Yemen’s efforts towards economic and political reform, and in August 2010 the IMF approved a three-year $370 million program to further this effort. Despite these ambitious endeavors, Yemen continues to

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81 The Harra of Bal Haf is a small volcanic field along the Gulf of Aden in southern Yemen that contains tuff cones and large aa lava fields. The volcanic field lies along the coast about 100 km SW of the city of Al Mukalla. Lava flows erupted from cinder cones blanket much of the volcanic field and produce an irregular shoreline. One fresh-looking basaltic flow may be of historical age. At-Tabâb tuff cone along the coast rises from the sea to 233 m and has a 1.5-km-wide crater partially filled by a cinder cone and associated lava flows. An adjacent tuff cone to the east is lake filled.

82 The lava fields surrounding the town of Dhamar are part of a volcanic field extending 80 km to the east that includes several stratovolcanoes and many youthful volcanic cones. Basaltic lava flows overlie older rhyolitic flows. Harras of Dhamar was the source of the only 20th-century eruption in the Arabian Peninsula, where possible explosive activity occurred in 1937.

83 Jabal el-Marha is an isolated ca. 2500-m-high, crescent-shaped tuff cone about 11 km south of the center of Sana’a, the capital city of Yemen. A very fresh-looking basaltic aa lava flow was erupted from this little-known volcano (Catalog of Active Volcanoes of the World), although the age of the flow is not known. The flow traveled 1.8 km east from the cone over alluvial deposits on a broad plain that is partly covered with bombs and lapilli from the eruption.

84 The Jabal Haylan area contains a 75-km-long chain of tuff cones and associated olivine basaltic lava flows in eastern Yemen. The chain crosses a NW-SE-trending fault extending between the highlands and desert lowlands to the east. One of the lava flows covers alluvial terraces that accumulated behind man-made dams dating back to about 800-1200 BC (Catalog of Active Volcanoes of the World).

85 A submarine volcano in the Gulf of Aden between Yemen and Somalia was listed by Rudolph (1887), von Wolff (1914), and Sapper (1917) with no mention of the date of its activity (Neumann van Padang, 1963). The validity of these reports is uncertain.
face difficult long term challenges, including declining water resources and a high population growth rate.

Most people are employed in agriculture and herding; services, construction, industry, and commerce account for less than one-fourth of the labor force. The unemployment rate in 2003 was 35%. Almost 42% of the population is below the poverty line.

Agricultural products are: grain, fruits, vegetables, pulses, qat, coffee, cotton; dairy products, livestock (sheep, goats, cattle, camels), poultry; fish

Main industries are: crude oil production and petroleum refining; small-scale production of cotton textiles and leather goods; food processing; handicrafts; small aluminum products factory; cement; commercial ship repair; natural gas production.

Oil production is about 288,400 bbl/day (2009 estimate). Natural gas production is 454,700 cubic meters (2009 estimate).

In Yemen, hierarchy is very important in the work setting, and there is a great deal of respect for authority. Traditionally, decisions are made at the top of the organizational chart. It is uncommon to make decisions by committee. Yemenites have not been exposed to participatory management styles. Nevertheless, when they are explained and put into effect, such techniques receive a positive response.

It is perfectly acceptable to seek feedback from one’s supervisor. He will consider the initiative to be a mark or respect and loyalty.

Decisions are usually taken by certain superiors/managers and work their way down. Ideas are generated by senior staff and rarely come from the average employee. This also changes from organization to another. Private sector organizations involve employees in the decision making process more than any other organizations. However, in general decisions are made at the top of the hierarchy and work their way down.

It is acceptable to go your immediate supervisor for answers and feedback. However, you may not receive the amount of feedback you would expect here in Canada. Yemenis are generally conservative in feedback and may avoid constructive criticism through a face-to-face interaction.86

Yemen has relatively few natural resources. It has limited--and dwindling--oil reserves, although the country has only just begun to fully exploit its gas potential. The commercial viability of other mineral deposits, such as those of gold and zinc, was believed to be limited. However, in early 2008 a UK company, ZincOx, announced its intention to develop a zinc mine in the country. Around the same time, the General Authority for Survey and Minerals published the results of a geological survey that it had recently carried out, which revealed larger quantities of gold deposits in the country than had previously been realised. The survey indicated that the area around Wadi Madan in the Harraz mountain massif contains about 678 tons of minerals, of which 15% is gold and 11% silver.87

87 Economist Intelligence Unit: Yemen. http://find.galegroup.com/gtx/infomark.do?&contentSet=IAC-Documents&type=retrieve&tabID=T001&prodId=AONE&docId=A180876880&source=gale&srcref=AONE&userGroupName=loc_main&version=1.0
“Surprisingly few occurrences of economic minerals have been discovered in the basement areas of the E.A.P. What has been discovered does not appear to be of commercial value, being mainly limited to occurrence of iron in dikes or mineralized veins in areas of difficult access or too far from seaports. Some scattered occurrences of other minerals, including traces of galena, some mica (here of no commercial value), and small garnets are of no economic significance. It must be pointed out, however, that no systematic mineral survey of the area has been made. Such a survey may yield some results, but they will probably be limited, to judge by the overall picture so far known.”

**Education**

In the past, only the Qur’an was taught at religious centers. After World War II, a modern school system was introduced; a primary level lasts six years, an intermediate level lasts three years, and a secondary level lasts three years. A university system established in 1970 now is joined by several small colleges and polytechnic institutes. In an effort to achieve self-reliance, Yemen is replacing foreign educators with native teachers. Students who do not finish school usually become laborers, farmers, factory workers, or shopkeepers.

“How long traditional building styles will survive is hard to tell. A trend not to be celebrated may, however, be emerging in the form of the worst examples of modern architecture: the schools of Yemen. Unvarying in style, these stone buildings dot the towns and countryside of the northern provinces in their hundreds as if destined to influence the buildings of the future by shaping the architectural vision of today’s young Yemenis.”

(In Marib Governorate of Yemen, Ali Benzaid Abdelhadi is chairman of the Parents Council at a school being expanded and refurnished by U.S. aid. His forehead shows the mark left from Muslim prayers. See: [http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/features/yemen/](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/features/yemen/))
20th Century History of Yemen

“In pre-Islamic times, the area that encompasses the present-day Republic of Yemen was called Arabia Felix- happy or prosperous Arabia- and was ruled by a number of indigenous dynasties in several different kingdoms. The most important cultural, social, and political event in Yemen’s history was the coming of Islam around A.D. 630. Following the conversion of the Persian governor, many of the sheikhs and their tribes converted to Islam, and Yemen was ruled as part of Arab caliphates. The former North Yemen came under the control of imams of various dynasties, the most important of which were the Zaydis, whose dynasty lasted well into the twentieth century.”

Ottoman suzerainty was reestablished in northern Yemen in the late 19th century but its control was largely confined to cities, and the Zaidi imam’s rule over Upper Yemen was formally recognized. North Yemen became independent of the Ottoman Empire in 1918, and Imam Yahya Muhammad strengthened his control over northern Yemen creating the Mutawakkilite Kingdom of Yemen, that lasted from 1927-1962. See flag of the “Mutawakkilite Kingdom of Yemen”

Aden was ruled as part of British India until 1937, when the city of Aden became the Colony of Aden, a crown colony in its own right. The Aden hinterland and Hadhramaut to the east formed the remainder of what would become South Yemen and were not administered directly by Aden but were tied to Britain by treaties of protection. Economic development was largely centered in Aden, and while the city flourished partly due to the discovery of crude oil on the Arabian Peninsula in the 1930s, the states of the Aden Protectorate stagnated. See flag of the Colony of Aden, 1937-1963.

Yemen became a member of the Arab League in 1945 and a member of the United Nations in 1947.

1948 - Yahya is assassinated, but his son Ahmad beats off opponents of feudal rule and succeeds his father.

1960s

1962 - Imam Ahmad dies, and shortly after assuming power in 1962, Ahmad’s son, the Crown Prince Muhammad al-Badr was deposed by coup forces, who took control of Sana’a and created the Yemen Arab Republic (YAR). Egypt assisted the YAR with troops and supplies to combat forces loyal to the Kingdom. Saudi Arabia and Jordan supported Badr’s royalist forces to oppose the newly formed republic starting the North Yemen Civil War. Conflict continued periodically until 1967 when Egyptian troops were finally withdrawn.

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“During the Yemen War of 1963 through 1967, Egypt evidently used mustard bombs in support of South Yemen against royalist troops in North Yemen. Nasser’s adventure in Yemen in 1963 on the side of a military coup began when the Egyptian army fought the Saudi Arabian backed royalist Yemeni tribes was the first time the Egyptian Army fights against Arabs since Ibrahim Pasha campaign against the Wahhabie rebels in Arabia in the 1820’s. The use of chemical weapons against the Yemeni tribesmen was the first use of chemical weapons in the Middle East. During the Yemeni civil war phosgene and mustard aerial bombs killed at least 1,400 people. Some reports claim that Egypt also used an organophosphate nerve agent against Yemeni Royalist forces.”

During the 1960s, the British sought to incorporate all of the Aden Protectorate territories into the Federation of South Arabia. On 18 January 1963, the Colony of Aden was incorporated against the wishes of much of the city’s populace as the State of Aden and the Federation was renamed the Federation of South Arabia. Several more states subsequently joined the Federation and the remaining states that declined to join, mainly in Hadhramaut, formed the Protectorate of South Arabia.

In 1963 fighting between Egyptian forces and British-led Saudi-financed guerrillas in the Yemen Arab Republic spread to South Arabia with the formation of the National Liberation Front (NLF), who hoped to force the British out of South Arabia. Hostilities started with a grenade attack by the NLF against the British High Commissioner on 10 December 1963, killing one person and injuring fifty, and a state of emergency was declared, becoming known as the Aden Emergency.

The Radfan or the Radfan Hills is a region of the Republic of Yemen. In the 1960s, the area was part of a British protectorate of Dhala (a member of the Federation of South Arabia) and was the site of intense fighting during the Aden Emergency. In 1964, local Qutaibi tribes people attacked the British on the Aden to Mecca caravan route which passed through the nearby town Dhala (Ad Dal’). The tribal members had traditionally collected tolls from passing caravans, but the implementation of the customs union of the Federation of South Arabia in 1962 put a stop to this. The tribes resented the loss of this income.

A select bibliography was prepared on the British Armed Forces activities in the Radfan and Aden Emergency by the Joint Services Command and Staff College. In January 1964, the British moved into the Radfan hills in the border region to confront the Egyptian-backed guerrillas, later reinforced by the NLF. By October they had largely been

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suppressed, and the NLF switched to grenade attacks against off-duty military personnel and police officers elsewhere in the Aden Colony.

In 1964, the new British government under Harold Wilson announced their intention to hand over power to the Federation of South Arabia in 1968, but that the British military would remain. In 1964, there were around 280 guerrilla attacks and over 500 in 1965. In 1966 the British Government announced that all British forces would be withdrawn at independence. In response, the security situation deteriorated with the creation of the socialist Front for the Liberation of Occupied South Yemen (FLOSY) which started to attack the NLF in a bid for power, as well as attacking the British.

In January 1967, there were mass riots by NLF and FLOSY supporters in the old Arab quarter of Aden town, which continued until mid February, despite the intervention of British troops. During the period there were many attacks on the troops, and an Aden Airlines Douglas DC-3 plane was destroyed in the air with no survivors. At the same time, the members of FLOSY and the NLF were also killing each other in large numbers.

The temporary closure of the Suez Canal in 1967 effectively negated the last reason that British had kept hold of the colonies in Yemen, and, in the face of the uncontrollable violence, the British forces began to withdraw.

On 20 June 1967, there was a mutiny in the Federation of South Arabia Army, which also spread to the police. Order was restored by the British, mainly due to the efforts of the 1st Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, under the command of Lt-Col. Colin Campbell Mitchell.

Nevertheless, deadly guerrilla attacks particularly by the NLF soon resumed against British forces once again, with the British being defeated and driven from Aden by the end of November 1967. This withdrawal was earlier than had been planned by British Prime Minister Harold Wilson, and was completed without an agreement on the succeeding governance. Their enemies, the NLF, managed to seize power, with Aden itself under NLF control. The Royal Marines, who had been the first British troops to occupy Aden in 1839, were the last ones to leave. The Federation of South Arabia collapsed and Southern Yemen became independent as the People’s Republic of South Yemen. The NLF, with the support of the army, attained total control of the new state after defeating the FLOSY and the states of the former Federation in a drawn out campaign of terror.

The British, who had set up a protectorate area around the southern port of Aden in the 19th century, withdrew in 1967 from what became South Yemen. Three years later, the southern government adopted a Marxist orientation. The massive exodus of hundreds of thousands of Yemenis from the south to the north contributed to two decades of hostility between the states.

Most of the opposing leaders reconciled by 1968, in the aftermath of a final royalist siege of San’a’. In 1970, Saudi Arabia recognized the Yemen Arab Republic and a ceasefire was effected.

A radical (Marxist) wing of the NLF gained power in South Yemen in June, 1969.

1970s

The NLF changed the name of South Yemen on 1 December 1970 to the People’s Democratic Republic of Yemen (PDRY). In the PDRY, all political parties were amalgamated into the Yemeni Socialist Party (YSP), which became the only legal party. The PDRY established close ties with the Soviet Union, the People’s Republic of China, Cuba, and the
radical Palestinians. The major communist powers also assisted in the building of the PDRY’s armed forces. Strong military and financial support from Moscow resulted in Soviet naval forces gaining access to naval facilities in South Yemen.  

Unlike East and West Germany, the two Yemens remained relatively friendly, though relations were often strained. In 1972 it was declared unification would eventually occur.

However, in October 1972 fighting erupted between the North Yemen and the South Yemen; North Yemen was supplied by Saudi Arabia and South Yemen by the Soviet Union. Fighting was short-lived and the conflict led to the October 28, 1972, Cairo Agreement, which set forth a plan to unify the two countries.

Fighting broke out again a few years later in February and March 1979, with South Yemen allegedly supplying aid to rebels in the north through the National Democratic Front and crossing the borders. Southern forces made it as far as the city of Taizz before withdrawing. This conflict was also short-lived. The war was only stopped by an Arab League intervention. The goal of unity was reaffirmed by the northern and southern heads of state during a summit meeting in Kuwait in March 1979.

What the PDRY government failed to tell the YAR government was that it wished to be the dominant power in any unification, and left wing rebels in North Yemen began to receive extensive funding and arms from South Yemen.

1980s

In 1980, PDRY president Abdul Fattah Ismail resigned and went into exile. His successor, Ali Nasir Muhammad, took a less interventionist stance toward both North Yemen and neighboring Oman. On January 13, 1986, a violent struggle began in Aden between Ali Nasir’s supporters and supporters of the returned Ismail, who wanted power back. Fighting lasted for more than a month and resulted in thousands of casualties, Ali Nasir’s ouster, and Ismail’s death. Some 60,000 people, including the deposed Ali Nasir, fled to the YAR.

Although the governments of the PDRY and the YAR declared that they approved a future union in 1972, little progress was made toward unification, and relations were often strained.

In May 1988, the YAR and PDRY governments came to an understanding that considerably reduced tensions including agreement to renew discussions concerning unification, to establish a joint oil exploration area along their undefined border, to demilitarize the border, and to allow Yemenis unrestricted border passage on the basis of only a national identification card.

In November 1989, the leaders of the YAR (Ali Abdullah Saleh) and the PDRY (Ali Salim al-Baidh) agreed on a draft unity constitution originally drawn up in 1981.

1990s

The Republic of Yemen (ROY) was declared on May 22, 1990, with Ali Abdallah Saleh becoming President and Ali Saleem al-Baidh becoming Vice President. For the first time in centuries, much of Greater Yemen was politically united. A 30-month transitional period for completing the unification of the two political and economic systems was set. A presidential council was jointly elected by the 26-member YAR advisory council and the 17-member PDRY presidium. The presidential council appointed a Prime Minister, who formed a Cabinet. There was also a 301-seat provisional unified parliament, consisting of 159 members from the north,
111 members from the south, and 31 independent members appointed by the chairman of the council.

A unity constitution was agreed upon in May 1990 and ratified a year later by the populace in May 1991. It affirmed Yemen’s commitment to free elections, a multiparty political system, the right to own private property, equality under the law, and respect of basic human rights. Parliamentary elections were held on April 27, 1993. International groups assisted in the organization of the elections and observed the actual balloting. The resulting Parliament included 143 GPC, 69 YSP, 63 Islaah (Yemeni grouping for reform, a party composed of various tribal and religious groups), six Baathis, three Nasserists, two Al Haq, and 15 independents. The head of Islaah, Paramount Hashid Sheik Abdallah Bin Husayn Al-Ahmar, was the speaker of Parliament.

Islaah was invited into the ruling coalition, and the presidential council was altered to include one Islaah member. Conflicts within the coalition resulted in the self-imposed exile of Vice President Ali Salim Al-Bidh to Aden beginning in August 1993 and a deterioration in the general security situation as political rivals settled scores and tribal elements took advantage of the unsettled situation.

Haydar Abu Bakr Al-Attas, the former PDRY Prime Minister continued to serve as the ROY Prime Minister, but his government was ineffective due to political infighting. Continuous negotiations between northern and southern leaders resulted in the signing of the document of pledge and accord in Amman, Jordan, on February 20, 1994. Despite this pledge, clashes intensified until civil war broke out in early May 1994.

Almost all of the actual fighting in the 1994 civil war occurred in the southern part of the country despite air and missile attacks against cities and major installations in the north. Southerners sought support from neighboring states and received billions of dollars of equipment and financial assistance, mostly from Saudi Arabia, which felt threatened by a united Yemen. The United States also strongly supported Yemeni unity, but repeatedly called for a cease-fire and a return to the negotiating table. Various attempts, including by a UN special envoy, were unsuccessful to effect a cease-fire.

Southern leaders declared secession and the establishment of the Democratic Republic of Yemen (DRY) on 21 May 1994, but the DRY was not recognized by the international community. Ali Nasir Muhammad supporters greatly assisted military operations against the secessionists and Aden was captured on 7 July 1994. Other resistance quickly collapsed and thousands of southern leaders and military went into exile. Early during the fighting, President Ali Abdallah Salih announced a general amnesty which applied to everyone except a list of 16 persons. Most southerners returned to Yemen after a short exile.

An armed opposition was announced from Saudi Arabia, but no significant incidents within Yemen materialized. The government prepared legal cases against four southern leaders: Ali Salim al-Baidh; Haydar Abu Bakr Al-Attas; Abd Al-Rahman Ali Al-Jifri; and Salih Munassar Al-Siyali, for misappropriation of official funds. Others on the list of 16 were told informally they could return to take advantage of the amnesty, but most remained outside.
Yemen. Although many of Ali Nasir Muhammad’s followers were appointed to senior governmental positions (including Vice President, Chief of Staff, and Governor of Aden), Ali Nasir Muhammad himself remained abroad in Syria.

In the aftermath of the civil war, YSP leaders within Yemen reorganized the party and elected a new politburo in July 1994. However, the party remained disheartened and without its former influence. Islaah held a party convention in September 1994. The GPC did the same in June 1995.

In 1994, amendments to the unity constitution eliminated the presidential council. President Ali Abdallah Saleh was elected by Parliament on 1 October 1994 to a 5-year term. The constitution provides that henceforth the President would be elected by popular vote from at least two candidates selected by the legislature. Yemen held its first direct presidential elections in September 1999, electing President Ali Abdallah Salih to a 5-year term in what were generally considered free and fair elections. Yemen held its second multiparty parliamentary elections in April 1997.

21st Century

Constitutional amendments adopted in the summer of 2000 extended the presidential term by two years, creating a 7-year presidential term. The constitution provides that henceforth the president would be elected by popular vote from at least two candidates selected by the Yemen legislature. The amendments also extended the parliamentary term of office to a 6-year term, with the next elections occurring in 2009. On February 20, 2001, a new constitutional amendment created a bi-cameral legislature consisting of a Shura Council of 111 seats; the members to be appointed by the president; and a House of Representatives of 301 seats; with the members elected by popular vote. In April 2003, the third multiparty parliamentary elections were held with improvements in voter registration for both men and women and in a generally free and fair atmosphere. Two women were elected. In September 2006, citizens re-elected President Saleh to a second term in a generally open and competitive election, although there were multiple problems with the voting process and use of state resources on behalf of the ruling party.

In the 2000s the government has been fighting rebel groups such as the one led by Hussein al-Houthi’s Zaydi movement, the Shabab al-Mu’mineen, “The Young Believers”.

The southern secessionist movement was revitalized in 2008 when a popular socio-economic protest movement initiated the prior year took on some political goals, including secession. Public rallies and anti-government protests in Sana’a against President Salih that were inspired by similar demonstrations in Tunisia and Egypt during “The Arab Spring”, slowly built momentum starting in late January 2011, fueled by complaints over high unemployment, poor economic conditions, and governmental corruption.

By the following month, some of these anti-government protests had resulted in violence, and the political demonstrations had spread to other major cities in the country. By March the opposition had hardened its demands and was unifying behind calls for Salih’s immediate resignation and ouster. Media reports indicated that as many as 100 protesters had been killed and many more injured amid the protests. Domestic and international efforts, including efforts from other Arab countries in the region, to mediate a resolution to the political crisis had not yielded a deal as of mid April 2011.
The 2011 Yemeni protests followed the initial stages of the Tunisian Revolution and occurred simultaneously with the Egyptian Revolution and other mass protests in the Arab world in early 2011. The protests were initially against unemployment, economic conditions and corruption, as well as against the government’s proposals to modify the constitution of Yemen. The protestors’ demands then escalated to calls for President Ali Abdullah Saleh to resign.

A major demonstration of over 16,000 protestors took place in Sana’a on January 27, 2011. On February 2nd, President Saleh announced he would not run for reelection in 2013 and that he would not pass power to his son. On 3 February, 20,000 people protested against the government in Sana’a, others protested in Aden, in a “Day of Rage” called for by Tawakel Karman, while soldiers, armed members of the General People’s Congress and many protestors held a pro-government rally in Sana’a. In a “Friday of Anger” on 18 February, tens of thousands of Yemenis took part in anti-government demonstrations in Taiz, Sana’a and Aden. On a “Friday of No Return” on 11 March, protestors called for the ousting of Saleh in Sana’a where three people were killed. More protests were held in other cities, including Al Mukalla, where one person was killed. On 18 March, protestors in Sana’a were fired upon resulting in over 40 deaths and ultimately culminating in mass defections and resignations.

On 23 April Saleh accepted a proposal to step down and shift control to his deputy after thirty days. The agreement included immunity for him and his family and further required the opposition to stop public protests and join a coalition with Saleh’s ruling party. Reactions to Saleh’s acceptance have been reserved, without the agreement formalized or accepted by both sides and with the possibility of the stand-off continuing.

On 22 May Saleh had agreed to the deal only to back away hours before the scheduled signing for the third time. On 23 May Sheikh Sadiq al-Ahmar, the head of the Hashid tribal federation, one of the most powerful tribes in the country, declared support for the opposition and his armed supporters came into conflict with loyalist security forces in the capital Sana’a. Heavy street fighting ensued, which included artillery and mortar shelling.

Photo: His Excellency Ali Abdullah Saleh, President of the Republic of Yemen (Yemen Embassy official photo).

President Saleh and several others were injured and at least five people were killed by a 3 June rocket attack on the presidential compound when ordnance struck a mosque used by high-level government officials for prayer services. The next day, Vice President Abd al-Rab Mansur al-Hadi took over as acting president while Saleh flew to Saudi
Arabia to be treated. As Saleh flew to the Saudi capital of Riyadh for surgery on 4 June, a ceasefire was brokered by Saudi Arabia’s King Abdullah.

In early July the government rejected the opposition’s demands, including the formation of a transitional council with the goal of formally transferring power from the current administration to a caretaker government intended to oversee Yemen’s first-ever democratic elections. In response, factions of the opposition announced the formation of their own 17-member transitional council on 16 July, though the Joint Meeting Parties that have functioned as an umbrella for many of the Yemeni opposition groups during the uprising said the council did not represent them and did not match their “plan” for the country.

The flag of Yemen, most recently adopted on 22 May 1990, features three horizontal stripes of equal widths: red, white, and black. These colors (along with green, the color of Islam) are described as the pan-Arab colors and are used in a number of national flags in the Middle East region. According to the official description, the red stands for the bloodshed of martyrs and unity; the white for a bright future; black for the dark past. The basic designs of the flags of North Yemen and South Yemen were similar as they both had red, white and black horizontal stripes, but each flag had its own symbol added to it. See the image of the flag of Yemen.
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Abstract: An ecohydrological-erosion model for semi-arid mountain catchment has been developed and integrated with rainfall-runoff model for estimating upland delivery rates of sediments resulted from individual storm at the outlet of Wadi Surdud catchment (2370 km²), Tihama, Yemen. The degradation of soil resources in the mountainous areas of Yemen is evident due to long-term and intensive human impacts on those vulnerable ecological environments of the indigenous terraces. If current trends continue, Yemen may permanently lose a significant portion of its productive land to soil erosion due to lack of preservation of indigenous soil and water conservation systems. This area has been degraded into nearly desert-like condition. Yet, geological and even historic data indicate that the natural ecological environments should be much better than it appears. To restore the ecological environment, we need to know its potentials. The erosion and sedimentation processes of the upland watersheds have to be assessed by means which do not rely on historical storm flow data. Methods that depend on available or measurable representative data were developed for a deterministic approach of the erosion process. This study takes advantage of physically based methods and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and uses the Digital Elevation Model (DEM) and observed meteorological and hydrological data to model the runoff and sediment yield in an attempt to assess the potential natural ecological environments. Our results show that the effective Curve Number (CN) and soil detachability are the factors that determine the potential natural ecological environments. In this paper the study of runoff and sediment delivery is based on one stream gauging station and 10 rainfall gauging stations. Discharge was calculated for the period from July, 15, 1998 to October, 10, 1998 which resulted from 10 rainfall storms. A comparison of observed and predicted sediment yield shows a good agreement with a coefficient of determination of 0.85. ISSN: 0377-9211. OCLC: 4172796.


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Abstract: The increasing gap between the supply and demand for water in the Economic and Social Commission of Western Asia (ESCWA) member countries: Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen) can be attributed to the limited availability of surface water, mining of fossil groundwater sources, and water pollution mainly of shallow aquifers, deficient institutional structure, poor management processes, and inapt allocation of financial resources. The non-sustainable use of natural water resources to meet the escalating water demand has also contributed to the depletion and deterioration of water quality and quantity. To meet water supply shortages in the domestic sector, water desalination has been entrenched as a viable option for the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which includes the following countries: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates. The objective of the paper is to investigate the role of water desalination in meeting the water demands in the ESCWA member countries. The significant role of desalination is highlighted with emphasis in evaluating not only its production trends, processes, and costs, but also its capacity in the provision of water demands. Water desalination has become a major and staunch water source for a number of large urban centers. For such countries such as Bahrain, Kuwait, and Qatar and the coastal zone areas of Oman, United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Saudi Arabia, desalination represents one of the most feasible and strategic alternative options for their current and future domestic water supply requirement. Given the high consumption rate from this source and its high production cost, fundamental efforts must be integrated and invested in both research and development programs to implement comprehensive conservation measures that would lead to a reduction in the consumption rates. Parallel to these achievements, efforts should be directed within the context of integrated management of water resources, to identify alternative potential water resources, to meet future water challenges. Database: ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts. ISSN: 0250-8060.

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billion barrels of oil equivalent) of natural gas and 1 billion barrels of natural gas liquids. A single total petroleum system, the Jurassic Madbi Amran/Qishn, dominates petroleum generation and production; it was formed in response to a Late Jurassic rifting event related to the separation of the Arabian Peninsula from the Gondwana supercontinent. This rifting resulted in the development of two petroleum-bearing sedimentary basins: (1) the western Ma’Rib Al Jawf/Shabwah basin, and (2) the eastern Masila-Jeza basin. In both basins, petroleum source rocks of the Jurassic (Kimmeridgian) Madbi Formation generated hydrocarbons during Late Cretaceous time that migrated, mostly vertically, into Jurassic and Cretaceous reservoirs. In the western Ma’Rib Al Jawf/Shabwah basin, the petroleum system is largely confined to syn-rift deposits, with reservoirs ranging from deep-water turbidites to continental clastics buried beneath a thick Upper Jurassic (Tithonian) salt. The salt initially deformed in Early Cretaceous time, and continued halokinesis resulted in salt diapirism and associated salt withdrawal during extension. The eastern Masila-Jeza basin contained similar early syn-rift deposits but received less clastic sediment during the Jurassic; however, no salt formed because the basin remained open to ocean circulation in the Late Jurassic. Thus, Madbi Formation-sourced hydrocarbons migrated vertically into Lower Cretaceous estuarine, fluviatile, and tidal sandstones of the Qishn Formation and were trapped by overlying impermeable carbonates of the same formation. Both basins were formed by extensional forces during Jurassic rifting; however, another rifting event that formed the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden during Oligocene and Miocene time had a strong effect on the eastern Masila-Jeza basin. Recurrent movement of basement blocks, particularly during the Tertiary, rather than halokinesis, was critical to the formation of traps. Notes: USGS Bulletin. URL: [http://pubs.usgs.gov/bul/b2202-g/b2202-g.pdf](http://pubs.usgs.gov/bul/b2202-g/b2202-g.pdf);


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Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL and Mullis, Tony R. 1997. “The Limits of Air Control: The RAF Experience in Aden, 1926-1967.” March 1997. Page(s): 61 Report Number: AU/ACSC/0604D/97-03 XC-ACSC Monitor Series: ACSC. Abstract: The resurgence of the concepts of air control and air occupation has renewed debate on the efficacy of air power as a tool to achieve national objectives in situations short of conventional war. To better understand what air control is and what it has to offer for the future of air power, this study examines the British experience in colonial Aden from 1926 to 1967. Through examination of primarily secondary sources of the British political and military objectives in Aden, this paper provides the student of airpower with salient insights on the concept, development, and application of air control as a viable option to achieve national strategic objectives. The study examines the historiography of the air control debate by discussing the issues associated with the concept. Unlike other studies on air control, this paper examines the British air control experience in a particular region from beginning to end. Most studies on air control have limited their analysis by restricting their discussion of air control to pre-World War II examples. This
study’s intent was to examine air control not only during its heyday in the 1920s, but during the more trying days of the Cold War as well. The British experience in Aden provided an excellent example of air control’s successes and limitations. By analyzing what worked with the British air control effort in Aden, what benefits it offers today, and what limitations influence air control’s success, this study demonstrates the applicability and cost effectiveness of air control as a foreign policy instrument in certain political situations, particularly in military operations other than war (MOOTW). The study concludes with a realistic scenario of how air control as a viable political/military option can be applied to future MOOTW situations. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection Citation Format: FOIA (U2) Technical Reports Collection. Master’s thesis. DTIC: ADA398059. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA398059.

Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL and Russell, Michael G. 1988. “Marxism in Islamic South Yemen.” April 1988. Page(s): 36 Report Number: ACSC-88-2280. Abstract: South Yemen is a unique Arab-Islamic state because it has a Marxist government. This blending of Islam and Marxism is a concern for pro-Western Arab governments and United States interests in the region. This study concludes that unique internal and external factors promoted Marxists to power in South Yemen. Additionally, there is slight probability that South Yemen can export its Marxist revolution to other pro-Western Arab states. Currently, the greatest threat to US interests is the military presence of the Soviet Union in strategically located South Yemen. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Notes: Student report. DTIC: ADA215991. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA215991.


Air Force Inst Of Tech Wright-Patterson Afb, OH, School Of Engineering And Management, and Tannehill, Bryan R. 2008. “Forecasting Instability Indicators in the Horn of Africa.” Mar. Page(s): 274 Report Number: AFIT/GOR/ENS/08-21 XC-USCENTCOM* Monitor Series: USCENTCOM*. Abstract: The forecasting of state failure and the associated indicators has been a topic of great interest to a number of different agencies. USAid, CENTCOM, the World Bank, the Center for Army Analyses, and others have all examined the subject based on their own specific objectives. Whether the goal is denying terrorists space in which to operate, deciding how to pre-position materials in anticipation of unrest, stabilizing foreign markets and trade, or preventing or mitigating humanitarian disasters, man made or otherwise, this topic has been of interest for over a decade. The Horn of Africa has been one of the least stable regions in the world over the past three decades, and a continual source of humanitarian crises as well as terrorist activity. Some of the initial modeling of instability was done in response to crises in the Horn of Africa, but research is ongoing. Current models forecasting instability suffer from lack of lead time, subjective predictions, and lack of specificity. The models demonstrated in this study provide 4 year forecasts of battle deaths per capita, refugees per capita, genocide, and undernourishment for Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen. This thesis used principal component analysis, canonical
correlation, ordinary least squares regression, logistic regression, and discriminant analysis to develop models of each instability indicator using 54 variables covering 32 years of observations. The key variables within each model are identified, and the accuracy of each model is compared with current models. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Master’s thesis; Distribution Statement: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DTIC Accession Number: ADA480691. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA480691.


Al Khorasani, Ahmad and Banajeh, Salem. 2006. “Bacterial Profile and Clinical Outcome of Childhood Meningitis in Rural Yemen: A 2-Year Hospital-Based Study.” J. Infect. 10. Volume 53, Issue 4, Pages 228-234. Descriptors: Childhood meningitis; Bacterial etiology; Antibiotic resistance; Rural Yemen. Abstract: SummaryBackground Childhood acute bacterial meningitis (ABM) is an important cause of death and long-term neurological disability in Yemen, the only low income–high mortality country in the Arabian Peninsula. The objective of this study was to document the microbial characteristics, the antibacterial sensitivity pattern, and the outcome for children hospitalized with ABM, prior to the introduction of Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) vaccine in Yemen. Patients and methods The study was retrospective, conducted at a rural district hospital, serving the rural population of the northern parts of Yemen. All patients aged 1 month–15 years admitted between May 1999 and June 2001, with clinical evidence of meningitis and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) cultured, were included in the study. Clinical information from case notes, including CSF result and the outcome on discharge, were obtained. Analysis of extracted data was performed using Epi Info software. Results During the 2-year study period, 160 study patients met the inclusion criteria, and 7 (4.4%) were negative for bacterial growth. In the 153 positive cultures there were 46 (30.1%) Streptococcus pneumoniae (SP), 23 (15%) H. influenzae (HI), 81 (52.9) Neisseria meningitidis (NM), 2 (1.3%) Staphylococcus aureus (S. aureus), and 1 (0.7%) Escherichia coli. Sixteen study patients died (overall case fatality rate (CFR) 10%), 7 aged under 12 months, 6 aged 12–60 months, and 3 more than 60 months. Ten deaths were due to SP meningitis, 2 HI meningitis, 3 NM meningitis, and 1 had S. aureus. ISSN: 0163-4453.

Al Sabahi, Esmail, Rahim, Abdul S., bin, Wan Yacob, Al Nozaily, Fadhl and Alshaebi, Fares. 2009. “A Study of Surface Water and Groundwater Pollution in Ibb City, Yemen.” Electronic Journal of Geotechnical Engineering. Volume 14 F, Pages 1-12. Descriptors: Groundwater pollution; Aluminum; Biochemical oxygen demand; Boreholes; Cadmium; Cadmium compounds; Calcium; Chlorine compounds; Chromium; Contamination; Dissolution; Dissolved oxygen; Dissolved oxygen sensors; Electric conductivity of solids; Groundwater; Heavy water; Hydrogeology; Land use; Landforms; Leachate treatment; Leaching; Lead;
Abstract: A study was carried out to determine the land use impact on water pollution at three different sites i.e Al-Sahool, Mitm and Al-Sayyadah valleys around Ibb city, Yemen. Besides determining the status of water pollution, this study also aims to recognize the sources of pollution and the results will be used to identify the relationship between the impact of land use activities and water pollution. Groundwater samples were collected in all valleys. While leachate samples were collected only from Al-Sahool area and surface water samples from Mitm area. Groundwater was sampled from the existing wells that were drilled in these areas. Surface water and leachate were sampled from small stream and leachate ponds. The physico-chemical characteristic of leachate, groundwater and surface water samples such as pH, temperature, electrical conductivity (EC), total dissolved solids (TDS), dissolved oxygen (DO) were measured in-situ, while fluoride (F), chloride (Cl), sulphate (SO4), nitrites (NO2), nitrates (NO3), ammonia-N (NH3-N), heavy metals (Pb, Zn, Ni, Cr, Cd, Cu), major cations (Na, Mg, Ca, K, Fe) and biological parameters (COD, BOD5) were analysed in the laboratory. The results show that, the leachate from the landfill is in methanogenic phase. The BOD5/COD value of 0.1 mg/l obtained for leachate suggested the partially stabilization. For the groundwater at Al-Sahool area borehole two is the most contaminated borehole, in which physico-chemical parameters are higher, followed by borehole three, borehole four and borehole five. At Mitm area the surface water in general seems to be affected by the discharge of untreated wastewater based on the comparison with unpolluted surface water outside the area. The groundwater quality at Mitm area shows that, only three boreholes are contaminated due to the percolation of untreated wastewater. For Al-Sayyadah area, the low values of physico-chemical parameters indicate a clean area and this is due to the absence of sources of contaminations. In general, Al-Sahool area is the most contaminated area compared to Mitm and Al-Sayyadah areas. The contamination level at Mitm area is higher than Al-Sayyadah area due to the discharge of wastewater directly to the Mitm valley. Therefore, a leachate collection pond should be build to collect and treat the leachate to prevent further contamination as well as build more sanitary landfill facilities in Al-Sahool area to prevent further contamination. An additional wastewater treatment plant at Mitm area is highly recommended to prevent further contamination to surface and groundwater. ISSN: 1089-3032.
photometer (PFP 7) and Inductively Coupled Plasma of Optical Emission Spectrometry (ICP-OES) model Vista MPX. Parameters measured were pH, temperature, Electrical Conductivity (EC), Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), Dissolved Oxygen (DO), Fluoride (F), Chloride (Cl), Sulphate (SO4), Nitrites (NO2), Nitrates (NO3), ammonia-N (NH3-N), heavy metals (Pb, Zn, Ni, Cr, Cd, Cu), major cations (Na, Mg, Ca, K, Fe) and biological parameters (COD, BOD5 and coliform group bacteria). Results: The results showed that, leachate at landfill most likely in methanogenic phase, based on the alkaline pH value recorded (pH = 8.46). The results also showed that 4 out of 5 boreholes were contaminated, where concentration of physico-chemical parameters are above the standard acceptable levels which required for drinking water adapted by Yemen’s ministry of water and environment and by word standard. Conclusion: Therefore, landfill is dangerous for environment so government should do sanitary landfill to prevent further contamination to surface water, groundwater as well as soil. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 1553-345X.

Al Serouri, Abdul Wahed, Al Rabee, Arwa, Bin Afif, Mohammed and Al Rukeimi, Abdullah. 2009. “Reducing Maternal Mortality in Yemen: Challenges and Lessons Learned from Baseline Assessment.” International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics. 4. Volume 105, Issue 1, Pages 86-91. Descriptors: Emergency obstetric care; Baseline assessment; Maternal mortality; Millennium Development Goals; World Bank; Yemen. Abstract: Objective The Yemen is a signatory of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and one of 10 countries chosen for the UN Millennium Project. However, recent MDG progress reviews show that it is unlikely that the maternal health goal will be reached by 2015 and Yemen still has an unacceptably high maternal mortality of 365 per 100 000 live births. Because 82% of deaths happen intrapartum, the purpose of this needs assessment was to identify and prioritize constraints in delivery of emergency obstetric care (EmOC). Methods Four district hospitals and 16 health centers in 8 districts were assessed for functional capacity in terms of infrastructure; availability of essential equipment and drugs; EmOC technical competency and training needs; and Health Management Information System. Results. ISSN: 0020-7292.


Al-Alaya’a, Zaid. 2009. “Water Expert: Sana’a basin to drain away by 2025” (August 8, 2009). Yemen Observer, Sana’a, Republic of Yemen. Abstract: Experts such as Mohammed al-Dubaei, a professor of geology, say there is a need to halve Sana’a city’s two million population
in order to confront the water crisis in the city. “Sana’a city cannot stand rapid urbanization,” he said. Water availability in Yemen has been worsening by the year and the government has no clear strategy on how to deal with the problem. They say water shortages, which affect about 80 percent of the country’s 21 million people, are exacerbated by the high fertility rate, rapid urbanization, the cultivation of ‘qat’ (a mild narcotic), a lack of public awareness, and the arbitrary digging of wells. These remarks have been repeated since the symposium of August 2008 organized by the Sheba Centre for Strategic Studies (SCSS) and a local think-tank entitled ‘Water Security in Yemen’. The symposium brought together dozens of local officials and experts on water. According to the latest official statistics, the total amount of water used annually is 3.5 billion cubic metres (cu.m.), of which 93% is used in agriculture, 6% in households and 1% by industry. The renewed fresh water is 2.5 billion cu.m. per year. The gap between used water and renewed fresh water is 1 billion cu.m. a year. The additional problem of a predicted doubling in Yemen’s population by 2025 means that 4.6 billion cu.m. would be required to sustain the country. Water use per capita in Yemen is currently at 125 cu.m. per year, but expected to drop to 62.5 cu.m a year by 2025. Globally, average water consumption per capita is 1,500 cu.m. per year. About 92% of Yemen’s land is arid, semi-arid and desert.

Nasser al-Awlaqi, a professor of economy and a former minister of water, said the water crisis in Yemen was largely due to agriculture, which depended on ground water from deep wells.

Albanna, Khaled. 2008. “Integrated Water Resources Management in Yemen; 33rd International Geological Congress; Abstracts.” International Geological Congress, Abstracts = Congres Geologique International, Resumes. [International Geological Congress], [location varies], International; Abstracts = Congres Geologique International, Resumes. Volume 33, Abstract 1201321. Descriptors: Abyan Delta; agriculture; Amran Basin; Arabian Peninsula; Asia; data; data management; environmental analysis; exploitation; Ibb Yemen; information management; protection; water management; water resources; Yemen. Abstract: The demand for water in Yemen is increasing and further intensified by continuous growth of population along with particularly in the agriculture sector. Water resources are imperiled by over-exploitation due to insufficient knowledge of available monitoring on this account there is an urgent need for gathering geo-environmental information and its professional evolution. This information will provide the basis for the sustainable management of the scarce resources and the development and initiation of adjusted protective measures. Therefore for this purpose the two government boards, Geological Survey and Mineral Resources Board (GSMRB) and National Water Resources Authority (NWRA) with cooperation of Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR), studied the three main locations in Yemen (Amran basin, Ibb area, Abyan delta). The aim of study is constructed Data Bank participates to manage and protects these basins from inefficient use of water. Database: GeoRef in Process. OCLC: 603643642.


A cross-sectional study was conducted during the period of August 2007–April 2008 at Al-Wahda Teaching Hospital in Yemen to investigate prevalence and risk factors for placental malaria and anaemia and their effects on birthweight. Sociodemographic characteristics were gathered, maternal haemoglobin was measured and blood films were examined for malaria. Newborn birthweight was recorded. Out of 900 parturient women, malaria blood films were positive in 32 (3.6%) cases: in six sets of peripheral, placental and cord samples; in 15 placental and cord samples; and in 11 placental samples only. Malaria was not associated with age and parity, but it was significantly associated with history of fever [odds ratio (OR) 8.5, 95% CI 3.7–19, P < 0.001], rural residence (OR 2.5, 95% CI 1.1–5.3, P = 0.01) and rainy season (OR 5.1, 95% CI 1.7–15.2, P = 0.003). Overall, 694 (77.1%) out of these 900 women had anaemia (Hb < 11 g/dl) and 16 (1.8%) patients had severe anaemia (Hb < 7 g/dl). Anaemia was not associated with age, parity and malaria. Low birthweight was significantly associated with malaria (OR 5.7, 95% CI 1.7–18.5; P = 0.004). Thus, preventive measures (bednets and intermittent preventive treatment) should be employed for pregnant women regardless of their age or parity.

Alderwish, A. and Al-Eryani, M. 1999. “An Approach for Assessing the Vulnerability of the Water Resources of Yemen to Climate Change.” Clim. Res. Volume 12, Issue 2-3 SPEC. ISS. 6, Pages 85-89. Descriptors: Climate change; Climate scenarios; Management; Modeling. Notes: Cited By (since 1996): 1. Abstract: This paper outlines the methodology followed in the study of climate change impact on water resources in Yemen and presents initial results on the vulnerability of the water resources system. The selected modeling strategy is used for the first time in climate change assessment studies and is briefly discussed. This strategy comprised 4 interacting models: a Rainfall-Runoff Model (RRM), an Irrigation Simulation Model (ISM), a Groundwater Simulation Model (GSM), and an Economic Policy Model (EPM). Adequate indication of the water system’s sensitivity to climate change in arid and semi-arid regions can only be achieved when appropriate temporal and spatial scales of the assessment are used. For instance, only hourly or daily time step models can capture climate impacts on floods of ephemeral wadis. The degree of accuracy required should also be determined by the scarcity/availability of the resources. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 0936-577X.

Alderwish, A. and Dottridge, J. 1995. “Modelling Infiltration from Ephemeral Wadi Flows in the Sana’a Basin, Yemen; Modelling River-Aquifer Interactions.” BHS Occasional Paper. British Hydrological Society, UK. Mar. Volume 6, Pages 4-16. Descriptors: alluvium aquifers; aquifers; Arabian Peninsula; Asia; discharge; drainage basins; ephemeral streams; fluvial features; ground water; hydraulic conductivity; models; MODFLOW; recharge; Sana’a Basin; sensitivity analysis; shallow aquifers; streamflow; streams; surface water; wadis; water balance; Yemen. References: 11; illus. incl. 2 tables, geol. sketch map. Abstract: Recharge to groundwater from surface flows in ephemeral streams (wadis) in the Sana’a Basin, Yemen, was calculated using the streamflow routing package in MODFLOW. Models of the shallow alluvial aquifer in two wadis were constructed and calibrated in steady state, using the available data on aquifer geometry and hydraulic properties, observed piezometry, abstraction and direct recharge. The transient calibration used measured and estimated floods from the first rainy season of 1993, with adjustment of the quantities of groundwater recharge, specific yield of the alluvium and the hydraulic properties of the stream bed, until the hydrographs observed in wells during and after the rainy season were reproduced. The calculated values of infiltration were in good agreement with the results of a channel water balance model. Sensitivity analyses demonstrated that the
recharge volumes are strongly influenced by flood duration, but that the flood discharge and
distribution of flood intensity are of minor importance. The models will be used predictively to
compute recharge over a 10 year period, from estimated wadi flows. Database: GeoRef. ISBN:
0948540702.

Arab. J. Geosci. Pages 1-11. Descriptors: Arid; Artificial recharge; Dams; Water supply; Yemen.
Notes: Article in Press. Abstract: In approaching the task of developing recharge estimates for
dam sites, several constraints are apparent, including the scarcity of site-specific data for the
selected new sites and the availability of simple yet robust analysis techniques. Combined, these
constraints require an approach which involves best use of available data, adoption of relatively
simple analytical approximations of reality, and the adoption of several key assumptions. In arid
country with limited resources, two simple techniques have been used for recharge estimation:
(1) a simple water balance model in spreadsheet and (2) a more refined Darcian approach
involving an analytical approximation of a flow-net solution. By applying the two models at
three new dam sites, the amount of recharge rates calculated over the period 2007-2026 was
close. This is because, despite Darcian approach that should have affected the recharge rate as
other parameters were introduced in the calculation of \( q_t \), e.g., groundwater table mound,
reservoir water height, etc., the results show general agreement between the two methods which
seem to validate the assumptions made in both methods. A general conclusion of this comparison
is that the hydraulic conductivity (K) is the main determining factor in recharge calculations in
these situations. The water balance model was used to estimate recharge at Wadi Bahaman,
under gravity and cascade dams’ scenarios. Using gravity dam at Wadi Bahaman for
groundwater recharge proved not suitable based on the relatively small predicted runoff from a
small catchment area and geological concerns in the abutment areas. Instead, a series of three
low check dams (2 to 4 m high) was proposed. These check dams will slow down the runoff
flow, form small reservoirs, and enhance recharge along the valley, without requiring expensive
foundations. Estimated groundwater recharge under cascade dams (141,407 m³/year) is greater
than recharge estimated for gravity dam (103,853 m³/year) by at least 36%. Database: SCOPUS.
ISSN: 1866-7511.

Groundwater Quality in Sana’a, Yemen; Groundwater in the Urban Environment; Selected City
Volume 21, Pages 85-90. Descriptors: alluvium aquifers; aquifer vulnerability; aquifers; Arabian
Peninsula; Asia; chemical waste; chloride ion; chlorine; clastic rocks; concentration;
environmental analysis; ground water; halogens; industrial waste; infiltration; pollution; porous
materials; recharge; Sana’a Basin; Sana’a Yemen; sandstone; sandstone aquifers; sedimentary
rocks; shallow aquifers; urban environment; water quality; water resources; water supply; water
wells; Yemen. References: 11; illus. incl. sect., 1 table, sketch map. Abstract: Urban recharge
provides a significant contribution to the groundwater resources of the Sana’a Basin in Yemen.
The growing population of this semi-arid area depends on groundwater from alluvial and
sandstone aquifers. The public water supply serves only 30% of the population, with a mere 12%
connected to mains sewerage. Quantification of the urban water balance showed that over 80% of
the urban recharge is derived from cess pits, with smaller contributions from mains leakage,
industry, irrigation and wadi flows. As a result, groundwater levels in the city are stable or rising,
especially in shallow wells, in contrast to the regional trends. The alluvial aquifer shows signs of
contamination, with high conductivity values in central Sana’a. Water quality in the sandstone
aquifer remains good, with no recorded biological contamination, but the conductivity trends mirror those in the alluvium. These values and the piezometric levels indicate downward leakage from alluvium to sandstone. Database: GeoRef. ISBN: 9054109246. ISSN: 0936-3912.

Alderwish, A. M. and Dottridge, J. 1998. “Recharge Components in a Semi-Arid Area; the Sana’a Basin, Yemen; Groundwater Pollution, Aquifer Recharge and Vulnerability.” Geological Society Special Publications. Geological Society of London, London, UK. Volume 130, Pages 168-177. Descriptors: aquifers; Arabian Peninsula; Asia; ground water; hydrographs; infiltration; irrigation; moisture; recharge; Sana’a Basin; semi-arid environment; soils; terrestrial environment; unsteady flow; water balance; water quality; water resources; water supply; water use; Yemen. References: 12; illus. incl. 1 table, sketch map. Abstract: Credible estimates of recharge are essential for assessment of sustainable water resources in semi-arid areas, which rely on groundwater for irrigation and domestic supply. Investigation of the mechanisms and rates of recharge to the aquifers of the Sana’a Basin, Yemen, showed that the main components of recharge are infiltration of surface flows, irrigation return and urban leakage. Limited data and inaccessible, mountainous terrain required the use of robust, low-cost methods of quantifying the recharge components. Infiltration of surface flows from 12 wadis averages 39 Mm (super 3) a (super -1), with high interannual variation. The recharge was calculated using a combination of a rainfall-run-off model and computation of the water balance for the wadi. Irrigation return flows of 30 Mm (super 3) a (super -1) , 20 to 40% of the water applied, were derived from measurements of soil moisture and matric potential for the three most extensive crops. Urban recharge from mains leakage and seepage through septic tanks was estimated from a well inventory, water supply records and usage rates, as 59% of the water supplied. The total recharge to the aquifers of the Sana’a Basin in 1993 was estimated to be 102 Mm (super 3), significantly less than the total groundwater abstraction, of about 184 Mm (super 3). Database: GeoRef. ISBN: 1897799985. ISSN: 0305-8719.

Alderwish, Ahmed and Al-Eryani, Mohamed. 1999. “An Approach for Assessing the Vulnerability of the Water Resources of Yemen to Climate Change; National Assessment Results of Climate Change; Impacts and Responses.” Climate Research. Inter-Research, Oldendorf/Luhe, Federal Republic of Germany Federal Republic of Germany. 27 Aug. Volume 12, Issue 2-3, Pages 85-89. Descriptors: Arabian Peninsula; Asia; climate change; economics; ground water; hydrology; irrigation; models; public policy; rainfall; runoff; water management; water resources; water supply; Yemen. Notes: CR Special 6; References: 13; illus. incl. 2 tables, sketch map. Database: GeoRef. ISSN: 0936-577X.

Alderwish, Ahmed, Hefny, Kamal and Appleyard, Steve. 2004. “Rapidly-Urbanising Arid-Zone Cities; Urban Groundwater Pollution.” International Contributions to Hydrogeology. A.A. Balkema, Rotterdam, Netherlands. Volume 24, Pages 133-153. Descriptors: Africa; aquifer vulnerability; aquifers; Arabian Peninsula; arid environment; Asia; Cairo Egypt; drinking water; Egypt; ground water; land use; North Africa; pollution; recharge; risk assessment; Sana’a Yemen; terrestrial environment; urban environment; urbanization; water management; water resources; water supply; Yemen. Notes: illus. incl. 1 table, sketch map. Database: GeoRef. ISSN: 0936-3912.

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hydrogeology; hydrology; surveys; Yemen. Date Issued: 1981. Abstract: “Yemen. Surface-water data collection activities. B. N. Aldridge was detailed to the AID mission in the Yemen Arab Republic during October and November 1979 to review the surface-water data-collection activities, principally, of the newly formed Department of Hydrology (DOH). The few existing installations and the data obtained at them were examined, and a reconnaissance for new gage sites was made, partly as a training exercise for the DOH personnel. Some training was given also in field and office procedures for the measurement and computation of streamflow data. Recommendations were developed for improvements in program planning, operational practices, training, manpower management, equipment procurement, and gagingstation construction.” ISSN: 1044-9612. Database: GeoRef. URL: http://pubs.usgs.gov/pp/1175/report.pdf.


Al-Eryani, Mohamed Lotf. 1979. Hydrology and Ground Water Potential of the Tihama-Yemen Arab Republic. Descriptors: Hydrology -- Tihama (Saudi Arabia and Yemen) -- Mathematical models; Groundwater -- Tihama (Saudi Arabia and Yemen); Thesis/dissertation; Manuscript. Notes: viii, 191 leaves: typescript; ill., maps; 28 cm. Dissertation: Thesis (M.S. - Hydrology and Water Resources)--University of Arizona. Abstract: “Tihama is Yemen's coastal strip of land bordering the Red Sea. It occupies an area of about 20,000 km² and represents the country's most promising agronomic resource. With a total median annual volume of about 1,000 MCM (million cubic meters), surface water enters the Tihama plain through seven major wadis that drain the mountainous catchments to the east. The Tihama's Quaternary section constitutes the region's only known ground water aquifer. It consists of a thick sequence of alluvial sediments. Ground water occurs under water table conditions, and is annually replenished primarily by seepage of surface runoff. Using the technique of flow net analysis, it was found that annual natural ground water discharge through the Tihama aquifer to the Red Sea amounts to about 300 MCM. A confirmation of this magnitude of discharge was possible by computing two water balances at two of the major wadis. Results of the discharge computations can be applied in the planning of future salvage of this non-beneficial loss. Given that the current system of surface and ground water irrigation in the Tihama supports an area of about 150,000 hectares, a recovery of as little as 50 percent of this loss can increase the irrigated area by an additional 15,000 hectares.” Note(s): Includes bibliographical references. Electronic reproduction. Tucson, Ariz.: University of Arizona, 2007. Responsibility: by Mohamed Lotf Al-Eryani. OCLC: 213274102. URL: http://etd.library.arizona.edu/etd/GetFileServlet?file=file:///data1/pdf/etd/azu_e9791_1979_404_sip1_w.pdf&type=application/pdf.

Al-Fatimi, M., Wurster, M., Kreisel, H. and Lindequist, U. 2005. “Antimicrobial, Cytotoxic and Antioxidant Activity of Selected Basidiomycetes from Yemen.” Pharmazie. Volume 60, Issue 10, Pages 776-780. Notes: Cited By (since 1996): 5. Abstract: Dichloromethane, methanol and aqueous extracts of 23 selected Basidiomycetes species fruiting bodies collected in Yemen were screened in vitro for their antibacterial activities against three Gram-positive bacteria (Staphyloccocus aureus, Bacillus subtilis, Micrococcus flavus), two Gram-negative bacteria (Escherichia coli, Pseudomonas aeruginosa) and against one yeast fungus (Candida maltosa), as well as for their cytotoxic and antioxidant activity. The highest antibacterial activity was shown by extracts from Agaricus sp. (Type 1), Coriolopsis caperata, Ganoderma colossus, Ganoderma resinaceum, Phellorinia herculea and Tulostoma obesum. Strong antioxidative effects employing the DPPH assay were exhibited by methanol extracts from Ganoderma resinaceum, Inonotus ochroporus, Phellinus rimosus and Phellorinia herculea. The results provide evidence that some of the studied fungi might be potential sources for new biologically active agents. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 0031-7144.

Al-Fatimi, M. A. A., Julich, W.-D, Jansen, R. and Lindequist, U. 2006. “Bioactive Components of the Traditionally used Mushroom Podaxis Pistillaris.” Evid. Based Complement. Altern. Med. (Journal of evidence-based complementary & alternative medicine) March 1. Volume 3, Issue 1, Pages 87-92. Abstract: In the course of an ethnobotanical study on fungi used in Yemeni ethnomedicine the fungus Podaxis pistillaris (Podaxales, Podaxaceae, Basidiomycetes) was found to exhibit antibacterial activity against Staphylococcus aureus, Micrococcus flavus, Bacillus subtilis, Proteus mirabilis, Serratia marcescens and Escherichia coli. In the culture medium of P. pistillaris three epidithiodiketopiperazines were identified by activity-guided isolation. Based on spectral data (NMR, ESI-MS and DCI-MS) their identity was established as epicorazine A (1), epicorazine B (2) and epicorazine C (3, antibiotic F 3822), which have not been reported as constituents of P. pistillaris previously. It is assumed that the identified compounds contribute to the antibacterial activity of the extract. URL: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1375231/; http://www.hindawi.com/journals/ecam/2006/567502/abs/.

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for the diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus and IGT. A standard questionnaire was applied and blood lipids, blood pressure, body mass index (BMI) and waist/hip ratio (WHR) were determined.

Results: The overall prevalence of type II Diabetes Mellitus was 4.6% (7.4% in males and 2% in females). Impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) and impaired fasting glucose (IFG) were found in 2% and 2.2% of the study population. Factors independently related to any abnormality in glucose tolerance, using logistic regression analysis, were sex, hyperlipidaemia, hypertriglyceridaemia, and hypertension; whereas sex and age related to DM. More than 80% of the type II diabetics were over the age of 40, 35% being hyperlipidaemic, 22% being hypertensive and 18% obese. Sixty percent of IGT subjects were hyperlipidaemic and 20% were obese. Approximately 78% of obese individuals ($\geq 30$ kg/m$^2$) had normal glucose tolerance.

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between the base of the haemal spine and the posterior face of the centrum (D2) and the ratios D2/L are the distinctive character for P. multidens, while the ratios H/L, H/W1, H/W2 are the characteristics in the identification of T. choram. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 0030-9923.

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Ali, A. A. 2007. “Qat Habit in Yemen Society: A Causative Factor for Oral Periodontal Diseases.” Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health. Volume 4, Issue 3, Pages 243-247. Descriptors: Gingivitis; Periodontitis; Qat. Notes: Cited By (since 1996): 1. Abstract: The effect of a common habit among Yemeni population on the periodontal status was investigated. This cross-sectional study was done on 2500 Yemenis with mean age 27.01 years (1818 males and 682 females). Among these 1528 were qat chewers and 972 were non-chewers. Detailed questionnaire and pre-designed scoring system for the periodontal status were employed for each case. Study results indicated that out of 972 non-chewers 116(12%) had periodontal pocketing and 18 (1.9%) cases had gingival recession. On the other hand, out of 1528 chewers, 468 (31.8%) had periodontal pockets and 98 (6.4%) with gum bleeding, p<0.05. These effects were found to increase with
increased frequency and duration of chewing. It was concluded that habit of qat can cause damage to the periodontal ligament as pocketing and gum recession. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 1660-4601.

Ali, A. A. 2007. “Histopathologic Changes in Oral Mucosa of Yemenis Addicted to Water-Pipe and Cigarette Smoking in Addition to Takhzeen Al-Qat.” Oral Surg. Oral Med. Oral Pathol. Oral Radiol. Endod. Volume 103, Issue 3, Notes: Cited By (since 1996): 4. Abstract: Background: Because the clinicopathologic effects of takhzeen al-qat are similar to those induced by smoking, the aim of this paper was to study the oral effect of 3 bad oral habits: takhzeen al-qat and cigarette and water-pipe smoking. Study design: This study was done on 33 Yemeni chronic qat users grouped as heavy cigarette smokers (GI), nonsmokers (GII) and water-pipe smokers (GIII). In all cases (n = 33) 2 biopsies were taken (n = 66), one from the buccal mucosa at the chewing side and the other from a similar mucosa at the contralateral (nonexposed) side. Biopsies were prepared for routine H&E staining. Results: Acanthosis appeared in 88% and 0%, abnormal rete ridges in 70% and 3%, hyperparakeratosis in 67% and 0%, and epithelial dysplasia in 30% and 0% of the chewing and nonchewing sides, respectively, in the 3 groups. Epithelial dysplasia appeared in 41% of GI and GIII (smokers) but in only 9% of GII (nonsmokers). Conclusions: Takhzeen al-qat causes distinct histopathologic changes in the oral mucosa at the side of chewing, such as acanthosis, abnormal rete ridges, and hyperparakeratosis. The association between takhzeen al-qat and cigarette or water-pipe smoking may increase the risk of epithelial dysplasia. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 1079-2104.

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Alkaff, Huda. 2002. Facing the Water Scarcity Problem in Yemen. Ecological Society of America (ESA) 2001 Annual Meeting. Poster Session #38: Landscape Ecology. Abstract: Yemen is located within an extremely arid region. It has limited renewable freshwater supplies, and is most dependable on its fossil groundwater reserves. In some neighboring areas, depletion of these nonrenewable groundwater resources is taking place at an alarming rate due to overpumping in order to meet agricultural requirements. Population growth, improvement in the standard of living, and urban migration, coupled with the absence of conservation programs, have brought about high domestic water consumption, which itself doubled from 1980 to 1990. As a result, Yemen became a water scarce country in 1990. Based on current trends and future projections, renewable water resources such as surface runoff, desalination, rechargeable alluvial aquifer and reclaimed wastewater are already insufficient to meet the expected demand. Since
the whole Arabian peninsula region, in which Yemen lies in its southwest corner, is suffering from the same water scarcity and imbalance problems, there is an urgent need for regional water plans and solutions. Mutually agreeable water-sharing terms and treaties among neighboring countries, expansion of available water supply through conservation, efficiency, and reuse, and environmental education, research, and management are some of the important steps towards reducing the current and near-future imbalance between water demand and supply in Yemen and the Arabian peninsula. OCLC: 614188503.


Al-Kohlani, Taha. 2010. Geochemistry of Thermal Waters from Al-Lisi - Isbil Geothermal Field, Dhamar Governorate, Yemen. 2010 World Geothermal Congress (WGC 2010), Bali, Indonesia April 25-29, 2010. Pages 1-11. Abstract: The Al-Lisi – Isbil geothermal and volcanic field, one of Yemen's important fields, is known for its fumaroles, steaming grounds and hot wells. The area is mainly composed of basaltic lava flows, stratified basic tuffs and agglomerate pyroclastics. Less common are differentiated rock-types like rhyolite. The Al-Lisi volcano is an exception which consists entirely of acidic lava flows (rhyolite, obsidian, acidic tuffs and ash rings). Chemical analyses from 29 shallow water wells from the Al-Lisi – Isbil area were reviewed. All the data were interpreted using the WATCH program for speciation and by mineral equilibrium diagrams and other graphical presentation and classification methods. The maximum reservoir temperature for the wells, predicted by calculation of various geothermometers, exceeds 100°C. There is evidence of mixing with cold water. The thermal fluid is of bicarbonate type and the reservoir rocks consist mainly of sandstone (Tawilah Formation) at 1000 m to 1500 m depth. URL: http://b-dig.iie.org.mx/BibDig/P10-0464/pdf/1481.pdf


Alley, April L. 2008. Shifting Light in the Qamariyya: The Reinvention of Patronage Networks in Contemporary Yemen. United States -- District of Columbia: Government. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses. Abstract: Understanding the dynamics of regimes that combine the external trappings of democracy with the substance of authoritarian rule is a central puzzle facing comparative political scientists. Thus far, much of the literature addressing hybrid regimes has focused on the importance of elections, while neglecting variations in the underlying practice of autocracy. This dissertation moves beyond the focus on elections to explore processes of institutional change and renewal within a particular type of hybrid regime: those dominated by neopatrimonial politics. It asks: Under what conditions do elites in neopatrimonial regimes, who are embedded in networks of patronage, defect by building formal political institutions? And, what impact does their defection have on the existing mode of autocracy? To address these questions, the project inductively constructs a typological theory using comparative and within-case analysis of individual elites in the context of the Yemen. It argues that five variables

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combine to determine if included elites are likely to defect: (1) the degree of patronage inclusion (2) the type of patronage extended, (3) elite identity, (4) life-cycle position, and (5) an ease of defection index. The details of the typological theory do not travel beyond Yemen, yet the study provides analytical insights that inform the analysis of neopatrimonial regimes more broadly. First, it suggests that not all types of patronage are created equal. Scholars wishing to understand the micro-politics of elite bargaining must look beyond an inclusion/exclusion dichotomy to include distinctions in both the degree and type of patronage. Secondly, the project offers a cautionary tale for policymakers and researchers who view defection as a source of democratic change. Powerful elites may choose to defect, but they may do so as a bargaining tactic to reposition themselves in networks of patronage. In these cases, defection may serve to reinvent, rather than attenuate, the existing mode of autocracy. Notes: Ph.D. OCLC: 453941655. URL: http://cdm15036.contentdm.oclc.org/cgi-bin/showfile.exe?CISOROOT=/p15036coll3&CISOPTR=192&filename=193.pdf

Allyn, N. Quick, M. Condon, E. and Morris, E. 2001. Solving a Harbour Sedimentation Problem in Yemen. Rhodes, Greece: Wit Press. Page(s): 13-21. Fifth International Conference on Coastal Engineering, Coastal Engineering 2001, September 19, 2001 - September 21. Conference: 2001. Descriptors: Sedimentation; Breakwaters; Climatology; Mathematical models; Mooring; Ports and harbors; Sediment transport. Abstract: The Ash Shihr, Yemen harbour on the Gulf of Aden was built in 1992/93 by Nexen Inc. for the vessel fleet supporting the loading of oil into large tankers at the offshore Single Buoy Mooring (SBM). In designing the harbour, the greatest emphasis was placed on ensuring that the harbour provided effective shelter during the SW summer monsoon season, which can generate deep water waves of up to about 6.4 m significant wave height with a period of 14 seconds. This led to the harbour entrance being placed on the east side of the harbour to minimize wave agitation within the harbour. The dominant factor proved to be the littoral drift of sediment in a westerly direction. This led to the migration of large amounts of sediment into the harbour and the build up of sand on the beach well to the east of the harbour. As this situation developed it was effectively closing the harbour. A sedimentation study of the harbour was performed by Delft Hydraulics [1]. Various solutions were considered including by-pass maintenance dredging, a dredged sand trap, relocating the harbour entrance, and shielding the harbour with a sand trap breakwater. Westmar Consultants Inc. provided the detailed design for a 600 metre long sand trap breakwater which resulted in economically viable construction bids. The work was successfully completed by Yemen based contractors in May 2001. The quality of the work is excellent and the breakwater is performing as designed in trapping sand and preventing the longshore drift from accreting in the entrance. ISBN: 1853128791.

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built on a coastline with substantial longshore sediment transport, with a net rate estimated at 260,000 m³ per year westward. The study also examined solutions to the problem including dredging, relocating the harbour entrance, and constructing a breakwater to the east of the harbour to trap sediment. The sand trap breakwater option was found to result in the lowest maintenance dredging requirements and the lowest total cost. CPNY authorized the detailed design of the sand trap breakwater in 1999. Construction of the breakwater was completed by Yemen based contractors in June 2000. Reports received in April 2003 indicate that the breakwater is performing as expected. Sand bypassing operations are ongoing, but at much reduced levels and acceptable water depths in the harbour entrance have been maintained using a plough dredge. ISBN: 0-7844-0727-4. URL: http://link.aip.org/link/?ASC/136/78/1.

Al-Maktari, M. T. and Bassiouny, H. K. 1999. “Bionomics of Anopheline Vectors in Zabid District, Al-Hodeidah Governorate, Republic of Yemen.” East. Mediterr. Health J. Volume 5, Issue 4, Pages 698-705. Notes: Cited By (since 1996): 1. Abstract: The bionomics of anopheline vectors were analysed in randomly selected centres, representing fixed and spot-check stations. Three anopheline species were found. Anopheles arabiensis was the most prevalent species (84.2%) with a sporozoite rate of 0.7%, followed by A. culicifacies adenensis (14.9%) and A. rhodesiensis rupicolus (0.9%). Maximum indoor resting density was recorded during March, July and August. Positive sprayed sites for females were higher in bedrooms (40.4%) than animal sheds (26.9%). A total of 2560 anopheline larvae were collected of which 79.5% were A. arabiensis, 19.4% were A. culicifacies adenensis and 1.1% A. rhodesiensis rupicolus. A. arabiensis was assumed to be the most efficient malaria vector based on epidemiological evidence and the finding of natural sporozoite infected females. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 1020-3397.

Al-Mamary, M., Al-Meeri, A. and Al-Habori, M. 2002. “Antioxidant Activities and Total Phenolics of Different Types of Honey.” Nutr. Res. Volume 22, Issue 9, Pages 1041-1047. Descriptors: Antioxidant activity; Honey; Total phenolics. Notes: Cited By (since 1996): 40. Abstract: The antioxidant activities and total phenolic contents of five different types of Yemeni honey {Acacia ehrenbergina (Salam-Tehamah), Acacia edgeworthi (Somar-Hadramout), Ziziphus Spinachristi L. (Sidr-Hadramout), Ziziphus Spina-christi L. (Sidr-Taiz), Tropical blossom (Marbai-Hadramout)}, and four types of imported origins {an American-Tropical blossom (New Orleans), an American-Orange source (Florida), Swiss-blossom, and an Iranian-Tropical blossom} were evaluated. Total phenolic contents of diluted honey samples varied from 56.32 to 246.21 mg/100g honey as Catechin equivalent by the Folin-Ciocalteu method. Four of five Yemeni honey samples contained significantly higher total phenolic content as compared with the imported honeys. Percentage antioxidant activities of diluted honey samples were assayed in vitro by the inhibition of liver homogenate oxidation mediated by FeSO4/ascorbate system. The antioxidant activity of diluted honey samples increased with increasing the levels (50 μl, 100 μl, 200 μl) of honey samples. The total antioxidant activities of diluted samples varied from -6.48% (prooxidant activity) to 65.44% inhibition. The Acacia ehrenbergina (Salam-Tehamah) had the highest antioxidant activity and total phenolic content. A positive correlation was observed between percentage antioxidant and total phenolics, which increased with the higher level of samples (R = 90.5 at 200 μl). The present study confirms that Yemeni honey contains significant source of phenolic antioxidants that may have therapeutic potential. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 0271-5317.

Environmental; General; water; Yemen. Abstract: Yemen is one of the countries which are suffering from extreme water resources shortage. Yemen’s agriculture and water resources sectors are in a crisis. The water availability is 150 m3/cap/a. This compares with an average of 1250 m3/cap/a for the Middle East and North Africa. All water resources are exploited beyond the level of recharge. The agriculture industry uses 93% of the potable water, and does not actively encourage sustainable water saving techniques. Qat (Catha edulis; recreational drug) cultivation uses 40% of the potable water. The water crisis could be mitigated by reducing qat production, and promoting water reuse of treated wastewater for irrigation, desalination of sea water. The sustainable use of water resources can be mitigated by achieving if the Government of Yemen put in the top priority agenda a national water management strategy that pave to conserve water resources in Yemen. ISBN: 3639218760; 9783639218763.


Almas, A. A. M. and Scholz, M. 2006. “Potential for Wastewater Reuse in Irrigation: Case Study from Aden (Yemen).” Int. J. Environ. Stud. Taylor and Francis Ltd: Volume 63, Issue 2, Pages 131-142. Descriptors: Wastewater reclamation; Groundwater resources; Recycling; Sewage treatment; Surface water resources. Abstract: Wastewater treatment with waste stabilization ponds (WSP) is a very efficient, low cost and low maintenance operation. The treated wastewater from WSP should be considered as a valuable resource for reuse by water resources managers. Yemen’s water resources are currently experiencing a crisis, because all surface water and groundwater resources are exploited beyond the level of recharge. Promoting water reuse of treated wastewater for irrigation could mitigate this water crisis. This paper assesses the performance of a WSP in the city of Aden by examining the quality of treated sewage predominantly of domestic origin. A comparison with international guidelines reveals that it is possible to use the final effluent to a limited extent in irrigation. This paper includes an outline of the social, religious and political reasons for the water crisis, and explores the idea of reuse of effluent for different irrigation practices. ISSN: 0020-7233. URL: http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00207230500505569.

Almas, AAM and Scholz, M. 2006. “Agriculture and Water Resources Crisis in Yemen Need for Sustainable Agriculture.” J. Sustainable Agric. Volume 28, Issue 3, Pages 55-75. Descriptors: Article Subject Terms: Agriculture; Available Water; Cultivation; Drinking water; Drug abuse; Drugs; Impaired Water Use; Irrigation; Potable Water; Recreation areas; Surface water; Surface-groundwater Relations; Wastewater; Wastewater Irrigation; Water Resources; Water Reuse; Water conservation; agriculture; sustainable agriculture; water availability; Article Geographic Terms: Africa; Middle East; Yemen. Abstract: Yemen’s agriculture and water resources sectors are in a crisis. The water availability is 150 m3/cap/a. This compares with an average of 1250 m3/cap/a for the Middle East and North Africa. All surface water and groundwater resources are exploited beyond the level of recharge. The agriculture industry uses 93% of the potable water, and does not actively encourage sustainable water saving techniques. Qat (Catha edulis; recreational drug) cultivation uses 40% of the potable water. The water crisis could be mitigated by reducing qat production, and promoting water reuse of treated wastewater for irrigation. However, this is currently socially unacceptable. Database: ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts. ISSN: 1044-0046.

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Almas, Ahmed A. M. and Scholz, Miklas. 2006. “Agriculture and Water Resources Crisis in Yemen: Need for Sustainable Agriculture.” J. Sustainable Agric. 09. Volume 28, Issue 3, Pages 55-75. Descriptors: Sustainable Agriculture; Alternative Agriculture; Water-Supply, Agricultural; Groundwater; Water Conservation; Water Consumption; Yemen (Republic); Africa, North; Middle East; Irrigation; Qat; Social Problems; Sustainable Agriculture Policy; Wastewater Reuse; Wastewater Stabilization Pond; Water Leakage; Water Resources; Yemen. Abstract: Yemen’s agriculture and water resources sectors are in a crisis. The water availability is 150 m³/cap/a. This compares with an average of 1250 m³/cap/a for the Middle East and North Africa. All surface water and groundwater resources are exploited beyond the level of recharge. The agriculture industry uses 93% of the potable water, and does not actively encourage sustainable water saving techniques. Qat (Catha edulis; recreational drug) cultivation uses 40% of the potable water. The water crisis could be mitigated by reducing qat production, and promoting water reuse of treated wastewater for irrigation. However, this is currently socially unacceptable. ISSN: 1044-0046.


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and health education. Results are being used as a baseline to monitor interventions which include-implementing participatory hygiene promotion and other health promotion programs in the areas selected from the baseline survey; and advocating with other donors in building a network for sanitation and hygiene promotion and water resources improvement. URL: http://apha.confex.com/apha/133am/techprogram/paper_108167.htm.

Almhab, A. and Busu, I. 2009. Estimation of Evapotranspiration using Fused Remote Sensing Image Data and Energy Balance Model for Improving Water Management in Arid Area. Proc. - Int. Conf. Comput. Eng. Technol. ICCET Volume: 2, page(s): 529-533. 2009 International Conference on Computer Engineering and Technology, ICCET 2009. Singapore Conference: 22 January 2009 through 24 January 2009. Descriptors: AVHRR; Evapotranspiration; Yemen. Abstract: Remote sensing has proved to be very useful in the investigation of vegetation and hydrological monitoring, especially when studying vast areas. In this paper, the complement between two optical remote sensing data (Landsat TM and NOAA-AVHRR) and a Digital Elevation Model (DEM) is used to estimate hydrological parameters based on derived surface reflectance. These parameters which are used in the Modified Soil Energy Balance Algorithm for Land (M-SEBAL) model have been used to estimate net radiation, soil heat flux, sensible heat flux and evapotranspiration (ET) for Sana’a Basin in Yemen. The area is known for arid and semi-arid weather conditions with undulating topography. Image data from AVHRR on-board NOAA satellites with a large areal coverage, good temporal and spectral resolution are found to be very useful in generating some parameters required for the above process. However, the data have poor spatial resolution. On the other hand, image data from the Thematic Mapper on-board the Landsat satellite, with a high spatial and spectral resolution should be able to provide values for the parameters involved, but the area coverage is significantly reduced. This study has been carried out, using a data fusion technique in order to exploit the respective advantages of these two disparate sources of image data. A general framework is then proposed to generate ET maps for and semi-arid regions. This is achieved by means of multi-temporal, multiresolution remote sensing data. Taking into account topographic effects, an attempt has also been made to incorporate DEM information for estimating the net radiation of the areas involved. An application for computing a daily ET map over Sana’a Basin, Yemen is presented. As a result, a daily ET map generated from meteorological observations was compared with estimated ET data simulated from remote sensing data. In conclusion, data from both remote sensing sources give reasonable values with the result from the TM being better than those obtained from the AVHRR. This is attributed to the differences in spatial resolution, in which TM data is higher than AVHRR. The fusion of the two shows improves spatial detail whilst maintaining the spectral signature close to the original. 2009 IEEE. Notes: Conference code: 76101. ISBN: 9780769535210. Database: SCOPUS. OCLC: 318104320.

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two shows improves spatial detail whilst maintaining the spectral signature close to the original. OCLC: 356094548; 318104320.

Al-Mikhlafi, A. S. 2009. “Groundwater Quality of Yemen Volcanic Terrain and their Geological and Geochemical Controls.” Arab. J. Geosci. Pages 1-13. Descriptors: Groundwater; Health; Rural; Water quality; Yemen volcanic. Notes: Article in Press. Abstract: One hundred thirty boreholes of volcanic aquifers in rural Yemen Highland Groundwaters (YHGs) were chemically investigated to assess the suitability of water for drinking. Focus is to identify inorganic constituents of significant risk to health that occur in groundwaters of this area. Results showed that a number of boreholes contain, apart from fluoride, levels of nitrate, some heavy metals, total dissolved solids, and sulfates that could pose a health risk for consumers. The lateral variations of major ions with depth varied within the same aquifer based on the dynamic equilibrium of groundwater and hydrogeological conditions. The main inorganic groundwater contaminant in volcanic YHG is fluoride which is attributed to groundwater lithology and water type. Fluoride appears high in Ca-poor groundwater and where cation exchanges of Ca for Na are dominant. High F concentration in YHG is an extension of East African fluoride-rich groundwater. Majority of tube wells show that Fe concentration exceeds WHO guideline many folds. Much of the iron and manganese in groundwaters are naturally occurring, since the source rocks are enriched in ferromagnesian minerals. NO$_3^-$ and Cl$^-$ concentrations that have been detected in some wells may indicate sewage and/or agricultural runoff. Elevated concentration of chemical constituents in groundwater is a sign of groundwater degradation. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 1866-7511.

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certain parts of the country. In several areas of Sana’a governorate, people live in disparate situations due to the drop in water tables and the general depletion in community wells. In many situations, these drops can be directly correlated to the creation of multiple new wells within the areas, draining the reservoirs. Despite these figures, people within the surrounding villages have exhibited complete apathy about the water situation, not learning the vital lesson from water depletion of the traditional wells. Mohsen al-Shaje, an inhabitant of al-Sharafa in Bani Hushaish, explained how the local area is already facing a water crisis. This crisis is due in large part, he feels, to the indiscriminate creation of new wells within the area. Many efforts have been undertaken in the area to dig new wells, undertaken by locals, in the hope of accessing new sources of water. However, the majority of these wells failed, when the depth of drilling in some of the wells reached over 800 meters without striking water. Al-Shaje pointed out that the scarcity of clean water has a direct negative effect on the socio-economic health of the people. He stressed that citizens’ lives have become increasingly miserable as they have been forced to live like the nomads of old, moving from one area to another, looking for water for drinking, household usage and for the irrigation of their farms. Mohammed Al-Gharir agrees with Al-Shaje that such quick fix solutions are tentative at best. Al-Gharir gave an example of the final well dug by citizens of the area. The well reached 480 meters and cost nearly YR 40 million. As they dug deeper, the cost of drilling just one meter rose to YR16,000. In addition to the increased costs, there were also problems finding a pump capable of lifting water from this depth. The drilling companies approached pump suppliers with the desire to pump water from a depth of 850 meters. The quoted cost rose to twenty million, an outrageous cost for the poor citizens of the region. To make matters more difficult, the water found at such depths is not even suitable for washing, let alone drinking, due to its color and odor. Deserting the area: The people of the area are dependant on the use of tanks to receive water from other areas of the directorate, with costs reaching over YR 4,000,000. These problems have led to the emigration of several families to other areas of the district, which has led to the loss of ancestral farms, families’ main source of income. In turn, this emigration has led to the desertification of the agricultural lands that have been deserted by the people due to inaccessibility of water. Zubairy called on the concerned authorities to find an appropriate solution that would provide water to the people of this region. He noted that the area enjoys excellent position for the construction of dams, which he considers the only hope in addressing the coming crisis. URL: http://www.yobserver.com/reports/10018348.html


Al-Mooji, Yusuf Auteur; Zuppi, G. -M and Directeur de thèse. 1995. Characterization of groundwaters in the Wadi Mawr area and the origin of salinity in the Tihama plain of Yemen = Caractérisation des eaux souterraines dans la région de l'oued Mawr et origine de la salinité dans la plaine du Tihama au Yemen. Descriptors: Terre; Ocean; Espace: Hydrologie; Hydrogeologie/Geochimie; Yemen-Eau Souterraine; Salinite; Nappe Eau; Hydrochimie; Carbonate; Na; Sulfate; Na; Chlorure; Eau Saumatre; O 18-O 16 Isotope Stable; Evaporation; Deuterium; Nc; Modele;Evaporite; Yemen; Ground Water; Salinity; Aquifers; Hydrochemistry; Carbonates; Na; Sulfates; Na; Chlorides; Na; Brackish Water; O-18; O-16; Stable Isotopes;
Evaporation; Deuterium; Nc; Models; Evaporites; Thesis; dissertation. Abstract: quatre types d’eaux souterraines sont présents dans le système aquifère superficiel: des eaux bicarbonatées, des eaux sulfatées, des eaux chlorurées (thermales ou non) et des eaux mixtes dont la composition n’est dominee par aucun anion en particulier. Les eaux douces bicarbonatées (teneur totale en ions dissous, tdi = 25,8 à 50,6 meq 1#-#1) se trouvent dans les puits superficiels implantés au long du lit de l’oued. Les eaux sulfatées sont saumâtres (tdi = 76,9 a 148,9 meq 1#-#1), en raison de leur proximité aux affleurements des evaporites miocènes. Les eaux chlorurées saumâtres à sales (tdi jusqu’a 966 meq 1#-#1), thermales ou non, sont plus repandues. Leur composition resulte d’une dissolution d’évaporites et d’une remontee des eaux thermales profondes dans l’aquifere alluvial superficiel. En majorite, les puits de la region contiennent des eaux mixtes, douces a saumâtres (50 <tdi < 100 meq 1#-#1) qui proviennent d’un melange entre les eaux thermales et les eaux douces infiltrées dans le lit de l’oued, comme en temoignent les compositions chimiques et isotopiques, ainsi que les temperatures. La composition isotopique des echantillons de precipitations ( #1#8o: -2,30 a +0,77; #2h: -7,90 a +19,50), se regroupent autour de la droite des eaux meteoriques locales etablie pour addis (#2h = 7,3 #1#8o + 11,4), mais quelques echantillons montrent les effets d’une forte evaporation; d’autres presentent des exces en deuterium voisins de 15, qui pourraient refleter des apports de vapeur condensante de type mediterraneen dans la region. La composition isotopique de la majorite des eaux non-thermales douces a saumâtres est comparable a celle des precipitations et des eaux de surface. Les eaux des sources chaudes et les eaux associees aux evaporites miocenes sont significativement appauvries en isotopes lourds par rapport aux eaux non-thermales du tihaoua ou a celle de la region des plateau, et ne contiennent pas de tritium. La composition isotopique du sulfate dissous dans l’eau thermale indique qu’il provient du gres permien. La modelisation de l’évolution geochemique des eaux souterraines du tihaoua a ete realisee en utilisant netpath. Les resultats de la modelisation confirment les interpretations presentee auparavant sur la base des analyses chimiques et isotopiques. L’application des geothermometres chimiques et isotopiques aux differentes sources suggere des temperatures de reservoirs d’environ 150 A 200C. Notes: 278 P. Dissertation: These de doctorat: Terre, Ocean, Espace: Paris 11: 1995. Note(s): 1995PA112225. 191 REF. Other Titles: Characterization of Groundwaters in the Wadi Mawr Area and the Origin of Salinity in the Tihama Plain of Yemen; Responsibility: Yusuf Al-Mooji; sous la direction de G.-M. Zuppi. OCLC: 490269612.

Al-Nozaily, F. and Alaerts, G. 2002. “Performance of Duckweed-Covered Sewage Lagoons in Sana’a, Yemen, Depending on Sewage Strength.” Journal of Water Supply: Research and Technology - AQUA. IWA Publishing: Volume 51, Issue 3, Pages 173-182. Descriptors: Water supply; Effluent treatment; Nitrification; Nitrogen; pH; Sewage lagoons; Wastewater. Abstract: The performance of a duckweed (Lemna gibba) sewage lagoon (DSL) was investigated in non-continuous batch system reactors using high strength sewage under natural environmental conditions in Sana’a. Wastewater effluent from the anaerobic ponds of the Sana’a waste stabilization ponds (WSPs) was used with dilution factors (DF) of 0, 2, 3 and 4. The initial COD concentration range applied was 254-600 mg COD l-1 (150-250 mg BOD l-1) and NH4+ of 25-100 mg N l-1, while the duckweed stock density used was 500 g wet weight m-2. The duration of the experiments was 10 days with a harvesting frequency of 5 days. NH4+ in this very concentrated Sana’a sewage was possibly the most important limiting factor for growth of L. gibba. High pH near the end of the reaction time and lower temperatures at night-time probably also contributed to slower growth. Relative growth rate (RGR) decreased from 0.170.04 d-1 at an NH4+ concentration of 23-40 mg N l-1 to around 0.00 d-1 at a concentration of 100 mg N l-1.
Fresh wastewater helped to grow duckweed, especially at NH4+ 50 mg N l-1, while after 5 days, algae proliferation and probably the exhaustion of other essential nutrients started to inhibit duckweed growth. COD removal correlated strongly with the applied initial surface loading. At a higher initial COD loading (s) of 869 kg COD ha-1, the removal loading (r) 710 kg COD ha-1 10 day-1, while at a lower initial COD loading of 344 kg ha-1, the removal loading was 210 kg COD ha-1 10 day-1. Total Nitrogen removal (r,N) increased with initial NH4+ concentration and with initial surface loading (N). At initial nitrogen loading (N) of 28 and 164 kgN/ha, the removal loading (r,u) was 25 kgN/ha.10 d and 148 kgN/ha.10 d, respectively. At the same time, the first order COD kinetic removal rate constant increased from 0.10 to 0.16 d-1 at initial COD concentration of 254 and 621 mg/l, respectively. The total nitrogen kinetic removal constant increased from 0.16 day-1 at NH4+ concentration 93 mg N l-1 to 0.26 day-1 at NH4+ 34 mg N l-1. The high DO and pH encountered under outdoor environmental conditions are probably the main cause of the high N removal compared with removal under laboratory conditions. Therefore, total nitrogen removal was taking place through nitrification/denitrification and probably NH3 stripping. ISSN: 0003-7214.

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is sustainable utilization of water resources. ISSN: 0790-0627. URL: http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/07900629948862.


Al-Shahwani, M. F. 2005. “Bacterial Distribution Analysis of the Atmosphere of Two Hospitals in Lbb, Yemen.” East. Mediterr. Health J. Volume 11, Issue 5-6, Pages 1115-1119. Abstract: A bacteriological distribution analysis of the air was carried out at 8 sites in each of 2 general hospitals in Lbb during the period February-June 2002. Only 3 sites, reception hall, hospital passages and outpatient clinic, gave meaningful values for the distribution of bacteria in the atmospheric air. In these locations, mean values for total plate count, lactose fermenting bacteria, haemolytic bacteria and non-lactose fermenting bacteria were 478.6 colony forming units (cfu)/ m3, 24.9 cfu/m3, 6.5 cfu/m3, and 4.8 cfu/m3 respectively. The reception hall had the highest bacterial count, followed by hospital passages and the outpatient clinic. The highest bacterial count was for 08.00, followed by 14.00 and 18.00. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 1020-3397.

Al-Shamiri, A., Al- Zubairy, A. H. and Al-Mamari, R. 2010. “The Prevalence of Cryptosporidium Spp. in Children, Taiz District, Yemen.” Iranian Journal of Parasitology. Tehran University of Medical Sciences: 06. Volume 5, Issue 2, Pages 26-32. Descriptors: Cryptosporidiosis; Children -- Diseases; Drinking water; Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay; Disease prevalence; Taizz (Yemen); Yemen (Republic); Children; Cryptosporidium; Diagnosis; Prevalence; Yemen. Abstract: Background: This is the first work done on cryptosporidiosis among the children in Taiz, Yemen. Methods: A number of 712 samples were collected from children of different ages (ranging from 1 month to 12 years) from Dec 2006 to Aug 2007. The collected samples were examined by Sheather’s sugar floatation and Modified Ziehl-Neelsen stain as well as ELISA methods. The test results were statistically analyzed by SPSS software. Results: The overall positive percentage was 43.7%. The higher incidence (36.2 %) was occurred in males while the lowest incidence (32.7 %) was observed in females (r= 0.876; P=0.001). The correlation between infected cases and the type of drinking water was r =0.121. Among the cases examined by ELISA (92 cases), 26.1 % were infected. The correlation between seropositivity and gender was r= 0.652 (P=0.031). Conclusion: Cryptosporidium spp. is a significant pathogen among children at Taiz. Fresh water supplies, education, eating habits and domestic animals are considered the main sources for transmission of cryptosporidiosis. ISSN: 1735-7020.

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protocols of antimalarial drug tests. Among the investigated 12 extracts, three were found to have significant antiplasmodial activity with IC50 values less than 4 \( \mu \text{g/ml} \), namely the water extracts of A. fruticosa, A. indica and D. socotrana. Six extracts showed moderate activity with IC50 values ranging from 10 to 30 \( \mu \text{g/ml} \) and three appeared to be inactive with IC50 values more than 30 \( \mu \text{g/ml} \). In addition, preliminary phytochemical screening of the methanolic and aqueous extracts indicated the presence of saponins, tannins, flavonoids, terpenoids, polysaccharides and peptides. URL: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2781778/. 

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Al-Shiwafi, N., Rushdi, A. I. and Ba-Issa, A. 2005. “Trace Metals in Surface Seawaters and Sediments from various Habitats of the Red Sea Coast of Yemen.” Environ. Geol. Springer Verlag: Volume 48, Issue 4-5, Pages 590-598. Descriptors: Ocean habitats; Coastal zones; Concentration (process); Data acquisition; Marine biology; Natural water geochemistry; Seawater; Sediments; Trace analysis. Abstract: The purpose of this study was to determine and assess the concentrations of trace metals in surface seawaters and sediments from different coastal habitats of the Red Sea coast of Yemen. Surface seawater and sediment samples were collected, treated and analyzed for cadmium, cobalt, manganese, chromium, lead, iron, nickel, copper, zinc and vanadium by the atomic absorption spectrometric analysis. The concentrations were high for cadmium, cobalt and lead and low or consistent with the natural background concentrations for the rest of the metals. However, the coastal habitats of the Red Sea coast of Yemen are still considered unpolluted, it is concluded that the cadmium cobalt and lead levels in surface seawaters are high and could have negative effects on marine life of the sites. Further studies are needed to characterize the sources fate, biogeochemical processes and impacts of these trace metals on coastal habitats and marine life of the region. Springer-Verlag 2005. ISSN: 0943-0105. URL: http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s00254-005-1315-1.

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Al-Shiwafi, N. Rushdi, A. and Ba-Issa, A. 2005. Trace Metals in Surface Seawaters and Sediments from various Habitats of the Red Sea Coast of Yemen. Springer-Verlag, Tiergartenstr 17, Heidelberg, 69121, Germany, [mailto:subscriptions@springer.de]. Environ. Geol. Volume: 48, no. 4-5, page(s): 590-590-598. Abstract: The purpose of this study was to determine and assess the concentrations of trace metals in surface seawaters and sediments from different coastal habitats of the Red Sea coast of Yemen. Surface seawater and sediment samples were collected, treated and analyzed for cadmium, cobalt, manganese, chromium, lead, iron, nickel, copper, zinc and vanadium by the atomic absorption spectrometric analysis. The concentrations were high for cadmium, cobalt and lead and low or consistent with the natural background concentrations for the rest of the metals. However, the coastal habitats of the Red Sea coast of Yemen are still considered unpolluted, it is concluded that the cadmium cobalt and lead levels in surface seawaters are high and could have negative effects on marine life of the sites. Further studies are needed to characterize the sources fate, biogeochemical processes and impacts of these trace metals on coastal habitats and marine life of the region. Notes: TY: GEN.


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during April, 2001. The concentrations of residual petroleum hydrocarbons were found in comparable concentrations for unpolluted marine environments were generally lay within the normal range of values reported for other regions the world. The variation within the site were mainly attributed to the human activity, oil tanker, blowout, oil pipelines, storage tanks, vessels deballasting in the Gulf of Aden and Red Sea. The significant relationships found between residual petroleum hydrocarbons and organic carbon contents in sediments indicated that oil contamination was one of the possible sources for increasing the concentrations of organic materials in sediments. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 0257-8050.

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To evaluate the situation in The Republic of Yemen, this paper evaluated the technical and organizational readiness for e-government implementation. The primary objective was to identify the challenges facing the implementation process and offer appropriate solutions to overcome these challenges. This study examined some successful e-government models for their effectiveness and flaws, which will help during e-government implementation in The Republic of Yemen. This study employed mixed method research approach that includes quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis techniques such as personal interviews and survey questionnaires. The researcher conducted personal interviews with 96 ministry officials and employees from 12 ministries. The purpose of these personal interviews was to get an overview of the e-government readiness in the Ministries and determine if they are ready to embrace such technology. The second part of the study was the survey questionnaire which was distributed to about 480 employees of all levels in the twelve ministries to see how much they know about information technology and e-government to determine what these employees need most to start using this technology. Only 382 participants replied to all questions in the survey and the rest filled only parts of the surveys; therefore, they were omitted because of missing answers which might have changed the outcome, and may have led to false analysis and led to wrong conclusions. Capella University; Ph.D. OCLC: 317404368.

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planar bedding structures; regression; sandstone; sea-level changes; sedimentary rocks; sedimentary structures; shallow-water environment; Tawilah Group; Tertiary; thickness; unconformities; Yemen. References: 11; strat. cols., sketch map. Database: GeoRef. OCLC: 31671877.

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and women need to be taken into account in health promotion messages. ISSN: 1460-2237. OCLC: 43257616.


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The diagenesis of the Amran Group was operative, can be recognized. (1) Synsedimentary diagenesis is characterized by the formation of isopachous and syntaxial cements, hardgrounds (with associated borings and burrows, and shelter, fenestral, framework, interparticle, and intraparticle porosity), geopetal structures, and intraclasts, indicating deposition under marine conditions. (2) Shallow burial diagenesis shows other specific features such as leaching, recrystallization, and early dolomitization (both replacive and void-filling) and mold-filling cements. Moldic and vuggy porosity distribution, early compaction, collapse breccia, and silt deposition indicates that the Amran Group continued to receive meteoric water following sediment stabilization, enlarging some molds and vugs by solution. (3) Deep burial diagenesis is characterized by dissolution, blocky calcite cement, late compaction (fractures and sutured grains), and saddle dolomite. (4) Uplift diagenesis is characterized by reopening of stylolites along fractures and development of dolomitization under meteoric conditions. The occurrence of nonferroan calcite and ferric oxides in rhombohedral zones in dolomite indicates that dedolomitization was driven by oxidation and alteration of ferroan dolomite zones and probably reflects alteration related to recent weathering. Database: GeoRef. ISBN: 1565760751. OCLC: 45904403.


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changes from 245 to 267 m within the sandstone aquifer at the western part of Taiz region, while at the southwestern part, the depth to water is 4 m in the sandstone aquifer. Database: GeoRef. ISSN: 1110-0435.

Alzandani, Bakeel A. 2010. The Bush Doctrine, the War on Terror, and American Promotion of Democracy in the Middle East: The Cases of Egypt and Yemen. United States -- Nebraska: Political Science. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses. Abstract: Unlike the previous U.S. Administrations, the Bush Administration believes that national security and promoting democracy go hand-in-hand. In arguing that success in the war on terror demands democratic reform in the Middle East, Bush broke a long-standing division between Realism (which stresses security) and Liberalism (which posits that institutional change can enhance security in the long term). Bush, in other words, proposed that security and democracy are positive sum and increases in democracy promotion will yield positive security gains. Neoconservatives believed that the major cause of terror is the lack of freedom and democracy in the Middle East. Thus in the Bush era U.S. foreign policy aims to promote democracy in the region as a solution to terrorist activities against the United States and the West. Clearly, government officials in the Bush Administration believed that democracy promotion could guarantee security concerns of the United States. This dissertation tries to answer the questions: did the Bush Administration succeed in pursuing both security and democracy through its War on Terror policy, or did it end up pursuing security at the expense of democracy? This dissertation examines in detail statements by the Bush Administration about Democracy Promotion, including the ways in which neoconservatives treated democracy post-9/11. This will contain explicit budgetary and program information. ISBN: 9781124101057; 1124101055. OCLC: 696782644.

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conditions, is suggested as the mechanism for the abrupt shift to more arid conditions. Geoarchaeological evidence suggests that agriculture was more widespread and evolved alongside the development of irrigation technologies during a period when rainfall was more plentiful than today. Here we investigate the surficial record of the dynamic fluvial response to the late Quaternary climate shift and reconstruct the geochronology of the geomorphic evolution of a significant portion of the ca. 125 km length of Wadi Sana, a north-flowing tributary to the Wadi Hadramout system. Using differential-corrected GPS-based survey, combined with analysis of the sedimentary record, the RASA (Roots of Agriculture in Southern Arabia) Project has created a paleohydrologic reconstruction of Wadi Sana in order to provide a context for understanding how fluvial landscapes, hydrologic regime, and human activity reacted to the changing middle Holocene climate. Radiocarbon and luminescence dating of remnant silt terraces suggests that fine-grained sediment began accumulating on an older (late-Pleistocene) coarse cobble surface between 12,000-7,000 years ago and continued aggrading until about 5,000 years ago. Paralleling the climate shift, Wadi Sana began incising and eroding the thick sediment infilling about 4,500 years ago, which has continued to the present time. Field reconnaissance and map analysis reveals structural and lithologic controls on the source and availability of these fluvial sediments for downstream deposition during the late Pleistocene and Holocene. Hydrologic modeling of active present-day channels within Wadi Sana estimates stream velocities at 2.2 m/s and stream discharges of 444 m$^3$/s. We propose that a change in hydrologic regime, driven by the monsoon shift, is the cause of the middle Holocene channel adjustment from an aggradational to incising mode in Wadi Sana. Notes: Dissertation: Thesis (M.S.)--University of South Florida, 2007. Note(s): Includes bibliographical references. Responsibility: by Joshua Michael Anderson. OCLC: 180701835.

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fine-grained sediment began accumulating on an older (late-Pleistocene?) coarse cobble surface between 14,000-8,000 years ago and continued aggrading until about 5,000 years ago. Paralleling the climate shift, Wadi Sana began incising and eroding thick sediment infilling about 4,500 years ago, which has continued to the present time. Our primary hypothesis is that a change in hydrologic regime, driven by the monsoon shift, is the cause of channel adjustment from an aggradational to incising mode in Wadi Sana. Additional paleohydrologic modeling will quantify paleoflow, paleodischarge, and provide estimates of sediment flux in the Wadi Sana system. Database: GeoRef. ISSN: 0016-7592.

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Anonymous. 1993. Unkonventionelle Wasserprospektion; Felderprobung Der Rutengaenger-Methodik in Trockenzonen. Unconventional Water Detection; Field Test of Dowsing Technique in Dry Zones. Federal Republic of Germany GTZ, Eschborn, Federal Republic of Germany. Karl und Veronica Carstens-Stiftung . Descriptors: Africa; Antilles; aquifers; Arabian Peninsula; Asia; associations; Atlantic Ocean Islands; basin management; Bavaria Germany; Cape Verde Islands; Caribbean region; Central Africa; Central Europe; Congo; crystalline rocks; discharge; Dominican Republic; drilling; drinking water; East Africa; Europe; experimental studies; exploration; Far East; faults; fractures; Germany; Greater Antilles; ground water; Hispaniola; international cooperation; joints; karst; Kenya; methods; Namibia; Niger; Philippine Islands; Sinai; Southern Africa; Sri Lanka; style; water harnessing; water resources; water supply; water wells; wells; West Africa; West Indies; Yemen. Abstract: This report presents new insights into an unconventional option of locating water reserves which relies on water dowsing. The effectiveness of this method is still rightly disputed. Now, however, extensive field studies - in line with provable and reliable historic accounts - have shown that a few carefully selected dowsers are certainly able to detect faults, fissures and fractures with relative alacrity and surprising accuracy in areas with, say, crystalline or limestone bed-rock. A series of GTZ projects involving this technique were carried out in dry zones with unexpectedly high rates of success. In particular, it was possible to locate a large number of relatively small underground aquifers in thinly populated areas and to drill wells at the sites where water is needed; the yields were low but sufficient for hand-pump operation throughout the year. Finding or locating a sufficient number of relatively small fracture zones using conventional techniques would have required a far greater work input. The relevance of the method used was tested under various aspects. On the one hand, project areas with different geological characteristics were chosen and, on the other hand, the relevant circumstances and project results were carefully examined by geology experts. So far, neither critical consideration of all possible objections nor attempts at reasoning have yielded a conventional explanation for the persistent success of the dowsing technique - an outcome which has been corroborated by a number of specifically designed control experiments and comparative tests. The trend of the reported findings is
concordant with that exhibited by the findings from recent scientific research carried out, for example, by a Swedish geological institution and universities in Munich. Provided that certain conditions are met, the results obtained show the dowsing technique to be a serious alternative for ground-water prospection. It can thus be concluded from these present experiences that the effectiveness of locating ground water in certain hydrogeological situations could be raised significantly if conventionally organised operating teams were to make additional use of appropriately tested and selected dowsers in order to pinpoint drilling spots. Along these lines, a model of integration, which has already been tested on a pilot scale in some of the GTZ projects presented herein, is discussed and proposed for future provisional use. The high success rates described in this report suggest the design of specific tests for future use which may contribute to a scientific clarification of the dowsing phenomenon. At the same time, there is the possibility of an especially useful transfer of practical knowledge concerning waterresource development.


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especially the availability of a male for comparison of the morphology of the copulatory appendages (gonopods), Sphaerocarinus Zehntner, 1894, is synonymised with Caphyra Guerin, 1832. The extremely convex and globose carapace shape of the type specimen from Amboina turned out to be atypical and possibly caused by parasitic infection. Ecologically, C. bedoti, like most species of the genus Caphyra, lives epibiontically on soft corals (Octocorallia: Alcyonaria).


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Arizona Univ Tucson Dept of Geosciences and Wallace, Terry C. 1989. “The Effects of Structure and Source Complexity on Waveforms: Crustal Structure of Tibet and the Recovery of Complex Seismic Sources.” 07 Sep. Page(s): 198 Report Number: GL-TR-89-0259 Contract Number: F19628-87-K-0046 Monitor Series: TR-89-0259. Abstract: In an attempt to better understand the effects of both source and path on regional distance waveforms, we investigated the crustal structure of Eurasia and developed an algorithm for investigating complex seismic sources. Part I is a study based on the inversion of 130 regional distance waveforms for average crustal thickness and upper mantle Pn velocity beneath Tibet. Results indicate an increase in Pn velocity, coincident with the increase in crustal thickness, of about 0.2 km/s beneath the Plateau. Impulsive Pn arrivals from paths that cross the Tibetan Plateau can be modeled with a positive upper mantle gradient, indicating an upper mantle lid approximately 100 km thick beneath southern Tibet. This ‘shield-like’ structure has important consequences for the propagation of regional phases Pg, Pn and Sn. Part II discusses an algorithm for time dependent moment tensor (TDMT) inversion. The algorithm was developed to investigate complex seismic sources, such as multiple earthquakes and, ultimately, explosions with tectonic release contamination. The TDMT inversion algorithm was tested with 3 synthetic data examples with varying degrees of complexity. It was also tested on the long-period body waves for 3 earthquakes: the 1982 Yemen, the 1971 San Fernando, and the 1952 Kern County earthquakes. Preliminary modeling in the nearfield of nuclear explosions yielded mixed results. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Notes: Final rept. May 87-May 89, DTIC Accession Number: ADA218202.

Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Ks, School of Advanced Military Studies and Dooghan, James K. 2006. “Muslim Prison Ministry: Hindering the Spread of the Radical, Militant, Violent and Irreconcilable Wing of Islam.” 25 May. Page(s): 70 Report Number: XA-USACGSC/SAMS Monitor Series: USACGSC/SAMS. Abstract: Prisons and detention centers are recruiting grounds for radical Islamists. Unfortunately, the National Military Strategic Plan for the War on Terrorism Campaign Plan is not a sufficient enough strategy to hinder the conversion of detainees into terrorists. However, addressing violent Islamic ideology at the grass roots level may decrease the number of terrorists recruited and increase the number of Muslims favoring a nonviolent interpretation of the Qur’an. The author recommends reducing terrorist recruitment through an anti-violent Islamic ministry program that educates detainees and prisoners through Muslim clerics. This indirect approach focuses on conflict resolution and relies on Muslims who reject a violent interpretation of the Qur’an. Both Islamic and western countries are beginning to rely on moderate Muslim ministers to promote nonviolent ideologies to counter terrorist recruitment efforts. Egypt and Yemen have already witnessed conversions of militant Islamists to moderate Islamists. The United Kingdom and France are appealing to moderate Muslim clerics to address the growing number of radicalized Muslims in their prisons. The U.S. Bureau of Prisons’ Muslim chaplaincy program provides guidelines for selecting Muslim religious service providers for prison ministry programs. The solution is not an ecumenical reconciliation of the various religions of the world, but a peaceful coexistence among

Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Ks, School of Advanced Military Studies and Machon, Matthew J. 2006. “Targeted Killing as an Element of U.S. Foreign Policy in the War on Terror.” 25 May. Page(s): 69 Report Number: XA-USACGSC/SAMS Monitor Series: USACGSC/SAMS. Abstract: On 5 November 2002, an armed Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) operated Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) launched a lethal missile strike, killing Qaed Salim Sinan al-Harethi, a high ranking al-Qaeda member and suspected architect of the USS Cole bombing, in an isolated and sparsely populated region within Yemen. This missile strike appears to have initiated a new and highly controversial phase in the Global War on Terror; moving the Bush administration away from the law enforcement-based tactics of arrests and detentions of al-Qaeda suspects that it had employed outside Afghanistan in the months since the fighting there had ended. Since the 2002 Yemen strike US officials have acknowledged at least 19 occasions since September 11th on which Predators have successfully fired Hellfire missiles on terrorist suspects overseas. While it is uncertain how many unacknowledged strikes the US has conducted, now that al-Qaeda has decentralized its operations around the globe, it’s likely that the war against the network will assume an increasingly covert nature, involving intelligence cooperation and targeted strikes against al-Qaeda suspects rather than major conventional military offensives. This monograph examines the prohibition on assassination embodied within Executive Order 12333 and its effect on a U.S. policy of targeted killing of transnational terrorist leadership. Next this monograph will examine the numerous interpretations of applicable international law regarding terrorism and the states response. This examination will contrast the law enforcement model proposed by adherents of international humanitarian law, with international humanitarian law and the law of war model advocated by those who see the current ‘war on terror’ as an armed conflict between states and trans-national terrorists. Given the level of secrecy and lack of transparency in the military operations and the targeting of high value targets, this monograph will also examine the role of media in the ‘war on terror’ as a tool of public relations, propaganda, and information operations in the Middle East. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Monograph; Distribution Statement: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DTIC: ADA450537. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA450537.

Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Ks, School of Advanced Military Studies and Mady, Ahmed M. 2005. “Roles and Effects of Media in the Middle East and the United States.” 26 May. Page(s): 80 Report Number: XA-USACGSC/SAMS Monitor Series: USACGSC/SAMS. Abstract: This monograph compares the role of contemporary media, especially television, in the Middle East and the United States. Emphasis is placed on the more salient roles played by the media in the Middle Eastern and U.S. perspectives of the world. These roles include the impact of media on military operations, politics, foreign policy, economics, society, and culture. The paper begins with definitions of the terms Middle East and media. Next, the author presents a survey of the Middle East’s media establishment and its characteristics across the region. The countries included in the survey are Egypt, Sudan, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, Turkey, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, and Iran. The focus then shifts to the United States, where the history and influence of the media establishment there is reviewed. Although media in the United States and the Middle East appear quite different, they share many attributes, including the need to deal with ownership, adapt to rapidly changing
technology and methods, operate in diverse environments, and deal with the various challenges to forthright news reporting and commentary. Based on this analysis, the author concludes that the media -- now more than ever -- have the capacity not only to reflect on the world, but also to transform it. How this capacity makes itself felt remains largely a function of context and culture. Still, there are underlying common denominators, including the growing intrusiveness of a burgeoning and specialized media establishment in both regions. This and related developments mean that, like Ben Franklin’s adage about the poor and taxes, the media will always be with us. The author concludes that this understanding has significant ramifications for the relationship between the media and the military in both the United States and the Middle East. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Distribution Statement: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DTIC: ADA435946. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA435946.

Army Command And General Staff Coll Fort Leavenworth Ks School Of Advanced Military Studies and Murphy, John E. 2009. “Air Policing.” May. Page(s): 59 Report Number: XA-USACGSC/SAMS Monitor Series: USACGSC/SAMS. Abstract: Currently, the United States finds itself in a predicament similar to that which Great Britain experienced after emerging from the First World War as she dealt with the governance of a growing empire. Some air-minded proponents are asking whether the air policing policy developed and implemented by Great Britain during the interwar years offers any relevancy for the contemporary Iraqi situation. Specifically, does air policing offer a means to mitigate the reduction in capability associated with the drawdown of conventional U.S. ground forces in Iraq? This monograph presents case studies of the employment and evolution of British air policing operations from 1919 to 1934. The case studies examine the origins, development, and mature employment of British air policing doctrine in the Third Afghan War, Somaliland, Mesopotamia, and Aden. Air strikes were a significant factor in preventing tactical defeats from having strategic consequences and in preserving political will. The ability to rapidly transport and resupply small ground force teams proved essential to conducting rapid decisive actions, provided for increased security and freedom from attack, and reduced the requirement for ground-based logistics support. The ability to rapidly transport civilian governing personnel across the physical vastness of a governed territory also was extremely effective. Psychological operations conducted from aircraft were effective at communicating and reinforcing government directives. Reconnaissance provided actionable intelligence, enabled overwatch of small unit teams, and permitted observation of otherwise unreachable sections of territory. While the study shows that the British doctrine of Inverted Blockade is unsuitable for contemporary Iraqi counterinsurgency operations, and the doctrine of Interference offers only minor utility, the employment of air power in close coordination with ground forces and in direct support of local governance could be extremely effective. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Notes: Full Text (pdf) Availability: View Full Text (pdf); File: /U2/a506166.pdf; Size: 355 KB; Monograph; Distribution Statement: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DTIC: ADA506166. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA506166.

Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Ks, School of Advanced Military Studies and Olson, Brian S. 2008. “Withdrawal from Empire: Britain’s Decolonization of Egypt, Aden, and Kenya in the Mid-Twentieth Century.” 30 Sep. Page(s): 71 Report Number: XA-USACGSC/SAMS Monitor Series: USACGSC/SAMS. Abstract: Powerful nations often find themselves physically and geographically embroiled in the affairs of other nations in the form of empires, protectorate treaties, military occupations, and peacekeeping and stability
operations. Generally speaking, they all eventually withdraw these forces and empower the sovereign nation in self-governance. Withdrawal from Empire provides lessons from three case studies of how Great Britain withdrew forces and superintendence from Egypt, Aden and Kenya during the End of Empire era in the mid-Twentieth Century. After outlining several popular theories of why Britain elected to (or was forced to) withdraw from these colonies, the cases are addressed individually. To provide background and situational context to the studies, the case studies begin with a narrative history of Britain’s incursions into the specific lands on Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. The narrative traces Britain’s influence in these nations and her eventual reasons and methods of withdrawal. An analysis of the plans, methods and post-withdrawal status of the new independent nations and their relationship with Britain leads to some basic lessons on how other nations should consider withdrawing forces from occupied territories. While the analysis is uses four comparison criteria it is primarily focused on governance, economics, and security issues. Some examples of the lessons learned involve whether and how occupying nations should establish a timeline for withdrawal, how to train and educate the new or newly independent nation in governance, and the utility of leaving behind some forces or advisors to continue to guide the new nation or participate in its governance, economy or security. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Distribution Statement: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DTIC: ADA510241. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA510241.  

Army Command and General Staff Coll Fort Leavenworth KS and Gonnella, Joseph. 2005. “Terrorism Prevention: How does Special Operations Fit in?” 17 Jun. Page(s): 117 Report Number: XA-USACGSC Monitor Series: USACGSC. Abstract: The 2002 U.S. national security strategy is a proactive, world-integrated strategy against terrorism. The United States chose to highlight preemption as a viable option to deal with terrorists or rogue states. The aim of this thesis is to address the planning and execution of this policy at the operational level with regard to prevention more so than preemption. As such, strategic and operational decisions regarding actions to be taken against impending terrorist threats will need to be made to prevent the onset of hostile acts against the United States. The decision to act also will incur associated military and political risks. Once possible terrorist activity is detected, the United States may choose to use diplomatic, economic, or informational means of preventing it, but often the only sure way of stopping terrorist attacks will be by military means. The decision to preempt or prevent terrorism using the military equates to the use of force and can be accomplished with conventional or special operations forces (SOF). The thesis includes a chapter that utilizes METT-TC to analyze the circumstances that exist to allow a combatant commander to gain maximum situational awareness. It explains the capabilities that he must look for when choosing appropriate forces to achieve success, the types of threats and different states he may face, and considerations he must take into account regarding the U.S. public and the international community. It concludes with a Classical Terrorism-Prevention Flowchart to assist in deciding which type of forces to use. Another chapter interprets, analyzes, and explains five cases pertaining to preventive/preemptive strikes. The circumstances of each case are placed into the Flowchart to compare the classical solution to applying force to the solution that was actually used. The chapter concludes with an analysis of SOF and how SOF’s capabilities present a better opportunity for both military and political success. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Distribution Statement: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DTIC: ADA436674. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA436674.
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Report Number: USAFAS/MSTLD/SB112. Abstract: This bibliography presents periodical citations on the Middle East, and Approaches. Emphasis is on military and Naval articles which provide background understanding for some of the historic and contemporary issues which concern everyone. Coverage: Aden; Afghanistan; Bahrain; Cyprus; Diego Garcia; Iran; Iraq; Israel; Jordan; Kurdistan Region; Kuwait; Lebanon; Muscat; Oman; Pakistan; Palestine Region; Qatar; Saudi Arabia; Syria; Turkey; Yemen. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Notes: Final rept. DTIC: ADA157344.

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Turell Michael J Linthicum Kenneth J Patrican Lisa A Davies F G Kairo Alladin Bailey, Charles L. 2008. “Vector Competence of Selected African Mosquito (Diptera: Culicidae) Species for Rift Valley Fever Virus.” Jan. Page(s): 9 Report Number: TR-07-052 XA-USAMRIID/VD Monitor Series: USAMRIID/VD. Abstract: Outbreaks of Rift Valley fever (RVF) in Egypt, Yemen, and Saudi Arabia have indicated the potential for this disease to spread from its enzootic areas in sub-Saharan Africa. Because little is known about the potential for most African mosquito species to transmit RVF virus (RVFV), we conducted studies to determine the vector competence of selected African species of mosquitoes for this virus. All eight species tested (Aedes palpalis (Newstead), Aedes mcintoshi Huang, Aedes circumluteolus (Theobald), Aedes calceatus Edwards, Aedes aegypti (L.), Culex antennatus (Becker), Culex pipiens (L.), and Culex quinquefasciatus Say, were susceptible to infection and all except Ae. calceatus, Ae. aegypti and Cx. quinquefasciatus transmitted RVFV by bite after oral exposure. Estimated transmission rates for mosquitoes that successfully transmitted RVFV by bite ranged from 5% for Ae. mcintoshi to 39% for Ae. palpalis for mosquitoes that fed on a hamster with a viremia 108 plaque-forming units of virus/ml. We did not recover RVFV from any of 3,138 progeny of infected female mosquitoes. RVFV is unusual among arboviruses in that it has been isolated in nature from a large number of species and that numerous mosquitoes and other arthropods are able to transmit this virus in the laboratory. The recent introduction and spread of West Nile virus into the Americas and the spread of RVFV to the Arabian Peninsula illustrates the potential for viruses, once enzootic in Africa, to spread to other parts of the world. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Distribution Statement: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DTIC: ADA486086. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA486086.

Army Natick Labs Mass Earth Sciences Lab and Fegley Robert, S. 1968. “Clothing Almanac For Southwest Asia.” Jul. Page(s): 56 Report Number: ES-39 USA-NLABS-TR-69-6-ES Monitor Series: TR-69-6-ES. Abstract: Monthly military clothing requirements are given for Southwest Asia, including here the countries of Turkey, Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, United Arab Republic (east of the Nile River), Saudi Arabia, Yemen, South Yemen and the Protectorates, Sultanates and Sheikdoms of the Arabian Peninsula. This region includes portions of Clothing Allowance Zones I, II, and III, which are further divided into mountainous and non-mountainous Clothing Requirement Areas. In general, Zone I comprises the southern and western perimeter of the Arabian Peninsula. Zone II comprises the rest of the Peninsula and the coastal areas of the Mediterranean Sea and Persian Gulf. Zone III includes the northern half of this region. Mountainous areas generally require the use of items listed for the next colder zone, or any additional items required for troop protection. Clothing items are grouped alphabetically in tables for each of the six areas. A map is provided to indicate the extent of each area in Southwest Asia. The Almanac includes a descriptive summary of physical features of this area.
region, its climate, biotic conditions, and the relation of these factors to the issue of special clothing items. (Author) Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Notes: Technical rept., DTIC: AD0682729.

Army Training And Doctrine Command Fort Leavenworth Ks Deputy Chief Of Staff For Intelligence. 2005. “Terror Operations: Case Studies in Terrorism. U.S. Army DCSINT Handbook no. 1.01.” 15 Aug. Page(s): 106 Report Number: XA-TRADOC/DCSI Monitor Series: TRADOC/DCSI. Abstract: This supplemental handbook presents four terrorist incidents in a case study methodology. The handbook supports a U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence - Threats capstone reference guide on terrorism, DCSINT Handbook No. 1, A Military Guide to Terrorism in the Twenty-First Century. Understanding terrorism spans foreign and domestic threats of nation states, rogue states with international or transnational agents, and actors with specific strategies, tactics, and targets. The central foci of the handbook are foreign and domestic threats against the United States in a contemporary operational environment (COE). The handbook supports operational missions, institutional training, and professional military education for U.S. military forces in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). It promotes an improved understanding of terrorist goals and objectives; motivation; planning strategy; behavior; conduct of operations; and tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP). The primary audiences for the handbook are U.S. military forces that are deployed, that are in transit to or from an operational mission, and that are primarily nondeployable as installation or institution support. Other applicable groups may include interdepartmental, interagency, intergovernmental, nongovernmental, private volunteer, and humanitarian relief organizations. Compiled from source materials, the handbook promotes a Threats perspective and enemy situational awareness in combating terrorism. The following case studies are analyzed in detail: the Tokyo Subway Sarin Attack, the Murrah Federal Building Bombing, the Khobar Towers VBIED Bombing, and the USS Cole Bombing. Each case study presents learning objectives, an overview, background, planning and preparation, the attack itself, supplemental vignettes, the terrorists and victims, and case discussion questions. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Distribution Statement: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DTIC: ADA456281. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA456281.

Army War Coll Carlisle Barracks PA and Al-Bukaiti, Mohamed H. 2004. “Yemen’s Fight Against Terrorism.” 19 Mar. Page(s): 18 Report Number: XA-USAWC Monitor Series: USAWC. Abstract: This paper examines the relationship between the United States and Yemen in the Global War on Terror (GWOT). Yemen supports the general goals and objectives of the United States in this effort and the Yemen national leadership has launched an initiative to confront and fight terror and work towards ending it at the earliest opportunity. This initiative has included military and law enforcement cooperation with U.S. agencies. These efforts have resulted in the capture and prosecution of several terrorists some of whom were involved in the bombing of the USS COLE. Although cooperation between Yemen and the United States has been positive - and will continue to be so - there are differences regarding the definition of terrorism and the perception of equal application of that definition to all states in the Middle East including Israel that must be addressed if a truly lasting solution to the problem of international terrorism is to be achieved. This paper will review the nature of these differences beginning with the definition of terrorism. Additionally the nature of the Global Terrorist Threat will be reviewed as well as Yemen’s strategic requirements for effectively supporting the United States in defeating that threat. The paper concludes with an assessment of the Yemen - United States

Army War Coll Carlisle Barracks PA and Al-Saud, Fahad. 2000. “Saudi Relations with its Main Contiguous Neighbors.” 14 Mar. Page(s): 29 Report Number: XA-USAWC Monitor Series: USAWC. Abstract: Saudi Arabian relations with the outside world are predicated on set of basic principles or factors. They include Islamic values, Arab heritage, geographic continuity, reciprocal respect, and national interest. Therefore any assessment of Saudi Arabian relations must be looked at from this perspective. In our discussion of Saudi Arabian relations with its main neighbors (Yemen, Iran, Iraq, and Jordan), I have shown how influential those factors are in shaping and directing Saudi Arabian policy with those countries in particular and the world in general. This paper will not discuss Saudi relations with other Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) members since Saudi Arabia is an integral part of GCC and any problems between it and other GCC members do not rise to the level of threat and are solved diplomatically and in a brotherly manner. Saudi Arabian policy makers hope that the outcome of these bilateral relations will be regional security and political stability, respect of national sovereignty, recognized boundaries, normal relations in all fields, and non-interference in internal affairs with each other. In sum the ultimate objective of Saudi Arabia is the preservation of its national security, but diplomacy must be accompanied by the will and real determination to advance and defend this interest. This primarily can be achieved through self-reliance and trustworthy friends and allies. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. DTIC: ADA377948. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA377948.

Army War Coll Carlisle BARRACKS PA and Crawford, David. 2005. “Should the United States Increase its Engagement with Eritrea?” 18 Mar. Page(s): 31 Report Number: XA-USAWC Monitor Series: USAWC. Abstract: This paper will discuss Eritrea’s history, historical and current relationship with the United States (U.S.), and those elements of U.S. national power that should be used in a future strategy concerning Eritrea. The Horn of Africa is becoming increasingly important to the National Security Strategy of the United States. The region is one that directly affects U.S. objectives in the global war on terrorism (GWOT) and regional stability. The U.S. is very much engaged diplomatically, economically and militarily in Ethiopia, Sudan, Djibouti, and Yemen. However, Eritrea receives less than adequate attention in its importance to regional stability or its impact on U.S. national security interests and objectives. Eritrea has a history of affecting whether or not the U.S. accomplishes its objectives in the region. Eritrea is struggling with significant internal developmental issues but wants to be a participant in the GWOT. The transitional government has become authoritarian. Its heavy handedness has often resulted in the loss of freedom of expression and representation in the country. The economic and humanitarian situations are just as dire. Additionally, there is the growing possibility of a terrorist organization supported by Al Qaeda attempting to turn the country into an Islamic state. Eritrea is important to the U.S. because it is a key ally in the GWOT, is critical in maintaining regional stability, and could provide the U.S. access to the Red Sea. The U.S. has the opportunity to assist Eritrea in developing democratic values through the example of the U.S. military. Without a stable and productive Eritrea there will not be peace in the region, the U.S. will not have an Eritrean ally in the GWOT nor have the access Eritrea provides to the Red Sea Basin. Without U.S. support in general and military support in particular, Eritrea is likely to become an authoritarian state and search for support from countries
not friendly toward the U.S. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. This document is not available from DTIC in microfiche. DTIC: ADA432733. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA432733.

Army War Coll Carlisle Barracks PA and Mahrouki, H. S. H. 1986. “Oman’s Role in the Strategic Balance,” Apr. Page(s): 25. Abstract: This paper touches upon the explosive Persian Gulf area and Oman’s critical importance to United States strategic interests. Guardian of the Straits of Hormuz, Russia looks with covetous eyes upon Oman from South Yemen, its surrogate to the south, and from Afghanistan and its staging area to the north. This paper touches upon Oman’s geographical, historical, religious, economic, and internal significance as the lynch-pin to both the export of oil from the region and import of raw materials into the region. Additionally, this paper addresses the aggressive nature of its neighbor to the south--South Yemen--and its role as a staging area for both Russian and Cuban military adventures. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. DTIC: ADA167346.

Army War Coll Carlisle Barracks PA and Pohland, Eric A. 2002. “The Global War on Terrorism: Is Where Next really the Right Question?” 09 Apr. Page(s): 31 Report Number: XA-USAWC Monitor Series: USAWC. Abstract: The devastating attacks of modern terrorism have necessitated a new national and international posture: responding to terrorism as war. This is the case in the current U.S. led war in Afghanistan, and the successes there have resulted in a great deal of media coverage and speculation on where the U.S. will attack next for ‘phase-two’ in the war on terrorism. The areas most frequently indicated for this phase-two include: Iraq, Somalia, Pakistan, Yemen, Philippines and Colombia. But a review of the proposed military actions in these countries reflect little in-depth analysis or justification to truly provide serious debate or recommendations required to win the war against terror. This is primarily due to the fact that the vast preponderance of the discussion on a next phase in the war has centered strictly on U.S. military actions, with virtually no attention to U.S. national interests or policy in a manner - equating to a full strategic analysis. Fortunately there are tools and methodologies for just such an analysis. These include criteria on which to base a ‘phase-two’ decision, as well as a strategic framework on which to build an analysis. That framework is provided succinctly by the Army War College in its ‘ends, ways, and means’ paradigm. Inclusive in this framework is a presentation of the elements of national power and-their applicability to strategic analysis of national issues. Asking ‘where next’ for the U.S. military may be a great media ploy, but it will be of little avail in enhancing long-range U.S. interests. It is rather in a strategic context that we need to address the war on terrorism. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. DTIC: ADA402065. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA402065.

Army War Coll Carlisle Barracks PA and Saleh, Taiseer. 2006. “Yemen National Strategy to Combat Global Terrorism.” 15 Mar. Page(s): 11 Report Number: XA-USAWC Monitor Series: USAWC. Abstract: The recent terrorists’ acts committed in the Republic of Yemen present a dangerous challenge to the government. The terrorists plan to shake up the pillars of security, stability, and social peace. The terrorists intended to place Yemen among the areas targeted in the world’s fight against terrorism. The Republic of Yemen, a member of the international community and the United Nations, denounces and rejects terrorism; and has a national strategy to combat it. Terrorism is alien to Muslim Yemen, society and contradicts its deeply-rooted and noble traditions and values. This paper discusses the history of terrorism in Yemen and examines the national strategy to address it. This examination concludes that the Republic of Yemen has the will and a viable strategy but requires international resources to

Army War Coll Strategic Studies Inst Carlisle Barracks PA and Pelletiere, Stephen C. 1996. “Yemen and Stability in the Persian Gulf: Confronting the Threat from within.” 22 May. Page(s): 53 Report Number: ACN-96014 XA-AWC/SSI Monitor Series: AWC/SSI. Abstract: The author examines the recent eruption of hostilities between Yemen and its neighbor, Saudi Arabia. He describes how the two countries have come to be so alienated from each other, and suggests ways in which Yemen could be assisted economically and also how tensions between it and Saudi Arabia could be relaxed. If Yemen and Saudi Arabia were to get into a real shooting war, the author concludes, this could have significant adverse repercussions for the welfare of American strategic interests in the Persian Gulf. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. DTIC: ADA309435. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA309435.


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“Asia.” 2008. Earth Island Journal. Earth Island Institute: Summer2008. Volume 23, Issue 2, Pages 5-8. Descriptors: Environmentalism; Aquifers; Water-supply. Abstract: This article presents environmental news from Asian nations. Freshwater aquifers in Yemen are being depleted more rapidly than they can be replenished by rainfall, leading some to speculate that a disaster is inevitable. Water shortages have resulted in health problems for citizens and have forced many to move out of the capital. ISSN: 1041-0406.

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public and administrative bodies to events like, suffusion, landslides, the scarcity of water (caused by the population increase and the exploitation of lot’s of water for irrigation purposes) increased as more and more people and infrastructure are highly and considerably affected. These geodynamic events and hydrogeological problems will be presented. Database: GeoRef. ISSN: 1335-2830.

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Descriptors: Groundwater; Irrigation; Pipelines; Yemen. Abstract: The Southern Governorates Rural Development Project (SGRDP) is a comprehensive participatory rural development project covering three of the five southern Governorates of the Republic of Yemen, namely Hadramaut, Abyan and Lahij. Its objective is to alleviate poverty in rural areas of these three Governorates. A major component of the project is to develop virgin lands for agriculture and allocate each 5 feddan (FD) plot to those farmers who do not own land (1 FD = 4200 m²). As the annual rainfall in the project area is less than 100 mm and since landlords and other farmers already own lands suitable for agriculture in the major wadis, the only source of irrigation water in the newly developed land is the groundwater (GW). The SGRDP is aware of the scarcity of water resources in the country, particularly in the project area; it therefore makes every possible effort to optimize the use of GW for irrigation by practical means. One way of reducing GW used for irrigation is by replacing major canals in the farms by buried pipelines. This method has been tried in small-scale individual farms outside the project area and it proved that farmers could adapt to the system without difficulty. Sprinkler and drip irrigation systems have been tried in many previous agricultural development projects in the country but with no apparent success, as far as the farmers’ adoption of the method is concerned. Thus, the project, as the first stage to reduce the use of GW for irrigation in the newly developed areas, planned to eliminate, initially, the conveyance losses by replacing the open canals by buried PVC pipes. In this paper, it is attempted to show that the use of buried pipes in small scale irrigation schemes is financially feasible, even if the indirect and non-tangible environmental benefits are not considered. This paper deals only with special GW schemes recommended for the project area; however, the outcome could be generalized and applied elsewhere in the country. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 1531-0353.

Badertscher, SV; Scheidegger, Y. Leuenberger, M., et al. 2007. Trace Gas Content in Air Inclusions in Speleothems as New Paleoenvironmental Archive? Geophysical Research Abstracts. [np]. Descriptors: Article Subject Terms: Air quality; Atmospheric composition; Carbon dioxide; Carbon dioxide sources; Carbon isotopes; Copper; Environmental conditions; Gases; Greenhouse gases; Humidity; Ice; Ice core analysis; Mass spectrometry; Methane; Methane in the atmosphere; Microscopy; Oxidation; Oxidation of methane; Oxygen isotopes; Paleoclimates; Soil; inspection; paleoclimate; Article Geographic Terms: Yemen, Socotra.

Abstract: In a companion abstract (Scheidegger et al. 2007) we report a pilot study to extract paleoclimate information from noble gases dissolved in water-bearing inclusions in speleothems. Here, we report the first attempt to use also the air trapped in the water-free inclusions from the same speleothems for paleoenvironment reconstructions. Based on microscopy inspection we concentrated on a stalagmite from Socotra (Yemen). We clearly could optically distinguish air from water inclusions. The assessed amount of air inclusions is about 3% by volume. Samples of 1-2cm super(3) of a recent (< 50y) and an old (similar to 2000y) section of the stalagmite were crushed under vacuum in a copper tube. The released gases (being predominantly from air inclusions) were analysed by dynamic mass spectrometry. Fractional abundances of the major gas components - N sub(2), O sub(2) and Ar - were found to be atmospheric within the experimental precision of a few percent. However, CO sub(2) was clearly in excess by 2-10 times relative to atmospheric composition. Similarly, methane concentrations (200-600ppm)
exceeded atmospheric values by 2 to 3 orders of magnitude. In addition, part of the samples were even enriched in N sub(2)O. Hence all major atmospheric greenhouse gases - CO sub(2), CH sub(4) and N sub(2)O - could be determined and quantified in air inclusions of speleothems. Further, we analysed the isotopic composition of the CO sub(2) of the trapped air by a GC-MS technique commonly used for trace gas analysis in ice cores. In a recent sample a delta super(13)C value of -39.4%, V-PDB and a delta super(18)O value of -7.5%, V-PDB were observed, whereas an old sample showed a delta super(13)C value of -28%, V-PDB and delta super(18)O of -6%, V-PDB. The observed light isotopic compositions point either towards a biogenic carbon dioxide source or an oxidation of methane with low delta super(13)C to CO sub(2). The CO sub(2) results suggest that air inclusions in stalagmite crystals can be used to assess the characteristics of the overlying soil (e.g. productivity, humidity etc.) and its evolution in time. In summary, this pilot study is a first convincing step to assess the suitability of air inclusions in speleothems as another high quality archive to reconstruct past local environmental conditions. Notes: NU: 06252. ISSN: 1029-7006. Database: Meteorological & Geoastrophysical Abstracts. OCLC: 8802679.

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mothers. Half of the mothers who had experienced food rejection from the child tried to compensate by increasing the frequency of feeding. ISSN: 1465-3664.

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Baker, J. A., Macpherson, C. G., Menzies, M. A., Thirlwall, M. F., Al-Kadasi, M. and Mattey, D. P. 2000. “Resolving Crustal and Mantle Contributions to Continental Flood Volcanism, Yemen; Constraints from Mineral Oxygen Isotope Data.” J. Petrology. December 1. Volume 41, Issue 12, Pages 1805-1820. Abstract: Oxygen isotope ratios determined by laser fluorination analysis on olivine, clinopyroxene and plagioclase separated from 31 Oligocene flood basalts and rhyolites from Yemen display small but significant variations (5{\perthousand} 1-6{\perthousand} for olivine; 5{\perthousand} 5-6{\perthousand} for clinopyroxene; 5{\perthousand} 9-6{\perthousand} for plagioclase). The range in {\delta}18O values exceeds: (1) the analytical reproducibility of the technique (1{\perthousand} 15{\perthousand}; 2 SD); (2) the range expected for minerals that would have crystallized from uncontaminated oceanic basalts or primary magmas in equilibrium with mantle peridotite; (3) the range in melt values and equilibrium phenocryst compositions that could be produced by fractional crystallization of these magmas. Samples with the highest {\delta}18O values exhibit increases in 87Sr/86Sr ratio, decreases in 143Nd/144Nd ratio, and increasing Pb isotopic heterogeneity. Samples with the lowest {\delta}18O values have radiogenic isotope ratios that approach those inferred for the Afar plume. The oxygen isotope data provide unequivocal evidence that assimilation of heterogeneous lower and upper Pan-African crust was the primary control on isotopic variation in this continental flood basalt province. Moreover, new radiogenic and oxygen isotope data for Pan-African crustal samples from Yemen have appropriate crustal isotopic compositions to generate the observed isotopic variations in the volcanic rocks. A near-primary high-MgO basalt with low {\epsilon}Nd and extreme Pb isotope ratios contains strongly zoned clinopyroxene crystals that range from green cores through to greenish brown, brownish green and dark brown or black rims. Handpicked crystals of each colour type display the following correlated range in isotope ratios: 87Sr/86Sr = 0.7036-0.7049; 143Nd/144Nd = 0-0.5129; 206Pb/204Pb = 18-18; 18O = 5-6{\perthousand} for plagioclase. The Sr-Nd-Pb-O isotope variations are attributed to rapid assimilation of [~25% Pan-African continental crust by hot mafic magma during clinopyroxene crystallization. Contamination in this flood basalt province varied from combined assimilation and fractional crystallization to rapid assimilation of crust by hot mafic magmas with little fractionation. Laser fluorination oxygen isotope analysis of mineral separates allows small differences in {\delta}18O to be correlated with radiogenic isotope data and is a powerful tool for evaluating the relative roles of enriched lithospheric mantle and continental crust in suites of continental flood basalts. ISSN: 1460-2415.

samples include alkali basalt, transitional basalt, basanite and trachybasalt; rarer evolved compositions are typically trachyandesite. No samples represent primary magmas, all having undergone fractionation of olivine + clinopyroxene {+/-} plagioclase {+/-} Fe-Ti oxides {+/-} apatite. Sr-Nd-Pb-O isotopic variation (87Sr/86Sr=0.7032-0.7046; 143Nd/144Nd=0.51298-0.51278; 206Pb/204Pb=18.93-18.05; {delta}O=+5.2 to +5.5{per thousand}) is largely the result of mixing between a mantle component, with a composition intermediate between that of mid-ocean ridge basalt (MORB) and the Afar plume, and 0-20% of an Early Proterozoic or Late Archaean silicic lower-crustal component which produced little change in {delta}O values. Ratios of very to moderately incompatible trace elements vary widely (e.g. Ce/Y=0.9-3.7) and independently of isotopic composition. Semi-quantitative modelling of REE rations requires this heterogeneity to be the product of mixing between small melt fractions (<1%) from recently incompatible-trace-element-enriched garnet peridotite facies mantle and relatively larger melt fractions ( 5%) from spinel peridotite facies mantle, with samples containing 40-90% spinel-facies melt. Substantial variations in Zr/Sm and Nb/La ratios also suggest that the spinel-facies mantle may be amphibole bearing. Intraplate volcanism in western Yemen appears to be the result of melting shallow mantle, perhaps in response to small amounts of lithospheric extension, that was metasomatized and hydrated by the Afar plume during, or shortly after, Oligocene flood volcanism. ISSN: 1460-2415.

Baker, J. A., Thirlwall, M. F. and Menzies, M. A. 1996. “Sr-Nd-Pb Isotopic and Trace Element Evidence for Crustal Contamination of Plume-Derived Flood Basalts: Oligocene Flood Volcanism in Western Yemen.” Geochim. Cosmochim. Acta. Volume 60, Issue 14, Pages 2559-2581. Notes: Cited By (since 1996): 55. Abstract: Oligocene flood basalts from western Yemen have a relatively limited range in initial isotopic composition compared with other continental flood basalts: 87Sr/86Sr = 0.70365-0.70555; 143Nd/144Nd = 0.51292-0.51248 ($\epsilon$Nd = +6.0 to -2.4); 206Pb/204Pb = 17.9-19.3. Most compositions lie outside the isotopic ranges of temporally and spatially appropriate mantle source compositions observed in this area, i.e., Red Sea/Gulf of Aden MORB mantle, the Afar plume, and Pan-African lithospheric mantle. Correlations between indices of fractionation, silica, and isotope ratios suggest that crustal contamination has substantially modified the primary isotopic and incompatible trace element characteristics of the flood basalts. However, significant scatter in these correlations was produced by: (a) the heterogeneous isotopic composition of Pan-African crust; (b) the difference in susceptibility of magmas to contamination as a result of variable incompatible trace element contents in primary melts produced by differing degrees of partial melting; (c) the presence or absence of plagioclase as a fractionating phase generating complex contamination trajectories for Sr; (d) sampling over a wide area not representing a single coherent magmatic system; and (e) variation in contamination mechanisms from assimilation associated with fractionation (AFC) to assimilation by hot mafic magmas with little concomitant fractionation. The presence of plagioclase as a fractionating phase in some suites that were undergoing AFC requires assimilation to have taken place within the crust and, coupled with the limited LREE-enrichment accompanying isotopic variations, excludes the possibility that an AFC-type process took place during magma transfer through the lithospheric mantle. Isotopic compositions of some of the inferred crustal assimilants are similar to those postulated by other workers for an enriched lithospheric mantle source of many flood basalts in southwestern Yemen, Ethiopia, and Djibouti. The western Yemen flood basalts contain 0-30% crust which largely swamps their primary lead isotopic signature, but the primary Sr-Nd isotopic signature is close to that of the least contaminated and isotopically most depleted flood basalts. LREE/HFSE and LILE/HFSE ratios also correlate with isotopic data as a
result of crustal contamination. However, Nb/La and K/Nb ratios of >1.1 and <150, respectively, in least contaminated samples require an OIB-like source. The pre-contamination isotopic signature is estimated to be: $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} \sim 0.7036; \quad ^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} \sim 0.51292; \quad ^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} \sim 18.4-19.0$. This, coupled with low LILE/HFSE ratios, suggest the source has characteristics akin to the Afar plume. A mantle source isotopically more depleted than Bulk Earth, but not as depleted as MORB, coupled with LILE depletion, also characterises other examples of plume-derived flood volcanism. This mantle reservoir is responsible for the second largest outbursts of volcanism on Earth and has radiogenic isotopic characteristics akin to PREMA mantle, but the incompatible trace element signature of HIMU mantle. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 0016-7037.

Baker, Joel; Chazot, Gilles; Menzies, Martin and Thirlwall, Matthew. 1998. Metasomatism of the Shallow Mantle Beneath Yemen by the Afar Plume-Implications for Mantle Plumes, Flood Volcanism, and Intraplate Volcanism. Geology. Volume: 26, no. 5, page(s): 431-434. Abstract: Amphibole plus or minus apatite-bearing lherzolite xenoliths from Yemen have Sr, Nd, and Pb isotope ratios that are the same as those of Oligocene flood and Quaternary intraplate basalts in Yemen, and also the Afar plume, which is genetically linked with this volcanism. The xenoliths have mineral, chemical, and isotopic characteristics consistent with enrichment of shallow mantle by carbonatitic melts and hydrous fluids from the Afar plume during or shortly after Oligocene flood volcanism. Separation of carbonatitic melts and hydrous fluids from mantle plumes may affect the composition of erupted flood basalts and is consistent with an origin of such plumes by recycling of oceanic lithosphere. Mantle plumes appear to have volatile fluxes that are large enough to affect solidus temperatures, both within plumes and the overlying lithospheric mantle, during the generation of large igneous provinces. The fertile lithosphere formed by plume-derived melts and fluids is an important potential source for intraplate volcanism that can be exploited by melting during later extension or erosional unloading of the lithosphere. ISSN: 0091-7613. Database: Technology Research Database.

Baker, Joel, Snee, Lawrence and Menzies, Martin. 1996. “A Brief Oligocene Period of Flood Volcanism in Yemen: Implications for the Duration and Rate of Continental Flood Volcanism at the Afro-Arabian Triple Junction.” Earth Planet. Sci. Lett. 2. Volume 138, Issue 1-4, Pages 39-55. Descriptors: Yemen; Ethiopia; triple junctions; flood basalts; K/Ar; Ar-40/Ar-39; Oligocene. Abstract: 40Ar/39Ar dating of mineral separates and whole-rock (WR) samples has established that basaltic continental flood volcanism (CFV) began between 30.9 and 29.2 Ma in northwestern and southwestern Yemen, respectively. Rhyolitic volcanism commenced at 29.0–29.3 Ma throughout Yemen. Lower basaltic lavas were erupted every 10–100 kyr, whereas upper bimodal volcanic units were erupted every 100–500 kyr, which reflects generation of rhyolitic magmas from basalts that resided for longer periods in lithospheric magma chambers than during the early phase of exclusively mafic magmatism. The youngest dated flood volcanic units were erupted between 26.9 and 26.5 Ma throughout Yemen. The duration of preserved CFV defined by 40Ar/39Ar dating (4.4 myr) contrasts with the wide range of WR K/Ar dates previously obtained in Yemen (> 50 myr). 40Ar/39Ar step-heating studies of WR samples has shown that this discrepancy is due to the disturbed Ar systematics of volcanic samples. Most samples have experienced post-crystallization loss of radiogenic Ar and/or contain excess Ar, with only ca. 25% of the WR K/Ar dates within 1–2 myr of true crystallization ages. WR K/Ar data can be screened for reliability using the radiogenic Ar yield and 40K/36Ar ratio, which reflect the Ar retentivity of the sample, the likelihood that alteration has disturbed a sample’s Ar systematics, and the susceptibility of the sample to a finite amount of Ar loss or the presence of a finite amount of excess Ar. Examination of existing WR K/Ar data in the Ethiopian part of this flood
volcanic province, using these parameters, suggests that much of these data are also misleading. Two phases of flood volcanism are inferred in Ethiopia and Eritrea at 38-30 Ma and ca. 20 Ma. The older phase is equivalent to that in Yemen, and is consistent with the progression in basal volcanic ages obtained in Yemen moving from north to south. The younger phase is related to the onset of upper crustal extension and incipient Red Sea-Gulf of Aden rifting. The sequence of events — surface uplift (?), flood magmatism and subsequent upper crustal extension — in Yemen is consistent with the involvement of a mantle plume at the Afro-Arabian triple junction. However, the overall eruption rate for this flood volcanic province is only 0.03 km3/yr, much slower than that postulated for other plume-related provinces such as the Deccan or Siberian Traps, but perhaps comparable to the Paraná-Etendeka province, which also contains significant amounts of rhyolitic volcanic products like those of Yemen-Ethiopia. The highly variable eruption rates in individual provinces must reflect the very different character of individual plumes, or the control of lithospheric structure and plate tectonic stresses on the surface manifestations of plumes. The long duration of CFV and large amounts of rhyolitic volcanism at the Afro-Arabian triple junction may be attributed to the relatively slow separation of the African and Arabian plates compared with, for example, the rifting of India and the Deccan Traps. ISSN: 0012-821X.

Bakes, Philip A. Robb, Douglas W. Rasmussen, Christian J. and Tracy, Kevin F. 1996. Horizontal Wells in Yemen make a Marginal Field Economic. Calgary, Alberta, Can: Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE). Page(s): 215-222. Proceedings of the 1996 2nd International Conference on Horizontal Well Technology, November 18, 1996 - November 20. Conference: 1996. Descriptors: Horizontal wells; Oil bearing formations; Oil field development; Oil well completion; Oil well drilling; Oil well production. Abstract: This paper documents the development of a high permeability, medium-heavy oil, bottom water drive field in Yemen from its discovery through to the staged development of the field using multilateral horizontal wells. The 16.5 MM barrels of reserves in the field are only economic when developed by horizontal drilling due to severe coning from the very active underlying aquifer. Vertical wells in the field produced at initial rates of about 400 stb/d of oil. Horizontal wells have resulted in productivity index increases of over ten times the vertical well values. Initial trilateral horizontal well production rates were as high as 8,500 stb/d of oil. The key technology that makes the project successful is the multilateral open hole completions in soft, friable sand. Bilateral and trilateral horizontal wells with 3,000 feet and 4,500 feet of horizontal section were drilled using PDC bit technology in a soft sandstone formation. The horizontal laterals of each well were drilled without tripping for a new bit and hole integrity was maintained. Proceedings - SPE international on horizontal well technology. OCLC: 290430053; 36622544.


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Descriptors: luminescence dating; geochronology; flash flood deposits; ancient South Arabian irrigation systems; arid environment; Yemen; datation par luminescence; géochronologie; limon de crue; irrigations antiques sudarabiques; environnement aride. Abstract: This study is an attempt to assess the age of ancient irrigation silts from Southern Yemen using the optically stimulated luminescence (OSL) of the constituent K-feldspar grains. This OSL dating method is tested on the al-Haraja irrigation sequence (wâdî Bayhân) which overlies an archaeological occupation level previously dated at 2 203 ± 123 years BP by 14C. The OSL age estimates range between 2 097 ± 177 years at the bottom of the sequence and 1 555 ± 150 years at the top. This study demonstrates the potential of the luminescence dating method to provide chronological information on the deposition of ancient silts following irrigation in arid environment where 14C datable material is rare.


Banaimoon, SA, Kitto, MR, Rodrigues, A. and Regunathan, C. 1998. “Aquaculture in Yemen: Utilization of Marine Resources and Prospective Investments.” World Aquacult. Sep. Volume 29, Issue 3, Pages 12-15. Descriptors: Article Subject Terms: Aquaculture development; Aquaculture economics; Fish culture; Reviews; Article Geographic Terms: Yemen; aquaculture development. Abstract: The Republic of Yemen has a unique ocean-front, relief position in the Arabian Peninsula. Natural salinity dilution, narrow spectral air /water temperatures, water quality standards, and a 100,000 hectare land strip, measuring one kilometer wide along the shore with suitable soil characteristics all make aquaculture a practical use of the land. Fisheries and aquaculture rank among the priorities in the national development policy. The oceanographic turn with the upwelling events in the Arabian Sea has provided an abundance and variety of fishery resources with seasonal peaks and lows. Fisheries are a priority as a source of food and as a foreign trade commodity. There are no inland fisheries of commercial significance. Mangrove vegetation is relatively scarce. The fishing industry makes a valuable contribution to the animal protein supplies of the country; however, availability is still confined to the coastal population. The goal of the marine farming industry, today’s prerequisite, is to be eco-sustainable and profitable. To achieve and maintain these values, an adequate supply of quality seed and feed, efficient production management, judicious financing, an effective husbandry-health program and extensive marketing distribution all form essential components to success. Substantial funds have been invested or otherwise made available for the growth and development of fisheries in Yemen by donor agencies such as The International Development Agency (IDA), The International Fund for Agrarian Development (IFAD), and The Food and Agriculture Organization/United Nations Development Program (FAO/UNDP). Database: ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts. ISSN: 1041-5602.
Banajeh, Salem M. 1998. “Outcome for Children Under 5 Years Hospitalized with Severe Acute Lower Respiratory Tract Infections in Yemen: A 5 Year Experience.” J. Trop. Pediatr. December 1. Volume 44, Issue 6, Pages 343-346. Abstract: Between 1991 and 1995, 2,554 children under 5 years old hospitalized with severe acute lower respiratory tract infection in Al-Sabe’en, Sana’a, Yemen were studied. 47.7 per cent (1218) were under 6 months of age and 74.1 per cent (1893) were in their first 12 months. Sixty-four per cent (1633) were males. Of the 2554 cases, 221 died (overall, a case fatality rate of 8.7 per cent). 118 of the deaths (53.4 per cent) were in the under 6 months age group and 188 (85 per cent) were in the first 12 months age group. During 1995 the hospital started adopting the WHO standard case-management guidelines for treating severe acute lower respiratory tract infections. There were no significant reductions in case fatality rates in 1995 (CFR 9.8 per cent) compared with those of 1991 (CFR 7.9 per cent), 1992 (CFR 9.4 per cent), 1993 (CFR 7 per cent), or 1994 (CFR 8.5 per cent). Factors such as late hospital admission with cyanosis, malnutrition, rickets as well as increased resistance of the common causative organisms (pneumococci and H. influenzae) to antibiotics recommended by the WHO may have contributed to such a high case fatality rate remaining unchanged. In addition to reducing the risk of developing pneumonia and dying from pneumonia by improving maternal nutrition, health education, promoting breastfeeding, and preventing rickets and nutritional anaemia among the vulnerable age groups, vaccination against pneumococci and H. influenzae type b should be seriously considered as one of the strategies to reduce lower respiratory tract infection-related mortality. ISSN: 1465-3664.

Banajeh, Salem M., Ba-oum, Nadia H. S. and Al-Sanabani, Raja M. N. 2001. “Bacterial Aetiology and Anti-Microbial Resistance of Childhood Diarrhoea in Yemen.” J. Trop. Pediatr. October 1. Volume 47, Issue 5, Pages 301-302. Abstract: In a 12-month period, 561 stool cultures from Yemeni children aged 1-60 months and presenting with diarrhoea, were analysed to identify the bacterial aetiology and their anti-microbial resistance to the commonly used antibiotics. A total of 190 (33.9 per cent) were positive for bacterial culture. Most of the positive cultures (58 per cent) were from children aged 1-12 months. The majority of the positive cultures were enteropathogenic Escherichia coli (58.4 per cent) Salmonella spp., and Shigella spp. (20 per cent each). Campylobacter were found to be an extremely uncommon agent of childhood diarrhoea making only 1.6 per cent of the positive cultures. The majority of the Salmonella were group C (60.5 per cent) and group B (29 per cent). Of the Shigella isolates, 13 (34 per cent) were S. flexneri, and seven (18 per cent) S. dysentrea. More than two-thirds of the Salmonella isolates were resistant to nalidixic acid, chloramphenicol, co-trimoxazole, gentamicin, and amoxycillin, while 42 per cent were resistant to cefotaxime. Most of the Shigella isolates were susceptible to nalidixic acid and cefotaxime, and resistant to the other antibiotics. All the tested enteropathogenic E. coli isolates were resistant to amoxycillin, 83 per cent were resistant to co-trimoxazole, 62 per cent to chloramphenicol, and 54 per cent to gentamicin, while only 16 and 6 per cent were resistant to nalidixic acid and cefotaxime, respectively. This study, the first in Yemen, draws attention to the urgent need of a national surveillance system, essential for the containment of anti-microbial resistance. ISSN: 1465-3664.


Basahi, I. A. A. 2000. “Marib Dam: The Importance of Environmental and Health Impact Studies for Development Projects.” East. Mediterr. Health J. Volume 6, Issue 1, Pages 106-117. Notes: Cited By (since 1996): 1. Abstract: Marib Dam was built without an environmental impact assessment study which created many conflicts. In 1995 and 1996 its impact on water quality, agriculture and groundwater recharge and socioeconomics was studied. Lake water could suffer severe eutrophication when floods are weak and algae growth is not controlled. Introducing Tilapia nilotica provided biological control of algae growth. The dam positively affected agriculture and groundwater within the designed irrigation scheme but negatively affected them beyond it. The dam also negatively affected health conditions and increased conflicts over water distribution. It positively affected women by allowing them to work in agriculture and participate in decision-making. The dam raised income levels of farmers and encouraged tourism. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 1020-3397.


Bathurst, JC. 1982. “Equations for Estimating Discharge in Steep Channels with Coarse Bed Material.” Advances in Hydrometry: Proceedings of a Symposium Held during the First Scientific Assembly of the International Association of Hydrological Sciences at Exeter, U.K.19-30 July 1982. International Association of Hydrological Sciences Publication. 10 ref. Descriptors: Stage-discharge relations; Flow discharge; Stream gages; Conveyance equations; Mathematical equations; Slopes; Hydrometry; Yemen; Bed-load discharge; Errors. Abstract: The use of process-based conveyance equations for estimating discharge in steep channels with coarse bed material is discussed. As the hydraulic characteristics of such channels often preclude direct gauging techniques, it is necessary to use the indirect slope-area method. In this method, the peak discharges are calculated as functions of channel slope and conveyance, the latter being a function of channel cross-sectional shape and bed material size. Previous application has been hampered by a lack of knowledge concerning flow processes in steep channels, but with the equations now available, variations of conveyance with depth, bed material size, and sediment movement can be estimated. Using data from the Yemen Arab Republic, it is shown that discharge predictions by these equations have an accuracy of about 10% for low flows and are of the correct order of magnitude at flood flow. The test results in the present study agree with the few other field results available. The accuracy depends on the satisfaction of the assumptions behind the equations, particularly that the measurement site not be affected by ponding. It also is important, where sand is present, to note whether or not the coarse bed material is dominating the conditions. Also, errors may result from the use of equations (designed for steady flows) in
unsteady conditions, for example, at flood peaks. Database: Water Resources Abstracts. OCLC: 10537564.


Bauman, Paul, Sallomy, Janan, Lyness, Lucien, et al. 1996. “The Exploration for a Deep Aquifer in the Hadhramaut, Yemen; Proceedings of the Symposium on the Application of Geophysics to Engineering and Environmental Problems.” Proceedings of SAGEEP. Environmental and Engineering Geophysical Society, Wheat Ridge, CO, United States: United States. Apr. Volume 1996, Pages 363-366. Descriptors: aquifers; Arabian Peninsula; Asia; boreholes; clastic rocks; Cretaceous; deep aquifers; exploration; geophysical surveys; ground water; Hadhramaut Yemen; Masila Block; Mesozoic; Mukalla Formation; permeability; remote sensing; sandstone; satellite methods; sedimentary rocks; surveys; water resources; well-logging; Yemen. References: 1; illus. incl. 1 table. Abstract: The Hadhramaut province of Yemen, an area with a population of more than half a million inhabitants, is presently facing a serious water crisis. A groundwater exploration project is presently drilling 23 exploration wells widely spaced over the Masila Block, an oil exploration lease are within the province. The main target is the Cretaceous Mukalla Formation, a 300 m thick highly permeable sandstone. Field reconnaissance was integrated with satellite images; geologic, hydrogeologic, geophysical, topographic maps; and local socioeconomic and political information to choose the well locations. Studying available seismic reflection data was particularly useful for choosing drilling locations over grabens buried in wadi fill. The various pieces of information were integrated in a geographic information system (GIS). To date, eight wells have been drilled and completed. Borehole geophysical logging has played an important role in all phases of well completion. All completed boreholes have tested from 200 to over 1,000 imperial gallons per minute. Database: GeoRef. ISSN: 1554-8015.

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reservoirs; Planning; Random processes; Sediments; Three dimensional. Abstract: Canadian Petroleum Ltd. and partners in the Yemen Masila Block have successfully used detailed three-dimensional reservoir modeling and reservoir simulation to optimize the development of the larger oilfields in the Masila area. The models were used to predict reservoir performance and plan additional development drilling which subsequently demonstrated that the models accurately predicted drilling results. The main producing horizon in the Masila area is the Cretaceous Upper Qishn formation, a clastic-dominated transgressive depositional sequence with fluvial sediments at the base, tidal dominated estuarine sediments in the middle, and marine shoals at the top. This variable array of facies presents modeling challenges but the resulting heterogeneous models provide a realistic representation of actual reservoir characteristics. This paper describes the approach used to stochastically distribute both facies bodies and petrophysical parameters, and to upscale the model for reservoir simulation, while preserving the complex reservoir description. The Tawila field was the first Masila field to have wells drilled on the basis of the modeling effort, with very encouraging results. For these new well locations, the model successfully predicted both reservoir development and oil-water contact movements resulting from production from existing wells. This paper presents key conclusions and predictions from the modeling and reservoir simulation, and compares them to the results from subsequent drilling. As a result of the successful development drilling, these models are now an integral part of reservoir management and development planning for all Masila fields. OCLC: 39964844.

Bedair, HM, Saeed, MA and Al-Saad, HT. 2006. “Status of Oil Pollution in Sediment Samples from the Aden Coast, Yemen.” Int. J. Food Agric. Environ. Volume 4, Issue 3-3, Pages 284-287. Descriptors: Article Subject Terms: Air pollution; Coastal zone; Coasts; Effluents; Gulfs; Hydrocarbons; Industrial areas; Industrial wastes; Municipal wastewater; Oil; Oil Pollution; Oil spills; Organic Carbon; Particle Size; Petroleum; Petroleum hydrocarbons; Pollution detection; Refineries; Residues; Sediment Contamination; Sediment pollution; Sediments; Total organic carbon; Water pollution; Weight; agriculture; boats; petroleum residues; pollution levels; Article Geographic Terms: Yemen. Abstract: Sediment samples from nine stations (1-9) along the Coast of Aden, Yemen, were analyzed utilizing spectrofluorometry technique in an attempt to estimate the levels of petroleum hydrocarbon residues. The results obtained were sought to provide a baseline data for the estimation of petroleum hydrocarbon pollution level in the Aden Coast. The results obviously indicated a degree of oil pollution, however, still lower in magnitude when compared with status in some other regional sites. The obtained levels of petroleum hydrocarbons ranged from 0.28 µg/g (sediment dry weight) at Station 4 to 26.24 µg/g (sediment dry weight) at Station 7. in order to give a better evaluation of the petroleum hydrocarbon levels in the sediments, the total organic carbon (TOC) percentage and grain size analyses were done by granulometry technique on selected slips of the bulk sediments obtained for this purpose. The mean percent TOC estimations ranged from 0.2 at Station 4 to 1.15 at Station 7. The mean values obtained in this study indicated that the petroleum hydrocarbon levels in the sediment samples of the Aden Coast are lower than the levels in sediment samples obtained with similar methodology and analyses in some of the Gulf States and countries in close vicinity of the region. It is, therefore, recommended that a continual, vigilant program for oil pollution detection is adopted to facilitate accurate determination of the petroleum hydrocarbon levels and sources in the air, water, land and sediments of the Aden Coast, where the major pollution sources may involve tanker and boat discharges and activities, municipal sewage and rural run-off from land. Also, discharges and effluents from oil refineries,
electricity generating station and industrial activities into the Aden Coast are obvious. Nevertheless, the data obtained with this study is vital as baseline information, at least at this stage for any prospective pollution detection program to be established in the area. Database: ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts. ISSN: 1459-0255.


Beydoun, Z. R., Bamahmoud, M. O. and Nani, A. S. O. 1993. “The Qishn Formation, Yemen: Lithofacies and Hydrocarbon Habitat.” Mar. Pet. Geol. 8. Volume 10, Issue 4, Pages 364-372. Descriptors: Qishn Formation; Yemen; hydrocarbon habitat; source rocks. Abstract: The Barremian-Aptian Qishn Formation of Yemen is broadly described in the context of its role as the lowest widespread transgressive unit of the Cretaceous system in the country and of the two laterally equivalent lithofacies groups that reflect the advance of the Cretaceous sea from east to west. This is undertaken against the background of the tectonic events that preceded its deposition and those that followed it during the remainder of the Cretaceous, so as to better understand its hydrocarbon habitat. The Qishn Formation clastics (sands) have proved to be an excellent and major oil reservoir in eight recent oil discoveries made in the area between the Mukalla and Hoowarin highs of the Hadhramaut province of Yemen. The oil in these discoveries, like the oil (and gas) in 14 of the currently remaining 15 fields and discoveries in the country, is generated from Upper Jurassic organic-rich source rocks and vertically charged the Qishn reservoir in the absence of an effective intervening seal. Subsurface data from the recent discoveries area and from sparse subsurface control in the Jeza’ basin to its east indicate the presence in this region of an areally more limited pre-Qishn Cretaceous platform sequence and suggests that the Jeza’ basin was an early Cretaceous marine embayment between still positive land masses on either side in which thicker Cretaceous sequences continued to be laid down after the bordering areas were inundated by the Qishn transgression. These basinal sequences probably include Qishn source shale levels similar to those found in the southern offshore area; there they are mainly immature, however, or else do not appear to have generated identifiable trapped oil. The Jeza’ basin thus appears to hold promising untested potential for oil sourced by unpenetrated Qishn levels (in addition to good Upper Cretaceous Mukalla Formation source levels and Upper Jurassic levels, where preserved and not too deeply buried) which would be at varying degrees of oil and gas maturity. These sources could charge, by multi-stage migration
from the ‘kitchen’ areas, various Cretaceous reservoirs, including Qishn clastics or carbonates, in any updip traps. ISSN: 0264-8172.

Beydoun, Ziad R. 1997. “Introduction to the Revised Mesozoic Stratigraphy and Nomenclature for Yemen.” Mar. Pet. Geol. 9. Volume 14, Issue 6, Pages 617-629. Descriptors: Yemen; Mesozoic; stratigraphy; nomenclature. Abstract: Until the early 1980s the Mesozoic stratigraphy of Yemen was based on measured surface sections exposed mainly in the faulted and dissected shoulders of the Gulf of Aden and Red Sea Rifts or on the high Yemen Plateau. On the basis of correlations between areas, the broad facies belts, palaeogeographies and tectonic frameworks for the Mesozoic epochs were established. The arealy extensive Tertiary limestone tablel and and Tertiary volcanics, however, masked more local underlying pre-Cenozoic major structural features. Extensive oil exploration drilling backed by regional and/or detailed geophysical surveys (increasingly based on seismic surveys) from the late 1970s, have gradually unraveled a complex Mesozoic tectonic history which had given rise to the formation of a number of NW-SE and E-W trending rift basins and depressions; these were initiated mainly in the Late Jurassic and Early Cretaceous, principally by rejuvenation of ancient basement-controlled fractures during further Gondwanan break-up which led to the separation of India (with eastern Gondwana) from Afro-Arabia. These basins exhibit considerably thicker and rapidly varying stratigraphic sequences which reflect successive phases of rifting, subsidence and depositional settings in time, with the type and provenance of basin-fill helping to detail the developing palaeogeography for each stage. The precise relationships of these varied intra- and inter-basin facies are not yet properly understood. The discovery of commercial oil and gas in several of these Mesozoic rift basins accelerated competitive exploration activity by a host of operating companies leading to the proliferation of informal locally-applicable in-house subsurface lithostratigraphic nomenclature schemes. These, in the extreme cases, either ignore published surface nomenclature, or else utilize existing surface-defined formation names which then become over-loaded with undifferentiated coeval but depositionally and environmentally different units without due regard to internationally accepted rules. This confusion is further compounded by detailed local academic research from within and outside Yemen, with little or no access to subsurface data, and by service companies utilizing limited client-supplied data which is then extrapolated on a province-wide or a regional basis; proliferation takes place through data exchange between operators or through circulation of non-exclusive reports, or by means of localized publications. A Stratigraphic Commission was appointed to address this problem and to carry out nomenclature clean-up and simplification. After intensive review of all utilised nomenclature and with full cooperation from the operating companies, its principal findings are summarised in graphic form (in Figure 4 and Figure 5) which include, for example: retention but revision; correction and expansion of the formalised nomenclature in Beydoun and Greenwood (1968) which will apply to all of Yemen; one new formation, previously unrecognised until recent subsurface and outcrop studies (the Saar Formation) has been added; formalisation of several new members in the Madbi Formation (previously informally assigned formation rank); a new member to the Qishn formation, the Sa’af Member (previously informally called the Furt formation); correction to and reassignment of the Nayfa Formation type section to the Ma’abir Member of the Madbi Formation, the type Nayfa provisionally, now being at Mintaq salt dome. Full descriptions of these and of all the revised Mesozoic nomenclature together with that for the Palaeozoic and Cenozoic will be published later in International Lexicon of Stratigraphy format. ISSN: 0264-8172.
Beydoun, Z. R. 1966. “Geology of the Arabian Peninsula- Eastern Aden Protectorate and Part of Dhufar.” USGS Professional Paper 560-H. Abstract: A review of the Eastern Aden Protectorate and part of Dhufar as shown on USGS Miscellaneous Map I-270-A, “Geologic Map of the Arabian Peninsula”, 1963. This account is divided into four parts. The first outlines the position of the Eastern Aden Protectorate and part of Dhufar and (a) includes an account of previous geological work carried out, (b) outlines the fieldwork since 1953 done for the Iraq Petroleum Company, Ltd., and associated companies under the leadership of the author, the results of which form the body of this account, and (c) incorporates earlier results with acknowledgment of the very substantial contribution of colleagues and specialists. The second part discusses geography of the area and accessibility and operating conditions. The third part describes and discusses the stratigraphy. Basement, Jurassic, Cretaceous, and Tertiary sedimentary rocks are divided into lithostratigraphic units for which description, faunal lists where applicable, regional correlation of formations with neighboring countries, and economic aspects of various formations are given. Sedimentary and intrusive-extrusive Precambrian and lower Paleozoic (?) (basement) rocks are classified and described, and a probable reconstruction of basement events from field and laboratory observations is given. The basement rocks were in part subjected to low-grade metamorphism, folded, faulted, cleaved, and maturely eroded. Intrusive activity may have extended into the Upper Silurian, as suggested by some isotope age determinations. The oldest rocks overlying the basement peneplain are Middle and Upper Jurassic (?); these consist of basal sands, limestones, marls, and local evaporites. The Cretaceous transgression advanced from the east, and the oldest datable sedimentary rocks are Barremian. Lower to Upper Cretaceous sediments were laid down over the entire area, being predominantly elastics in the west and carbonates in the east, but intertonguing. The Tertiary Period began with a widespread Paleocene transgression during which cliff-forming limestones were deposited over the whole area; these were followed by lower and middle Eocene shales, limestones, and evaporites, and then by regional uplift and geanticlinal folding and faulting. Oligocene and Miocene elastics, reef limestones and local evaporites were then deposited in coastal embayments. The fourth part discusses structure, including (a) a general introduction, (b) description of structural development of the area in the Tertiary, as those events were responsible for the present broad structure of the territory, (c) an interpretation of the Tertiary structure in the area and across the Gulf of Aden in former British Somaliland, (d) examination of evidence from the Somali side with discussion of earlier views, and (e) a brief outline of structural history of the Eastern Aden Protectorate and Dhufar. In the interpretation of the Tertiary structure, the development of the biaxial Hadramawt arch (Hadramut arch) and a comparable Somali arch are attributed to regional compression which buckled the whole thickness of the crust. Important block and step faulting which followed buckling collapsed the flanks of the arches facing the Gulf of Aden. USGS Library. URL: http://pubs.usgs.gov/pp/0560h/report.pdf.


Bin Gadhi, S. M. and Mukbel, M. A. 1998. “A Review of Renewable Energy Activities in Yemen.” Renew. Energy. 29 March 1998 through 1 April 1998. Volume 14, Issue 1-4, Pages 459-465. Notes: Conference code: 49183; Cited By (since 1996): 1. Abstract: Republic of Yemen is a developing country depending on oil for the energy needs. A look at the availability of renewable energy resources shows that the country is endowed with considerable solar, wind, bio-gas energy resources. This paper presents a review of activities in the field of renewable energy applications in Yemen and future trends, some suggestion and recommendations for using this renewable energy resources are also drawn. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 09601481.


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frankincense trade route. Our present work seeks to document this, and illuminate the poorly known civilization which supported frankincense trade. We presently have Landsat Thematic Mapper (TM) coverage of most of southern Arabia. We also have geographically discontinuous SIR-C and ERS coverage. At present we also have publicly released quicklook SRTM data for the border area between Yemen and Oman, and eagerly await full coverage with SRTM topographic data. Topographic data will provide critical insight into trade routes and fortresses with regards to water sources and routes from the coast and mountains, where people lived, to the interior desert. Given the nature of this research, comprehensive geographic coverage provided by SRTM and Landsat are a fundamental requirement. ISBN: 0-7803-6359-0. OCLC: 47883097.

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Bogan, Arthur E. Overstreet, William C. Grolier, Maurice J. and Toplyn, Michael R. 1988. “A Preliminary Report on the Land and Freshwater Gastropods Recovered from Archaeological and Geological Samples from the Yemen Arab Republic.” United States: Am. Found. Study Man, Washington, DC, United States. Volume: 4, Descriptors: Al-Jubah Quadrangle; Arabian Peninsula; archaeological sites; Asia; Cenozoic; faunal list; fresh-water environment; Gastropoda; Invertebrata; Mesogastropoda; Mollusca; Quaternary; stratigraphy; taxonomy; terrestrial environment; Yemen. Notes: Includes 5 appendices; illus. incl. 2 tables, sketch maps. Database: GeoRef. OCLC: 6782603. ISSN: 0569-4833.

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highly recycled (dry). In Zaire-Burundi and Tanzania, volcanism is explained to be coeval with the arrival of the plume because there also the crust is recycled. In Arabia and Yemen-Ethiopia continental-flood basalts younger than 30 Ma formed because lithospheric extension along the Red Sea-Gulf of Aden was the cause of (or the result of) plume(s), probably originated from the upper mantle. Database: GeoRef. ISSN: 0094-8276.

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Aden. At the same time the Horn of Africa became emergent. By approximately 27.5-23.8 Ma a small rift basin was forming in the Eritrean Red Sea. At approximately the same time (approximately 25 Ma), extension and rifting commenced within Afar itself. At approximately 24 Ma, a new phase of volcanism, principally basaltic dikes but also layered gabbro and granophyre bodies, appeared nearly synchronously throughout the entire Red Sea, from Afar and Yemen to northern Egypt. This second phase of magmatism was accompanied in the Red Sea by strong rift-normal extension and deposition of syn-tectonic sediments, mostly of marine and marginal marine affinity. Sedimentary facies were laterally heterogeneous, being comprised of inter-fingering siliciclastics, evaporite, and carbonate. Throughout the Red Sea, the principal phase of rift shoulder uplift and rapid syn-rift subsidence followed shortly thereafter at approximately 20 Ma. Water depths increased dramatically and sedimentation changed to predominantly Globigerina-rich marl and deepwater limestone. Within a few million years of its initiation in the mid-Oligocene the Gulf of Aden continental rift linked the Owen fracture zone (oceanic crust) with the Afar plume. The principal driving force for extension was slab-pull beneath the Urumieh-Doktar arc on the north side of the narrowing Neotethys. Drag of Arabia by the northward-moving Indian plate across the partially locked northern Owen fracture zone and the position of the Carlsberg oceanic ridge probably also influenced the geometry of the Aden rift. The trigger for the onset of rifting, though, was the impingement of the Afar plume at approximately 31 Ma. The Red Sea propagated away from the plume head, perpendicular to the extensional stresses then operating in Arabia, and arrived at the bend in the African-Levant margin, which itself may have been a stress concentration ripe for rifting. The local geometry of the early Red Sea rift was strongly influenced by pre-existing basement structures, and as a consequence followed a complex path from Afar to Suez. Each segment of the rift was initially an asymmetric half graben, with well-defined accommodation zones between sub-basins. In the Gulf of Aden, the positions of accommodation zones were strongly influenced by older Mesozoic rift basins. Early rift structures can be restored to their original contiguous geometries along both the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden conjugate margins. In both basins, present-day shorelines restore to a separation of 40-60 km along most of their lengths. The initial rift basins were 60-80 km in width. Oceanic spreading initiated on the Sheba Ridge east of the Alula-Fartaq fracture zone at approximately 19-18 Ma. After stalling at this fracture zone, the ridge probably propagated west into the central Gulf of Aden by approximately 16 Ma. This matches the observed termination of syn-tectonic deposition along the onshore Aden margins at approximately the same time. At approximately 14 Ma, a transform boundary cut through Sinai and the Levant continental margin, linking the northern Red Sea with the Bitlis-Zagros convergence zone. This corresponded with collision of Arabia and Eurasia, which resulted in a new plate geometry with different boundary forces. Red Sea extension changed from rift normal (N60 degrees E) to highly oblique and parallel to the Aqaba-Levant transform (N15 degrees E). North of Suez in Egypt the rift system became emergent, perhaps due to minor compression of the Sinai sub-plate, and the marine connection to the Mediterranean Sea became restricted but not terminated. Red Sea sedimentation changed from predominantly open marine to evaporitic, although deep water persisted in many regions. A third phase of magmatism commenced, locally in Ethiopia but predominantly in western Saudi Arabia and extending north to Harrat Ash Shama and Jebel Druse in Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. At approximately 10 Ma, the Sheba Ridge rapidly propagated west over 400 km from the central Gulf of Aden to the Shukra al Sheik discontinuity. Oceanic spreading followed in the south-central Red Sea at approximately 5 Ma.
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confirm huge importance of qat in daily life: with between one-half (in Djibouti) and 70 percent (in Yemen) of all households reporting at least one user. But in Yemen, qat consumption is remarkably flat across income groups, age, and between rural and urban areas. Qat is a normal good and there is no indication that its use substitutes for food. In Djibouti, however, qat consumption increases with income, and appears to act as a substitute for food consumption. In both countries however there is a strong gender bias in the use: men are much more likely to use qat than women. URL: 
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was related to the population growth and the groundwater scarcity in the coming 25 years in various regions of the world: Europe, The Caribbean, South East and Western Asia, GCC States and North Africa. First, the current impact of desalination on the renewable groundwater resources in these selected areas was determined. Results indicated that the desalination capacity exceeds 2-10 times the renewable groundwater resources in Qatar, Kuwait, Malta and Saudi Arabia, 10-50% in Libya and Barbados, and less than 0.5% in Jordan, Yemen and Singapore. In the future, a population growth from 51-116 million, 1995-2025, was assumed to be the driving force determining the need for desalination in order to maintain the current urban municipal domestic water consumption (an average of 0.265 m³/cap/d) in these countries. By 2000, a total sea and brackish water desalination capacity of 7.3 million m³/d was installed for municipal purposes in these countries. This indicated a growth in the desalination capacity of 1.9 million m³/d, 35%, between 1995 and 2000. By 2025, the growth in the municipal water desalination market will need to reach 14.8 million m³/d, 200%, to maintain the current urban municipal domestic water needs and to prevent any decline in renewable groundwater resources in the 10 water scarce countries selected in this study. ISSN: 0011-9164.


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evapotranspiration in the Mideast are discussed. The predominance of fossil groundwater is the most striking hydrogeological phenomenon occurring on a regional scale in the Middle East. It is estimated that 65000 cubic kilometers of groundwater are stored in artesian basins. This is a nonrenewable resource. Renewable groundwater resources of the Middle East are of local rather than regional significance. Some originate outside the Middle East as surface flows in the Nile and Tigris-Euphrates and infiltrating into the sediments in and adjacent to the flood plains. Other renewable resources accumulate within the region where high precipitation and mountainous relief are associated. Such areas include the Tertiary fold mountains from the Taurus to the Oman ranges, and the volcanic and basement highlands of Yemen, Asir and Ethiopia. Locally, in areas of lower precipitation, lenses of recent fresh groundwater float on regional more saline groundwater. In some areas subsurface flows toward and through wadi systems are also of importance.

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Caponera, DA. 1973. “Water Laws in Moslem Countries.” Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Rome, Irrigation and Drainage Paper NO 20/1. 202 Pages, 118 Refs. FAO agricultural development paper, no. 43. Descriptors: Water Resources; Water Law; Legislation; Water Rights; Reviews; Legal Aspects; Water Resources Development; Arid Lands; Asia; Africa; Irrigation; Moslem Water Law; Afghanistan; Bahrain; Brunei; Iran; Jordan; Kuwait; Morocco; Qatar; Somalia; Tunisia; The Peoples’ Democratic Republic Of Yemen; Yemen Arab Republic. Abstract: this is a revision of FAO agricultural development paper no. 43, ‘water laws in Moslem countries’ published in 1954. The earlier paper has been outdated by changes in water law and by the emergence of many new nations in the Moslem world. In this, volume one of a two volume update, a general introduction is given and twelve nations (Afghanistan, Bahrain, Brunei, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Qatar, Somalia, Tunisia, The Peoples’ Democratic Republic of Yemen, and the Yemen Arab Republic) are described. Since Moslem law is based upon revelations transmitted from Allah to man through the agency of the prophet Mohammed, its religious overtones are unmistakable and western planners must expect plans to be suspect which ignore or contradict this divine law. Moslem law has faced the practical problems of dividing a limited resource among the populace; however, it should be remembered that the scarcer the water is, the more complicated and elaborate the regulations are. Modern tendencies in Moslem water law make water a national resource under central control and ownership. This is compatible with traditional islamic thinking which has always viewed the concept of community interest as the basis of moslem water law. Database: Water Resources Abstracts. OCLC: 468841174; 5768722.


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development; Sana’a Basin; Competing use; Sandstone. Abstract: Until recently the hydrogeology of the Sana’a was little known. Studies in 1972 to identify a source of water supply for Sana’a indicated that the Tawilah sandstone could meet the city’s requirements to the year 2000 and beyond. Thus, all further work was directed in developing this aquifer. At the same time, local farmers who until recently relied on abstraction from shallow well, embarked on a program of intensive exploitation by boreholes, which has remained largely uncontrolled. This has led to declining water levels which have placed the now completed wellfields at serious risk. Examination of the aquifer in the light of the present situation indicates that previous assessments of recharge by the throughflow method have significantly overestimated the resource. Lack of data rather than hydrogeological techniques are considered to have been the major factor. Database: Water Resources Abstracts. ISSN: 0144-7815. OCLC: 9222814.

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(WAS) during 2002. Surface density variations are found to be more during the southwest monsoon season due to strong wind forcing. Argo temperature and salinity profiles showed that the winter cooling and the formation of Arabian Sea High Salinity Water (ASHSW) over the Northern Arabian Sea (NAS) began during the second half of November within the upper 100 m depth. In the NAS, the Persian Gulf Water (PGW) salinity is above 36, as PGW moves towards the south along isopycnal layer of 26.6 sigma sub( theta ) (sigma sub( theta ) is potential density) salinity decreases. It is observed that the PGW high salinity water is not continuously prominent over the WAS in 2002 and in 2003. In the WAS the 27.2 sigma sub( theta ) isopycnal layer depth, corresponding to Red Sea Water (RSW), did not exactly follow the pattern of isotherms as is seen in the northern and eastern Arabian Sea. The variability related to RSW salinity is due to the underwater currents. The present study also confirms that RSW is prominent in the southeast Arabian Sea at the potential density of 27.2 with a maximum in summer monsoon compared to other seasons. The observed peak in the salinity at 27.2 density level during the spring intermonsoon is due to the influence of winter time spreading of RSW to the south of Socotra in 2002. Westward movement of Argo floats in the region east of Socotra during the winter is evident in both the observations and model studies. Water mass properties change when they move away from their source region due to the consistent horizontal advection. The changes in the water mass properties along the Argo float trajectory are confirmed by comparing with the climatological mean monthly values from the World Ocean Atlas 2001 data set. Database: Meteorological & Geoastronomical Abstracts. ISSN: 1741-7538.

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channels. Equations for the slope/discharge relationships have been developed from the data set but, particularly in view of the difficulty in defining the dominant discharge, these must be viewed as tentative. A relationship between the channel wavelength and dominant discharge has also been developed as this wavelength appears to be a measurable parameter that might provide an independent check on the dominant discharge for further work on this type of channel. 


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Corstange, Daniel M. 2008. Institutions and Ethnic Politics in Lebanon and Yemen. United States -- Michigan: University of Michigan. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses. Abstract: This dissertation presents three essays based on the theme of ethnicity and institutions, utilizing insights and data collected from Lebanon and Yemen, two Arab societies within which ethnicity (sect, tribe, and region) is salient socially and politically, but which use different institutions to channel these cleavages through the political system. The first essay uses a methodological innovation to study illiterate voting rights in Lebanon, which has normative, sectarian and distributional consequences. It first addresses the difficulties of studying sensitive topics with surveys, in which systematic response bias severely limits the reliability of self-reported data. I present an augmented version of the list experiment and a new statistical estimator called listit to mitigate incentives for respondents to misrepresent themselves. I show that responses to a direct question on illiterate voting rights produce sectarian answers: community membership drives attitudes, whereas material conditions do not. The opposite obtains when the question is asked indirectly via the list experiment: community membership has no influence on attitudes, which instead are driven strongly by material conditions. The second essay studies institutional preferences in Lebanon. Given the salience of sectarianism in Lebanon, it argues that preferences should vary by community membership. Although religion provides the nominal boundaries between the sectarian communities, the Lebanese are also able to invoke shared religious ideals to imagine a larger community beyond the sect: religion unites as well as divides. I show that religiosity reduces favorable assessments of autocratic institutions in all sects, suggesting that religious individuals conceive of the polity in more inclusive terms than do sectarian individuals. The third essay compares Lebanon and Yemen and argues that the descent principle makes ethnic constituencies captive audiences to their own elites, reducing the cost of political support. The price of votes depends on the institutionally-influenced intraethnic competitive environment: oligopsony, in which elites compete for their coethnics’ votes, or monopsony, in which a single vote-buyer is dominant and constituents compete for patronage. I provide evidence that constituents in monopsonized communities--Lebanese Sunnis and Yemeni Shiites--make overt displays of political support for leaders with patronage considerations in mind, a dynamic unseen in the more internally competitive communities in either country. Notes: University of Michigan; Ph.D. Database: ProQuest Dissertations & Theses (PQDT).


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lack of resources in the community. Promoting a diet of meat, eggs, and fruit is pointless since these items are either not available or are too expensive for most of the villagers to purchase. Men who do most of the shopping must also be educated on health and nutrition matters. Due to the traditional segregation of the sexes, this training will have to be provided in separate settings.

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fed, most (74 per cent) used powdered whole-milk products and not special infant formulas. Bottle-fed infants under 6 months had a markedly increased risk of severe malnutrition over those fully breast-fed (16.2 per cent vs. 2.2 per cent, P60 kcal/kg body weight daily from milk. Use of dilute milk (<50 kcal/dl) appeared to double the risk of severe malnutrition in bottle-fed infants. Milk concentration was correlated with size of the measuring scoop supplied in the tin. Concentration and daily intake were both related more strongly to family income than to parental literacy or other socio-demographic measures. Interim strategies to prevent the syndrome of the bottle-starved’ infant should focus on early provision of additional calories from all possible sources, particularly breast milk and suitable solids. To affect feeding patterns, regulation of the infant-formula industry must control producers of other milk products as well. ISSN: 1465-3664.

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of lacustrine sediments and their implications for climate change in southwestern Arabia. The study area, on the southeastern tip of the Arabian Peninsula, is located in a climatic transition zone. It is bounded by the Rub al-Khali Desert to the north, and to the south and east, the Indian Ocean, which subjects the highlands to the influence of the Indian Ocean monsoon. The Dhamar Highlands of Yemen consist of high intermontane valleys surrounded by the highest mountains (3000 m asl) on the Arabian Peninsula. The intermontane basins contain very long sediment histories. Lacustrine deposits occur within the basins where, today, the area is semi-arid without major reservoirs of surface water. Lakes with restricted outlets are evidence of periods in the past, characterized by climates significantly moister than the present. A peat deposit with a radiocarbon age of 9,820 + 60 yrs B.P. is also evidence of moister conditions in the early Holocene. Sedimentary and geochemical analysis of paleo-lake sediments record fluctuations in sedimentation and chemical regimes that extend into the Pleistocene. These fluctuations provide signatures in the sediment profile that identify episodes of soil development and episodes of lacustrine deposition. The occurrence of multiple paleosols indicates periods of stable land surface. Paleosols are separated by thick lacustrine deposits indicative of increased surface water and moister overall conditions. Fluctuations in the sediment record of the Dhamar Highlands reflect a regional record of climatic conditions for Southwest Arabia. Database: GeoRef. ISSN: 0016-7592.

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De Geest, P. Verheyden, S. Cheng, H. Edwards, L. and Keppens, E. Indian Ocean Monsoon Variability Recorded in Holocene High-Resolution Speleothem Records from Soqotra Island (Yemen). Descriptors: Article Subject Terms: Aquifer recharge; Caves; Convergence zones; Correlations; Groundwater recharge; Karst; Meteor research; Meteorological data; Monsoon rainfall; Monsoons; Rainfall variability; Seasonal variations; Article Geographic Terms: Arabian Peninsula; Indian Ocean; Yemen. "Situated in the Indian Ocean between the Horn of Africa and the Arabian Peninsula, Soqotra island captures meteoric rainfall twice a year, due to the migrating inter-tropical convergence zone (ITCZ), offering continental proxies -in the form of speleothems- to register Indian Ocean Monsoon (IOM) variability. Due to the recent availability of meteorological data (rainfall and temperature) of 11 manual stations recorded over the last 5 years, we calculated that approximately 85% of the rainfall is related to the NE Monsoon period, while only 15% is related to the SW Monsoon period with an important irregular geographical distribution over the island. As seasonal fluctuations of rainwater oxygen isotopic composition are related to the amount of rainfall, differences in the oxygen isotopic compositions of meteoric waters versus groundwater are used to estimate amount and timing of karst aquifer recharge. At the NE limestone plateau karstic recharge only takes place during the NE Monsoon rainy period when a rainfall threshold of 80 to 90 mm is exceeded, explaining the more negative cave drip waters and groundwater in general. Two caves in this area were chosen as research location and the isotopic composition of nowadays forming speleothem calcite was monitored by sampling drip waters and collecting freshly deposited calcite on glass slabs. A sampled speleothem from Hoq Cave (SSTM1) and one from Casecas Cave (S-STM5) have formed over the past 6 ka BP and the past 1 ka BP (TIMS U/Th dating) respectively. Both speleothems display alternations of dark compact and white porous layers, which are interpreted as seasonal variations because they coincide with carbon and oxygen isotopic variations as observed by measurements at a 50 µm resolution. At the two sampling locations, distant of 6 km, both speleothems present similar isotopic changes over the last 1 ka, controlled by the NE Monsoon rainfall variability. Correlations with other proxies in the same region will contribute to a better understanding of the IOM system. Notes: Geophysical Research Abstracts. [np]. NU: 08393. ISSN: 1029-7006. Database: Meteorological & Geoastrophysical Abstracts. OCLC: 11196065.

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variability of equatorial surface current and equatorial subsurface undercurrent is analyzed. It is shown that these currents are mainly generated by zonal wind stress, which is dominated by a semi-annual harmonic. The equatorial surface current and compensating Equatorial subsurface counter-current are also dominated by semi-annual harmonics. The subsurface counter-current has a time lag by approximately one month. It is found that the gradient currents caused by river run-off make an important contribution to the circulation in the Bay of Bengal. This effect manifests itself especially in summer when the Ganges River brings fresh turbid waters. Main features of quasi-stationary gyres like Great Whirl, Socotra high, Lakshadweep high and low are well reproduced. Database: ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts. ISSN: 0030-1574.


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ng g super(-1) dry weight) in edible muscle of fishes collected from the Red Sea. These concentrations are within the range of values reported for other comparable regions of the world. Mean concentrations for individual parent PAH in fish muscles were; naphthalene 19.5, biphenyl 4.6, acenaphthylene 1.0, acenaphthene 1.2, fluorene 5.5, phenanthrene 14.0, anthracene 0.8, fluoranthene 1.5, pyrene 1.8, benz(a)anthracene 0.4, chrysene 1.9, benzo(b)fluoranthene 0.5, benzo(k)fluoranthene 0.5, benzo(e)pyrene 0.9, benzo(a)pyrene 0.5, perylene 0.2, and indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene 0.1 ng g super(-1) dry weight respectively. The Red Sea fish extracts exhibit the low molecular weight aromatics as well as the discernible alkyl-substituted species of naphthalene, fluorene, phenanthrene and dibenzothiophene. Thus, it was suggested that the most probable source of PAHs is oil contamination originating from spillages and/or heavy ship traffic. It is concluded that the presence of PAHs in the fish muscles is not responsible for the reported fish kill phenomenon. However, the high concentrations of carcinogenic chrysene encountered in these fishes should be considered seriously as it is hazardous to human health. Based on fish consumption by Yemeni’s population it was calculated that the daily intake of total carcinogens were 0.15 mu g/person/day. Database: ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts. ISSN: 0018-8158.

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request for forceful intervention, an engagement in an ongoing armed conflict, an anti-terrorist operation mandated by Security Council Resolution 1373 and an act of anticipatory self-defence. It finds that the Yemen strike in particular, and targeted killings in general, can only tenuously be reconciled with the existing international legal framework. In this context, the article questions the uncritical international response to the Yemen incident. It speculates that the tacit acceptance of US action reflects two emerging norms governing the use of force, namely a toleration of military actions that do not threaten the existence of the state and the gradual legitimisation of state action perpetrated against unidentified individuals. ISSN: 1467-7962.

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Since 2004, the Yemeni government has been fighting a bloody civil war with local Zaydi Shia forces known as the Houthis in the country’s north. Conventional explanations rooted in the recent history of the civil war fail to adequately account for the rise of the rebels and their fundamental grievances, however. A social movement approach, which can contextualize the Houthi rebellion within a historical evolution of Zaydi movements, is used here to explain the transition of the Houthis from non-violent social movement to armed insurrectionary group. The Yemeni regime’s anti-Zaydi policies and nationalist narrative, along with a competing Wahhabi religious movement, led to a series of inter- and intra-movement disputes that fostered the rise of increasingly oppositional Zaydi factions like the Houthi. The interplay between the Houthi leadership’s complex framing of Zaydi grievances and escalating regime-challenger interactions over a public protest movement explains the Houthis’ recourse to violence in 2004.

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some of the issues that it faces in using schooling as a strategy to prevent child labour. ISSN: 0738-0593.


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development programme. Consequently, its approximately 50,000 inhabitants, who constituted a predominantly pastoralist community with a unique language and a mixed ethnic composition, are now being enlisted in a state-sponsored and internationally assisted community development process, which has spawn an internal social transformation and communal transition. The cardinal problematic of this dissertation is to elucidate the current dynamics of Soqotra’s politically mediated and development induced communal transition within a historical continuum. It employs a “processual ethnography” approach that straddles the contemporary and historical dimensions to identify the critical processes of transition, the vectors of change, and their effects. These effects are traced through four domains of social interaction between Soqotrans and external actors, namely politics, economy, culture and environment. The thesis that informs and structures this dissertation is that political incorporation has historically constituted the primary determinant of Soqotra’s communal order, and is now the main impetus of its transition. Accordingly, the dissertation situates the island’s transition through an overview of the four phases of its recent history of political encompassment, as forms of sovereignty arrogated by outsiders (i.e., sultanate fiefdom, socialist administration, unity government, and post-unity regime), which introduced four divergent types of administrative regimes, as forms of governmentality (i.e., tributary patrimonialism, democratic centralism, tribal libertarianism, and an internationally-mediated local governance), and highlights their reconfigurative impacts on local institutions and practices. Subsequently, it discusses separately the vectors of change (i.e., communal mutation, national acculturation, and transcultural annexation) generated, especially but not exclusively, by the last phase of political encompassment, and explores their adjustment effects on the island’s communal life. Finally, it considers the cultural and developmental dilemmas generated by this ongoing process of change. University of Sussex (United Kingdom); Ph.D. Database: ProQuest Dissertations & Theses. OCLC: 500366783.


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southward undercurrent separates, as velocity and salinity fields suggest. Subsurface circulation north of 5 degree N is disconnected from flows near the equator during most of the year. The model circulation is not sensitive to the details of coastal bottom topography. In contrast, the presence of the Socotra Island, which is absent in the model, leads to a more realistic solution in that the southward undercurrent north of 5 degree N is present throughout the spring. Interannual variability of the model subsurface fields increases significantly when observed, rather than climatological, wind forcing is used. The most dramatic changes occur in the coastal and equatorial regions. Database: ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts. ISSN: 0967-0645.
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travertine deposits, belong to the Na-HCO3 type of water, and have higher pCO2 (from -1.18 to -0.58 = PCO2 from 0.07 to 0.26 atm) relative to cold Ca-SO4-(Cl) groundwaters. The cold waters have pCO2 ranging from -1.86 to -2.50 (= PCO2 from 0.014 to 0.0035 atm). The chemical composition of the cold springs is controlled by evaporite deposits present in the Tawilah sandstone and Amran limestone formations, while simple crustal dissolution, coupled with CO2-rich fluid-rock interaction control the chemical signature of the hot spring waters. The temperature of the feeding system, based on the K2/Mg geothermometer, varies between 80 and 120°C. Damt thermal springs appear to be related to a 10,000 year-old volcanic activity that led to the appearance of several craters in the area.

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The combined effects have meant that the potential productivity of the land has fallen, desertification is accelerated and, in some cases, the land has had to be abandoned. Some of the National Agricultural Research Systems of the Arabian Peninsula, working with the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), have taken steps to address the resulting degradation. This paper describes step-by-step an holistic approach that was begun in 1997 to address the problems. It started with the collection of indigenous knowledge and interviews with local Bedouin farmers in the United Arab Emirates; continued through a series of training programs for human resource development, germplasm collection missions in the UAE, the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Yemen; the development of herbaria, databases, and one large genebank in the Republic of Yemen as well as a working collection in the UAE. Seed has been multiplied and evaluations for water-use efficiency and nutritive value are underway. Initial data shows that not only do the desert forages use less water than the introduced forages, but also their nutritive value is as good. In addition to determining a sustainable forage production system, research is underway to define appropriate restoration and rehabilitation methodologies, and small enclosures have been selected, in some countries, viz., Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and UAE, for this purpose. Some of the collaborative research at the Range & Development Research Center at Al-Jouf in Saudi Arabia is briefly described. This research will not only benefit the Arabian Peninsula countries, but also all countries that are likely to face the increasing impacts of global warming, salinity, drought and desertification in the 21st century. Database: GeoRef. ISBN: 9960373800; 9789960373805. OCLC: 191914549.


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the same magnitude. Upwelled water was advected from the cold wedge of the upwelling regime at the Somali coast along the edge of the gyre. The water in the center of the gyre had the characteristics of Indian Equatorial Water (IEW). The Socotra Gyre carried 23 Sv of modified Arabian Sea Water (ASW). Database: ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts. ISSN: 0148-0227.


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Leglar and Navon (1987). While the model is only moderately successful in reproducing the structure of the large, rather homogeneous pool of water located off the Arabian Peninsula in September, it behaves remarkably well in the dynamically active region around Socotra. Major oceanographic fronts and eddies frequently observed in the region during the transition period between the southwest and the northwest monsoon appear in the 1985 model results and compare well, both temporally and spatially, with the observational data. Thus, given accurate wind information, the model appears highly effective in dynamically active regions, and demonstrates potential as a useful prognostic tool for evaluation of the Arabian Sea when real time winds become available. Keywords: Air sea interactions. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Notes: Technical rept., DTIC Accession Number: ADA185777.

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Sana’a and, more specifically, on water quality of the public supply peri-urban wellfields are analyzed. The results, obtained with a transient groundwater model, indicated that by 2020 the construction of the sewerage will have considerably reduced the area polluted by groundwater, but the process is slow. Furthermore, construction of the sewerage will hardly affect the groundwater quality of the wellfields, since flow is not directed towards most of the production wells. The Yemeni authorities should realize that less expensive sanitation alternatives are available, but they need user participation, which, in turn, would raise public awareness that water supplies and sanitation are not to be seen as solely a government responsibility.


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origin only, not political, and thus of easy--though expensive--solution. On the contrary, in the near future Shibam will face different problems, of less easier solution but in which we should avail ourselves of any previous experience learned from similar cases in Europe and in Sana’ itself, the Yemen capital city. Due to the lack of any local good stone, the only building materials since ever used in Shibam, as well in the whole Wadi Hadhramaut, have been sun-dried mud-bricks for structures, wood for architraves and plaster for adorning facades. All this architectural heritage, which not only includes habitations but also religious and military buildings, due to its specific nature deserves a greater amount of skilled manpower, easy to get thanks to its low costs. The foreseeable economical growth, and its impact on local culture, will unavoidable lead to a progressive neglecting of traditional buildings in favour of less expensive and more durable models, made up of reinforced concrete and concrete-bricks. Shibam, together with all the marvels of Wadi Hadhramaut, is condemned to a slow and physical disappearance unless any adequate safeguard plan is proposed and carried out. Database: GeoRef. ISSN: 0435-3870.


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age group of 20–40 years (OR = 2.76, 95% CI). It tended to occur more frequently in males patients than females (OR = 1.19, 95% CI). Tobacco smokers and Khat chewers were more likely to have GORD than non-tobacco smokers (OR = 2.78, 95% CI and OR = 3.00, 95% CI, respectively). GORD complications were as following: 66 (8%) had stenosis, 10 (2%) had Barrett’s oesophagus and 768 (90%) had no complications. Conclusion: The most common risk factors for GORD were related to age, sex, tobacco smoking and Khat chewing habits. Stenosis and Barrett’s oesophagus were commonest complications of GORD. ISSN: 1687-1979.


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stone," said Capt. Andrew Bouchard. "So we taught them to ensure the quality of the cement used to solidify the stones was free of organics that could weaken over time, as well as assisting in the quality control associated with straight and level walls." The Army team was also able to demonstrate to their counterparts how the materials in the cement can weaken metals over a short period of time when improperly mixed. The projects advised on by the Army team on this trip were two schools for the villages, with much of their attention focused on discussing effective solutions to make the schools more efficient. While helping to build the two schools, the team had to seek solutions to other engineering challenges, like adequate power sources. "Originally, we thought that we could run an electric power line from a substation further away, but that did not work well," said Bouchard. "The town has minimal power. Houses and the schools are without power. We are going to change the contract to include the introduction of solar power." The quality control expertise and future addition of electricity are small examples of how the task force is helping this community, much in the same manner as other communities in this region. While the technical aspects of the jobs were important, equally important was sharing an exchange of culture. An example of the cultural exchange occurred when Bouchard was invited to lunch by one of the town's leaders. "We talked about the island and his community, and how the leaders of the town are entrusted with the decisions that affect the village," said Bouchard. "The sheik told us how happy he was to have [the task force] involved with his community and how he commented that he liked the fashion by which one school at a time is built so as not to impact the children learning." Bouchard added the meal was prepared by the sheik's wife and consisted of fish, rice, and goat, which he found out were Socotran diet mainstays. Bouchard also discovered during his discussion over lunch that a very large majority of the community's favorite football team is Arsenal of England. "They listen as often as possible given the radio reception," said Bouchard. The mission of the task force is to prevent conflict, promote regional stability and protect coalition interests to prevail against extremism. The task force began operations at Camp Lemonier, Djibouti May 13, 2003. It works with partner nations on humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, consequence management, civic action programs to include medical and veterinary care, school and medical clinic construction and water development projects. URL: http://www.army.mil/article/1843/


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pegmatite; (9) Co, Cr, Ni, and Ti in Precambrian mafic rocks; (10) Mg and Sr in Precambrian marble and calcsilicate rocks; (11) Y in Precambrian schist; (12) B and Sc dispersed in rocks of many ages; and (13) Ag, Ba, Bi, Cd, Cu, Mn, Pb, Sb, Sn, and Zn in a hydrothermal replacement deposit in Precambrian sediment. None of the rocks contained as much as 205 ppm equivalent uranium. The highest values for Ag, Cu, Pb, Zn, and Cd were obtained on a sample of hydrothermally altered siltstone not personally collected by the writers. It was said to have come from the Ma’rib area in the eastern part of the Yemen Arab Republic. The source must be studied, because this single sample is high-grade base-metal ore. Among the samples collected by the writers, the economically most significant are altered tuffs, ignimbrites, and felsites exposed between Jibal Hufash and Manakhah on the road from Hudaydah to San’a’. They are strongly anomalous for As and weakly anomalous, variously, for Hg, Mo, and Pb, which elements may constitute an epigenetic dispersion pattern from hidden sulfide deposits. Inasmuch as chalcopyrite and native copper have been reported in the vicinity of Jabal Haraz in the Manakhah area, the rocks of the Yemen Volcanics in this region should be explored for base-metal sulfide deposits. The first results of paleontologic examinations of fossils collected during 1975 and 1976 are presented, as are a list of Landsat images covering the Yemen Arab Republic, and a selected bibliography of reports on geology and the allied sciences relating to the Yemen Arab Republic. Notes: 103 p.:ill., maps (2 fold. in pocket); 27 cm. URL: http://pubs.er.usgs.gov/usgspubs/ofr/ofr77733.


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cross-cultural performance of Air Force members now plays a greater role in mission success than ever before. The Air Force therefore asked RAND to assist in developing a comprehensive program for preparing members of the Air Force in cross-cultural skills. RAND researchers responded by first creating a taxonomy covering all behaviors relevant to cross-cultural performance after a review of the literature and discussions with Air Force personnel. From this taxonomy, the researchers developed a framework of 14 categories of cross-cultural behaviors: 9 categories of enabling behaviors and 5 categories of goal-oriented behaviors. Enabling behaviors help facilitate a variety of day-to-day activities and are likely to be needed in a variety of jobs. These categories are foreign language skills; verbal and nonverbal communication skills; social etiquette skills; stress management in unfamiliar cultural settings; behavior change to fit the cultural context; gathering and interpreting observed information; applying regional knowledge; self-initiated learning; and respecting cultural differences. Goal-oriented behaviors are associated with specific mission-related activities and are likely to be needed only by individuals working in certain Air Force Specialty Codes (AFSCs). These categories are establishing authority; influencing others; negotiating with others; establishing credibility, trust, and respect; and resolving conflict. The importance of the 14 behavior categories for deployed performance was evaluated by surveying approximately 21,000 previously deployed airmen. Respondents also were asked to indicate how much training they had received. Recommendations for the design of a comprehensive program of cross-cultural training and education were made based on extensive analyses of the results, which included determining whether training needs differed by AFSC, grade (enlisted/officer), and deployment location. DTIC: ADA499701. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA499701.

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carbonate platforms; carbonate rocks; Caribbean region; Central America; Chinchorro Bank; Coral Sea; depositional environment; distribution; Florida; Great Barrier Reef; Gulf of Mexico; imagery; lagoonal environment; lithofacies; marine environment; models; modern analogs; North Atlantic; offshore; Pacific Ocean; patterns; permeability; petroleum; planar bedding structures; porosity; remote sensing; reservoir rocks; sand bodies; satellite methods; sedimentary rocks; sedimentary structures; shallow-water environment; Shark Bay; shelf environment; siliciclastics; South Pacific; southern Florida; Southwest Pacific; stratigraphic traps; tidal flats; traps; United Arab Emirates; United States; variations; West Indies; West Pacific; Western Australia; Yemen; Yucatan Peninsula. Database: GeoRef. ISSN: 0149-1423.

Harrower, M. J. 2009. “Is the Hydraulic Hypothesis Dead Yet? Irrigation and Social Change in Ancient Yemen.” World Archaeol. Volume 41, Issue 1, Pages 58-72. Descriptors: Ancient states; Geographic information systems; Irrigation; Southwest Arabia; Yemen. Abstract: Irrigation played an important role throughout ancient Southwest Arabian histories. Irrigation structures provide some of the earliest evidence of crop agriculture and large-scale flash floodwater irrigation systems sustained ancient states; the region thus offers important potential for reconsidering links between irrigation and social change. This paper examines millennia-long connections between social relations and the increasing technological and organizational complexity of irrigation in ancient Yemen. While the hydraulic hypothesis in its original deterministic formulation does not adequately account for the complexity and diversity of regional histories, large centrally managed irrigation systems played an indisputably significant role in Southwest Arabian state formation. Irrigation not only generated the food to sustain burgeoning populations but, just as importantly, afforded ancient kings the ideological prestige of commanding transformation of hyper-arid areas into lush, bountiful oases. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 0043-8243.

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Harrower, Michael J. 2010. “Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Hydrological Modeling in Archaeology: An example from the Origins of Irrigation in Southwest Arabia (Yemen).” Journal of Archaeological Science. 07. Volume 37, Issue 7, Pages 1447-1452. Descriptors: Geographic information systems; Hydrology; Mathematical models; Archaeology; Remote sensing; Water -- Management; Arabian Peninsula; Yemen (Republic). Abstract: From small bands of foragers, pastoralists, and village agriculturists, to states and civilizations water accessibility and management played a crucial role in sustenance and social life throughout the
ancient world. Recent advances in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and related remote sensing technologies offer powerful means of analyzing water flow that are well-suited to clarify design and operational requirements of different irrigation and water management systems. Ancient Southwest Arabian irrigation technologies developed over thousands of years culminating in some of the ancient world’s most advanced flashflood water systems. This paper describes satellite imagery Digital Elevation Model (DEM) extraction and GIS hydrological modeling procedures conducted for the Wadi Sana watershed of Hadramawt Governate, Yemen. Results help illustrate one of the local contexts in which small-scale irrigation originated in Southwest Arabia and additionally serve as an example for those interested in applying similar methods in other regions. ISSN: 0305-4403.

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The Hassan dam project, projected to cost USD 98 million, has recently been approved by the Supreme Tender Committee. The dam will bring about a dramatic change in the Abyan agricultural sector and will also improve the food situation in Yemen in general, the Deputy Minister for Irrigation sector at the Ministry of Agriculture said. He said that the project is considered to be one of the strategic projects that will increase cereals, fruits, vegetables, and animal fodder production to cover the local market’s needs and increase exports. He pointed out that the dam is being financed by government of Abu Dhabi and the government of Yemen. The Hassan dam aims to increase water resources, control floods, regulate irrigation through control gates, protect agricultural products, and control the negative effects of the stream’s flow. It also aims to rehabilitate the dam’s downstream channels to bring water to local farms, increase irrigation efficiency, and increase groundwater recharge. The dam will also assist in the development of the monitoring process of water distribution in the canals as well as promote social cooperation for water distribution in the region. The dam will irrigate 10,000 acres and 13,000 families will benefit from the agricultural lands that are affected. The assembly area is 31,200 square kilometers and the average annual water flow is about 39 million cubic meters, whereas the dam’s reservoir is 4.2 square kilometers. The highest water level of the dam will be 135.5 meters. The Hassan dam manager, Yousif Ahmed Friye, pointed out that the dam consists of two major components; the first is the controlling of rain water with a storing capacity of 20 million cubic meters and the second one includes irrigation and control channels, distribution facilities, irrigation outlets, and an agricultural irrigation route, adding that the dam will restore the lands that were washed away during the 1982 floods, increase agricultural productivity, and feed the underground reservoirs of the wells that supply the Aden, Abian, and Lahj Governorates in addition to increasing agricultural production and providing jobs to a large number of the workforce in the governorate in various fields during the dam’s construction period. He noted that Wadi Hassan is one of the steepest valleys in the region and most of the monsoon rains the wadi receives are washed into the sea. The reservoir will act as a storage unit for this rainwater and control flooding. Abyan valley delta is an agricultural area that is formed by the Wadi Hassan and Wadi Bana precipitations during the monsoon floods. It is one of the most fertile areas in Yemen, starting from mountainous ranges up to the valley’s mouth in the Gulf of Aden. The delta is 35 kilometers long and 15 kilometers wide. The building of the dam is considered to be important because it will prevent the washing away of fertile soil by flash floods.
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Hassan, L. A. J. A. L. and Shwafi, N. A. A. 1997. “Asymmetry Analysis in Two Marine Teleost Fishes Collected from the Red Sea Coast of Yemen.” Pak. J. Zool. Volume 29, Issue 1, Pages 23-25. Descriptors: Asymmetry; Red Sea; Teleost fishes; Yemen. Notes: Cited By (since 1996): 1. Abstract: Asymmetry analysis have been carried out for some bilateral characters of two marine teleost fishes, Saurida undosquamis and Sillago sihama collected from the Red Sea coast of the Republic of Yemen. The results show that in the S. undosquamis the level of asymmetry of pectoral fin ray and eye lens weight increase with the increase of the length of the fish. This is also true for the postorbital length in S. sihama. The cause and origin of the asymmetry in this species have been discussed from the point of view of different toxicants and their presence and distribution in the area. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 0030-9923.

Hassan, LAJ, Fareed, KH and Azab, AM. 1997. “Some Vertebral Anomalies in Fishes Collected from the Republic of Yemen.” Pak. J. Zool. Volume 29, Issue 3, Pages 302-304. Descriptors: Mutations; Vertebrae; Article Taxonomic Terms: Barbus apoensis; Chelon macrolepis; Article Geographic Terms: Yemen; Yemen; abnormalities; animal morphology; Marine; Brackish; Freshwater. Abstract: Vertebral anomalies in Chelon macrolepis (Pisces: Mugilidae) collected from Houdaida Province at the Red Sea coast of Yemen and Barbus apoensis collected from the freshwater falling water pools at the Province of Ibb, south of Sana’a, have been described. Database: ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts. ISSN: 0030-9923.

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psychostimulative effects; there is an unconfirmed suggestion that they contain a high concentration of fluoride (F). Khat samples from Yemen were suspended in deionized water, spun, and the supernatants exposed to a chelator that decomplexes F, which was assayed with an Fe electrode coupled to an ion analyser. F released into whole saliva after chewing khat for 15 min and from khat suspended in stimulated whole saliva for 1.5 h in vitro was measured also. Total F in dried khat leaves and their ash was assayed by the acid-hexamethyldisiloxane microdiffusion method. All methods demonstrated negligible amounts of F in or from khat leaves (< 0.02 μg F/ml leached into water or saliva: 0.06 μg F/ml in saliva after chewing; 0.93 μg total F/g in dried leaf; 2.07 μg total F/g in ash). Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 0003-9969.

Hawkins, Lorraine. 2007. Women’s Lives and Social Change in Old Sana’, the Republic of Yemen. United States -- New York: Anthropology. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses. Abstract: Fieldwork conducted in the late 1990s involved getting to know women of all ages and their life stories in a neighborhood of Old Sana’, the Republic of Yemen. Most women were married young and are housewives. The neighborhood social life promotes traditionalism and a gendered division of labor that prescribes roles for women as wives and mothers. An account of Yemeni history and women’s history shows “the traditions” have framed the discourse and the gender ideologies within which Yemeni people negotiate the terms of modernity. Nationalist discourses on women and development bear more relevance for women of the upper classes. Lower middle class families have had to struggle for household survival and to maintain social status during the national economic crisis of the 1990s. Families were continuing to marry their daughters young, placing their trust in what they conceive as the traditions involved with early marriage. The argument presented is that these choices should be analyzed as class-based cultural responses in the day-to-day struggle with the consequences of modernity in Yemen. Not everyone in the neighborhood has followed the “traditional” gender ideology. Women sellers who have prospered through a women’s informal economy along with other upwardly mobile families did express more favorable attitudes towards girls’ education. A few young women did attend university. The stories of these young women along with the life stories of women sellers are included in order to understand the factors that influence social change in women’s lives. Regarding the issue of education versus early marriage, recommendations are made taking into consideration parents’ decision-making and their concerns regarding security in the future for their daughters. Notes: Anthropology; Ph.D. ISBN: 9780549046240; 0549046240. OCLC Number: 226375433.


Hazen and Sawyer and Yemen Arab Republic National Water and Sewerage Authority. . 1977. “Taiz Water Supply and Sewerage Project.” New York: Hazen and Sawyer. Descriptors: Water-supply -- Yemen (Republic) -- Ta’izz -- Maps; Sewerage -- Yemen (Republic) -- Ta’izz -- Maps; Water-supply -- Yemen (Republic) -- Ta’izz Region -- Maps; Sewerage -- Yemen (Republic) -- Ta’izz Region -- Maps. Notes: Description: 5 maps; 84 x 113 cm. or smaller. Scales vary. Note(s): At head of title: Yemen Arab Republic, National Water and Sewerage Authority. Sheets 1 and 2 are photocopies. Sheets 3, 4, and 5 are photomaps. Relief shown by contours and spot heights on some sheets. Responsibility: Hazen and Sawyer, engineers.
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Abstract: Plate I. Plan of recommended project and alternatives, 1:50,000.--Plate II. Al Haima water resources, 1:20,000.--Plate III. Water system improvements, 1:5,000.--Plate IV. Sewerage system improvements, 1:5,000.--Plate V. Storm drainage improvements, 1:5,000. LCCN: 78-695575. OCLC Accession Number: 5485994.


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Heba, HM, Saeed, MA and Al-Saad, HT. 2001. “Assessment of N-Alkanes in Sediments from Northwest Arabian Gulf and the Red Sea Coast of Yemen.” Mar. Mesop. Spec. Issue. Volume 16, Issue 2, Pages 345-356. Descriptors: Coastal zone; Saturated hydrocarbons; Sediment analysis; Sediment chemistry; Transport processes; Article Geographic Terms: Red Sea; Yemen; Marine. Abstract: Sediment samples taken from different locations from the Northwest Arabian Gulf and the Red Sea Coast of Yemen were analyzed to determine origins and sources of n-alkanes. In sediments from the Northwest Arabian Gulf, odd and even carbon numbers were found. These came from different sources such as phytoplankton, zooplankton, bacteria and fungi; higher molecular weight compound was found as another sources. In the sediment of the Red Sea coast of Yemen the distribution exhibited odd carbon number predominance in C sub(15)-C sub(21) and C sub(25)-C sub(31) range which is characteristic of autochthonous and allochthonous natural input, where slight even carbon number predominance
in the C sub(20)-C sub(30) range invoked reduction or bacterial processes. Moreover concentration of n-alkanes in both sediment from North-West Arabian Gulf and Red Sea were also within the range of the other parts of the world. The present study show that concentration of n-alkanes in sediment of Northwest region of the Arabian Gulf and Red Sea coast of Yemen are governed by four transport processes: 1) Aeoline transport of fossil fuel and combustion products followed by deposition on the surface water and subsequent sedimentation; 2) Transport of combined n-alkanes source (e.g. storm water runoff, municipal sewage effluents, oil spillage from ports and industrial inputs); 3) Direct introduction of waste material via ship leisure boats and fishing boats; and, 4) Resuspension of materials reaching coastal aquatic sediment via aeoline transport and deposition in setting areas. Database: ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts.

Heba, Hassaan M .A. Mohamed Al-Kahali and Majed Al-Edresi. 2007. “Heavy Metal Contamination in the White Muscles of Some Commercial Fish Species From Al-Hodeidah -Red Sea coast of Yemen.” Abstract: The distribution of seven trace metals namely Zn, Mn, Cd, Cu, Co, Ni, and Pb in some commercial fish species was determined. Samples of the white muscles from Latjanus sp.(snappers), Mullet (Mugil sp.), Indian Mackeral (Rostregllier kanagurata), catfish (Arius thalasinus), and Longtail tuna (Thunus tonggol) collected along the coast of Al-Hodiedah Red Sea coast of Yemen, were analyzed by using Flame Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer (AAS). The results showed high concentrations of all the studied elements, and the concentration were varied from one species to another. Nevertheless, elevated concentrations of trace metals were observed in Lutjanus sp., and tuna. Our findings also showed high concentrations of Pb in all fishes, in general. Also, high concentrations of Cd were exhibited in Lutjanus and catfish, with 0.65 μg/g and 0.6 μg/g respectively. The manganese (Mn), Copper (Cu), Cobalt (Co), and Nickel (Ni) mean concentrations ranged between 1.93 and 6.69 μg/g. The mean concentrations of Zn in this study were lower when compared with those reported in other parts of the world. In conclusion, although values of trace metals observed in our study are within the acceptable worldwide range, however they are lower than those reported elsewhere. The present study considers the recommendation of carrying out continuous monitoring program for the Red Sea coast of Yemen, and that the levels of heavy metals must remain within the prescribed worldwide ratio… In conclusion, this investigation showed that the concentration of trace metals in the white muscles of some commercial fish species collected from Al-Hodiedah were higher when compared to else where along the Red Sea Coast. This might be due to the activities in the study area, fat content, age, and different species have different affinities for certain metal up take. In addition the sewage discharges in the area and recently the dredging along the beach. The study recommended a continuous monitoring program for the Red Sea Coast of Yemen, and the levels of heavy metals must remain within the prescribed worldwide limit. URL:

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in the Yemeni political context is more limited due to difficulties of implementing and enforcing change. The Yemeni case is unique, as there is a close linkage between water and qat production. Reducing water consumption will substantially reduce the benefits from qat production and consequently farm income, which is a politically sensitive way of bringing about a balance between supply and demand of water. ISSN: 1531-0361.


Henrici, Amy C. and Baez, Maria. 2001. “First Occurrence of Xenopus (Anura, Pipidae) on the Arabian Peninsula; a New Species from the Upper Oligocene of Yemen.” J. Paleontol. Paleontological Society, Lawrence, KS, United States: United States. Jul. Volume 75, Issue 4, Pages 870-882. Descriptors: Amphibia; Anura; Arabian Peninsula; Asia; biogeography; biometry; Cenozoic; Chordata; climate change; first occurrence; fossilization; fresh-water environment; Lissamphibia; morphology; new taxa; Oligocene; paleoclimatology; Paleogene; Pipidae; skeletons; taxonomy; Tertiary; Tetrapoda; upper Oligocene; Vertebrata; Xenopus arabiensis; Yemen. Notes: References: 48; illus. incl. 2 tables, sketch map. Abstract: A freshwater interbed of the Yemen Volcanic Group in central western Yemen yielded impressions of numerous, articulated, mostly complete frog skeletons. Recent dating of the volcanics and the stratigraphic position of the fossil bearing bed in the sequence support a Late Oligocene age for the frogs. These frogs are described as a new species of Xenopus, a genus that is today mostly confined to subsaharan Africa, and they provide evidence of the former, wider distribution of this genus on the Afro-Arabian Plate. The new species, X. arabiensis, differs from other Xenopus in its long maxilla and maxillary tooth row. It resembles X. muelleri in its dentate, azygous vomer and prominent, cone-shaped, distally-pointed prehallux, but differs from X. muelleri in having an atlantal intercotylar notch and longer distal prehallux bone. Climatic changes during the Neogene probably led to the extinction of Xenopus on the Arabian Peninsula; however, the timing of this event is not certain. Database: GeoRef. ISSN: 0022-3360. URL: http://www.journalofpaleontology.org/.
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Heritage Foundation Washington, DC, and Carafano James J., Weitz Richard Andersen,Martin E. 2009. “Maritime Security: Fighting Piracy in the Gulf of Aden and Beyond (Heritage Special Report, Number 59, June 24, 2009).” 24 Jun. Page(s): 29 Report Number: SR-59 XD-XD Monitor Series: XD. Abstract: The Heritage Foundation’s Maritime Security Working Group -- composed of representatives from academia, the private sector, research institutions, and government -- produces cutting-edge policy recommendations for making the seas safer for the United States, its friends and allies, and global commerce. The fourth occasional report by the group addressing the most pressing issues confronting maritime security examines the issue of piracy in the Gulf of Aden and the appropriate U.S. response. This report describes the threat of piracy to global commerce and the safety and security of ships transiting the Gulf of Aden; Addresses domestic and international legal aspects of responding to piracy and other criminal acts at sea; Proposes the appropriate mix of private-sector and U.S. military responses to piracy, including long-term investments in constabulary maritime assets; Recommends solutions for improving the capacity of regional powers to protect freedom of the seas; and Outlines a strategy for dealing with the root of the problem, which is lack of governance in Somalia. Though the report’s proposals are focused on the Gulf of Aden, they have implications for combating piracy worldwide. Since 2003, piracy has been reported off the coasts of Bangladesh, Nigeria, Brazil, and Peru. Raising levels of piracy off the coast of East Africa, however, could be a precursor to a new global trend. The recent successes of the Somali pirates may empower and inspire other groups. The frequency and level of violence from piracy acts could increase. Within the last month, there were two attacks in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and a coastal tanker was hijacked off the coast of Colombia. While the appropriate response for each threat must be tempered by local conditions, the solutions and instruments for responsible action in the Gulf of Aden will hold lessons for meeting the challenge of piracy in other parts of the
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Partly in response to the threat from neighbouring North Yemen, negotiations for a unified state of Southern Arabia commenced in the early 1960s but these were protracted and difficult and resulted in much in-fighting between rival factions as well as a growing number of terrorist incidents against British forces and interests in Aden. The creation of the Federation of South Arabia in 1963 was not welcomed by most of the local population and only served to harden resolve against the British Government. When it became known in 1966 that Britain was going to withdraw from Aden completely the following year the pace of terrorist activity increased greatly. The densely populated Crater district of Aden became the focus of terrorist and counter-insurgency operations during the final years of the British occupation. As political negotiations continued the British armed forces planned the final withdrawal from Aden, which took place in November 1967.


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stream-monsoon relationships; Monsoon winds; Monsoons; Ocean-atmosphere system; Sea breezes; Storms; Surface pressure; Upwelling; Article Geographic Terms: Asia, Arabian Peninsula; Arabian Sea; India; Indian Ocean; Oman; Pakistan; Somalia; Yemen. Abstract: The monsoon, a giant sea breeze between the Asian massif and the Indian Ocean, is one of the most significant natural phenomena that influences the everyday life of more than 60 percent of the world’s population. In summer, heating of the land produces a region of intense low surface pressure over northwestern India, Pakistan, and northern Arabia. A broad region of southwesterly winds develops, quite different from the northeast trades found in the other oceans at the same latitudes. The elevated east African coastline intensifies the wind near the surface and directs it parallel to the coasts of Somalia, Yemen, and Oman. This strong flow, the Findlater Jet, is remarkable for its steadiness of direction and its strength, which can exceed 36 knots in July. The offshore Ekman transport that results gives rise to intense upwelling along the coast, where cold, nutrient-rich water is brought up to the surface, and to convergence and downwelling in the central and eastern part of the Arabian Sea. Database: Meteorological & Geoastronomical Abstracts. ISSN: 0029-8182.


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and deported, even if they came to Yemen in search of asylum. The government compels them to run a gauntlet of obstacles before they can apply for asylum. But even those Ethiopians who manage to get recognition as refugees from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) still face discriminatory government policies that make their lives even harder and fuel racially motivated violence and harassment. Hostile Shores: Abuse and Refoulement of Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Yemen documents the abuse and discrimination that many asylum seekers suffer at every stage of their attempt to find refuge from persecution. Human Rights Watch calls upon the government of Yemen to end its discriminatory treatment of non-Somali asylum seekers. It also lays out necessary steps for UNHCR to develop a more effective strategy for pressing the Yemeni government to meet its international obligations.”–P. [4] of cover. Notes: Title from PDF title page (Human Rights Watch, viewed Dec. 22, 2009). “December 2009”–Table of contents page. ISBN: 1564325814; 9781564325815. OCLC Accession Number: 492291554. URL: http://www.hrw.org/node/87224/section/1

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along with the heat related deaths. Arid and hot climatic regions will face devastating effects risking survival of the fragile plant species, wild animals, and other desert ecosystems. The paper presents future changes in temperature, precipitation and humidity and their direct and indirect potential impacts on human health in the coastal regions of the Gulf countries including Yemen, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, and Bahrain. The analysis is based on the long-term changes in the values of temperature, precipitation and humidity as predicted by the global climatic simulation models under different scenarios of GHG emission levels. Monthly data on temperature, precipitation, and humidity were retrieved from IPCC databases for longitude 41.25ADGE to 61.875ADGE and latitude 9.278ADGN to 27.833ADGN. Using an average of 1970 to 2000 values as baseline, the changes in the humidity, temperature and precipitation were predicted for the period 2020 to 2050 and 2070 to 2099. Based on epidemiological studies on various diseases associated with the change in temperature, humidity and precipitation in arid and hot regions, empirical models were developed to assess human health risk in the Gulf region to predict elevated levels of diseases and mortality rates under different emission scenarios as developed by the IPCC. The preliminary assessment indicates increased mortality rates due to cardiovascular and respiratory illnesses, thermal stress, and increased frequency of infectious vector borne diseases in the region between 2070 and 2099. Database: Meteorological & Geoastrophysical Abstracts. ISSN: 1661-7827.

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A water company in Hadhramaut Governorate, southern Yemen, has discovered an important new source of water near the provincial capital, Mukalla, after four months of exploration. "Using modern machinery, we have discovered a huge underground drinking water resource in Al-Ghaliah on the outskirts of Mukalla," Awadh Al-Ganzal, head of the Local Corporation for Water Supply and Sanitation (LCWSS), told IRIN. "Our preliminary assessments regarding the newly discovered field have shown that it will provide Mukalla with potable water for the next 50 years… Water quality is great." "The field in Al-Ghaliah consists of nine wells, each able to produce 30 litres a second. It will definitely supply the city with drinking water for decades to come," said Mahfood Obaid Bagwaigo, manager of the Mukalla Water Supply and Sanitation company. "Engineers struck water in sandstone at a depth of 225-320 metres. They couldn't go beyond that because of the immense pressure of water in the reservoir," he added. URL: http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=84999.
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1. Abstract: Through its Division of Intensified Cooperation with Countries and Peoples in Greatest Need, WHO is giving special attention to the relationship between poverty and ill-health. The work of the Division is outlined in the present article. Poverty is the main reason why babies are not vaccinated, clean water and sanitation are not provided, curative drugs and other treatments are not available, and mothers die in childbirth. It is the main cause of low life expectancy, handicap, disability, and starvation, and a major factor in mental illness, stress, suicide, family disintegration, and substance abuse. Poverty is spreading, just as the gap between rich and poor is growing in both developed and developing countries. In 1989, the World Health Assembly asked the World Health Organization (WHO) to pay attention to the special needs of the most poor countries, a request which led to the development and launching of the Intensified Cooperation with Countries and Peoples in Greatest Need initiative. The goals of the initiative are to enable poor countries to develop public policies and implement strategies for improving the health status of their populations, to promote innovative intersectoral action, and to make the best possible use of international cooperation in health matters. The main task has been to develop and implement community-based strategies for primary care in approximately 30 countries. In-country actions are described for Angola, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, China, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Moldova, Myanmar, Vietnam, and Yemen. Lessons learned are presented and future requirements considered. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 0251-2432.


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degree, they are shared across international boundaries. Several cases exist in which water issues have an international dimension. Countries involved in these cases are Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Oman, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, Saudi Arabia and Oman, Kuwait and Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Qatar, and Yemen and Saudi Arabia. In addition, some water issues relate to all the Persian Gulf states. The ‘Basic Law’ of the GCC provides necessary and sufficient rules for the creation of an international framework to manage these shared groundwater resources. Database: Water Resources Abstracts. ISSN: 0733-9496.


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Kemp, JM. 1998. “Zoogeography of the Coral Reef Fishes of the Socotra Archipelago.” J. Biogeogr. Sep. Volume 25, Issue 5, Pages 919-933. Descriptors: Article Subject Terms: Biogeography; Community composition; Community structure; Coral reefs; Ecological distribution; Endemic species; Habitat selection; Reef fish; Species diversity; Sympatric populations; Article Taxonomic Terms: Pisces; Article Geographic Terms: Yemen, Socotra; Socotra; Marine. Abstract: Fish communities and habitats were studied at the Socotra archipelago (Gulf of Aden, approximately 12 degree N 54 degree E). Extensive and unexpected hermatypic coral communities were recorded, at the centre of a 2200 km gap in knowledge of species and habitat distributions which coincides with a change from a western Indian Ocean.
coral reef fauna to an Arabian one. The fish assemblage associated with the Socotra archipelago corals is predominantly south Arabian. An east African influence, minimal on the mainland coasts of Arabia, is more evident here, and results in previously unrecorded sympathy between Arabian endemic species and their Indian Ocean sister taxa. A study of distributions of Chaetodontidae (butterflyfishes) in the north-western Indian Ocean reveals a number of distinct patterns, with a trend for species replacement along a track from the northern Red Sea to the Indian Ocean. A major feature of the reef fish zoogeography of the region is found to be a distinct south Arabian area, characterized by a 'pseudo-high latitude effect' which results from seasonal cold water upwelling along the Arabian sea coasts of Yemen and Oman and the Indian Ocean coast of Somalia. This south Arabian feature is consistent across a wide range of fish families. It is most pronounced in Oman and Yemen, and although it is the dominant influence at Socotra it is slightly 'diluted' here by the east African influence. The south Arabian area wholly or partly accounts for most of the major marine zoogeographic features around Arabia, and is the principal feature fragmenting Arabian coastal fish assemblages, and separating them from those of the wider Indo-west Pacific. Database: ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts.

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ratios that are essentially insensitive to crustal contamination (e.g. Zr/Y=2–10) but are fractionated during progressive partial melting within an upwelling mantle column. The presence of both mantle and crustal-derived trace element signatures in the same inclusions demonstrates that melt transport systems in Yemen CFB were capable of transporting compositionally distinct melt batches, without complete mixing, through the asthenospheric and lithospheric mantle until final mixing and aggregation (and contamination) within crustal magma reservoirs. Thus, regardless of contamination, the ultimate compositions of many CFB lavas may be determined by magma mixing within the crust, rather than representing primitive compositions derived directly from the mantle. ISSN: 0012-821X.


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and Hodeidah, situated at different altitudes above sea level. The radon concentrations varied from 3 to 270 Bq m$^{-3}$ with an average of 42 Bq m$^{-3}$. It was found that the average radon concentration in the surveyed areas increases with altitudes. The highest average radon concentration of 59 Bq m$^{-3}$ was found in Dhamar city while the lowest average concentration of 8 Bq m$^{-3}$ was found in Hodeidah city. ISSN: 1350-4487.

Kim, Abraham. 2008. Healing Divided Nations: Achieving Peaceful Reunification. United States -- New York: Columbia University. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses. Abstract: Reunification cases represent two sovereign states that share a common national identity with a mutual desire to integrate their countries into a single polity. Despite this sentiment for union, some states have failed to integrate, while others have successfully achieved it. The challenge in this analysis is to understand why this variance exists and what causes states to reunify peacefully. Peaceful reunification requires cooperation. Although states within reunification dyads often express the desire for political integration, structural, ideological, and international obstacles make this cooperation difficult to accomplish. To comprehend what factors will overcome these impediments, this analysis draws insights from the strategic bargaining, civil war termination and nationalism literature and proposes four necessary conditions required for peaceful reunification. These conditions include: (1) the presence of political-economic engagement between the two states; (2) the existence of a severe political crisis in one state that spills over into the reunification partner state; (3) a willingness by the stronger state to offer a power-sharing arrangement as a crisis management solution for the embattled state; and (4) the support of a credible international power to enforce reunification commitments and defend against potential outside spoilers. To evaluate these factors, this dissertation uses controlled comparison and process tracing to analyze the reunification efforts of four dyads across time East-West Germany, North-South Yemen, North-South Korea, and China-Taiwan. This dissertation ultimately aims to challenge three popular explanations for what causes peaceful reunification--ethno-nationalist approach; functionalist/neofunctionalist perspective; and collapsist argument--and offer a dynamic and balanced approach to understand why and how this critical but poorly grasped political event occurs. Notes: Columbia University; Ph.D. Database: ProQuest Dissertations & Theses (PQDT). OCLC: 444033776.

Kim, Min J. 2009. Becoming One: A Comparative Study of National Unification in Vietnam, Yemen and Germany. United States- District of Columbia: Government. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses. George Washington University. Abstract: The purpose of this research is to understand the dynamic processes of modern national unification cases in Vietnam (1976), Yemen (1990) and Germany (1990) in a qualitative manner within the framework of Amitai Etzioni’s political integration theory. There has been little use of this theory in cases of inter-state unification despite its apparent applicability. This study assesses different factors (military force, utilitarian and identitive factors) that influence unification in order to understand which were most supportive of unification and which resulted in a consolidation unification in the early to intermediate stages. In order to answer the above questions, the thesis uses the level of integration as a dependent variable and the various methods of unification as independent variables. The dependent variables are measured as follows: whether unified states were able to protect its territory from potential violence and secessions and to what extent alienation emerged amongst its members. Based on an examination of the case studies, I found the most effective unification mechanism (utilitarian factors and military force) did not, however, necessarily lead to the most successful consolidated unified state. This implies that a successful and consolidated national unification process requires certain levels of identitive factors be shared between the
two states. I argue that the most effective and successful factors for unification is a combination of identitive and utilitarian aspects: utilitarian factors are crucial for bringing a relatively quick, peaceful and comprehensive unification process while identitive factors are vital in order to help bind people together during tumultuous unification process. Database: ProQuest Dissertations & Theses (PQDT). OCLC: 457045895. URL: http://cdm15036.contentdm.oclc.org/cgi-bin/showfile.exe?CISOROOT=/p15036coll3&CISOPTR=295&filename=296.pdf

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Chapter 4 provides information for soil interpretations and management considerations. Finally detailed descriptions of the most important benchmark soils are given in the Appendix. It is hoped that all this information will provide the reader with a clear picture of Yemeni soils, their environment and their use.” ISBN 0-932865-02-X. OCLC: 16736601.

King, W. A., Mills, B. R., Gardiner, S. and Abdillah, A. A. 2003. “The Masila Fields, Republic of Yemen; Giant Oil and Gas Fields of the Decade, 1990-1999.” AAPG Memoir. American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Tulsa, OK, United States: United States. Volume 78, Pages 275-295. Descriptors: Arabian Peninsula; Asia; giant fields; history; lithofacies; Masila Yemen; natural gas; oil and gas fields; petroleum; production; remote sensing; satellite methods; structural traps; traps; Yemen. References: 31; illus. incl. sects., geol. sketch maps. Abstract: Masila Block 14, located in the Hadramawt Region in the east-central Republic of Yemen, is operated by Canadian Nexen Petroleum Yemen (a subsidiary of Nexen) on behalf of its partners, Occidental Peninsula and Consolidated Contractors International. Oil was first discovered in late 1990, with commerciality declared in late 1991. Oil production began in July 1993. There are now 16 known fields containing 56 pools. At year-end 2000, total proven ultimate recoverable oil reserves are 891 million bbl. Proven, probable, and possible reserve estimates are approaching 1.2 billion bbl of recoverable oil. The Masila fields are associated with the Upper Jurassic to Lower Cretaceous Say’un-Masila rift graben basin. Almost 90% of the oil reserves discovered are in the Lower Cretaceous upper Qishn sandstones, Qishn Formation, Tawilah Group. Oil also is found in seven other reservoirs consisting of Lower Cretaceous and Middle to Upper Jurassic clastics and carbonates as well as fractured granitic basement. This chapter focuses on the main oil-producing reservoirs, which are the informally named upper Qishn sandstones of the formal Qishn Clastics Member, Qishn Formation, Tawilah Group. The upper Qishn sandstones represent a transgressive sequence from braided river deposits into tide-influenced shorelines, overlain by subtidal and shelf deposits. The upper Qishn sandstone reservoirs have high porosity (15-28%) and high permeability (< or =10 d). They are relatively homogeneous and continuous in the lower half of the formation and are more heterogeneous and discontinuous in the middle to upper sections. The uppermost marine sandstones are more homogeneous because they are texturally more mature. The major field accumulations are tilted, normal-fault block structures located over basement paleohighs and dependent on cross-fault juxta-position against overlying Qishn Carbonates Member top seal. The carbonated-dominated pre-Qishn section, including the source rock, is not present on the paleohighs and is thickest in the basement lows. The main source rock is the Jurassic (Kimmeridgian) Madbi Shale, a Type II marine source that is mature in “kitchens” adjacent to the structural highs. Secondary oil migration occurred upward along fault planes to the overlying traps. At year-end 2000, 2087 km (1304 mi) of two-dimensional seismic and four three-dimensional (3-D) seismic programs totaling 422 km2 (165 mi (super 2)) have been acquired in the confines of the current Masila Block 14 boundary. Seismic acquisition in the Masila Block has been challenging because of the remote location, rugged topography, and rocky desert terrain. The land surface is incised by deep wadis, or canyons. Processing and interpretation problems are significant because of a low-velocity surface layer, scattered seismic energy, poor signal-to-noise ratio from numerous canyon walls, and “fault-shadow” velocity anomalies overlying many of the tilted fault-block culminations. The biggest production challenge is water handling. Much water is produced along with the oil because of a combination of medium-gravity (15 degrees -33 degrees API) moderate-viscosity oil, high reservoir permeability, and a strong regional aquifer. The upper Qishn oil is undersaturated in gas (average gas-oil ratio is 3-7 scf/bbl), requiring electric
submersible pumps to provide sufficient artificial lift for the large volumes of produced fluid. At the end of December 2000, the annualized daily production rate collectively for all fields was 230,000 BOPD, with 725,000 BWPD and 6.8 mmcf solution gas/day. Cumulative oil production is more than 500 million bbl. Initial average well oil-production rates vary by producing zone but range from 1500 to 20,000 BOPD, with a few wells producing from more than one reservoir zone by minor zone commingling. In the early production years, oil and water produced in the fields were transported via pipeline to the central processing facility (CPF), where most fluid separation occurred. More recently, the majority of the separation of oil and water is being performed at individual fields using field-based hydrocyclones before transporting the “clean” oil to the CPF for final processing. Produced water is reinjected into the reservoirs. The clean oil is transported to the southern coast via a 140-km (85-mi)-long, 61-cm (24-in.) pipeline over a 106-km (66-mi) distance. Export oil is then loaded onto tankers via a single buoy mooring systems located 3.2 km (2 mi) offshore east of the coastal village of Al Mukulla. Database: GeoRef. ISBN: 0891813594.

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upward along fault planes to the overlying traps. Seismic acquisition in the Masila block has been difficult and expensive because of the remote location, rugged topography and rocky desert terrain. The land surface is incised by deep, wadis or canyons. To date, four 3D seismic programs totalling 162 mi (super 2) (414 km (super 2)) and 1,415 miles (2,264 km) of 2D data have been acquired. Processing and interpretation problems are significant due to a low velocity surface layer, scattered seismic energy, poor signal to noise ratio from numerous canyon walls, and to “fault shadow” velocity anomalies overlying many of the tilted fault block culminations. The biggest production challenge in these fields is water handling. Much water is produced along with the oil, due to a combination of medium gravity (15-33 degrees API) moderate viscosity oil, high reservoir permeability and a strong regional aquifer. The Upper Qishn oil is undersaturated in gas (average GOR is 3 to 7 SCF/bbl) requiring electric submersible pumps to provide sufficient artificial lift for the large volumes of produced fluid. At end of December 1999, the daily production rate collectively for all fields was 210,000 STB/D, with 680,000 BWPD and 6.5 MMCF/D solution gas. Cumulative oil production is over 400 million STB. Initial average well oil production rates vary by producing zone, but fall in a range of 1500 to 15,000 STB/D, with many wells producing from more than one reservoir zone with minor commingling. Oil and water are produced in the fields, transported via pipeline to the Central Processing Facility (CPF), where most fluid separation occurs. Increasingly, separation of oil and water is being performed at individual fields using hydrocyclones before entering the CPF. Produced water is re-injected into the reservoirs. The clean oil is moved to the southern coast via an 85 mile long (140 km) 24” pipeline. Export oil is then loaded onto offshore tankers, via a Single Buoy Mooring system (SBM) located 1.25 miles (2 km) offshore, near Mukulla.

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Klintschar, Michael, Ricci, Ugo, Al Hammadi, Nabil, Reichenpfader, Barbara, Ebner, Alexander and Giovannucci Uzielli, Maria Luisa. 1998. “Genetic Variation at the STR Loci D12S391 and CSF1PO in Four Populations from Austria, Italy, Egypt and Yemen.” Forensic Sci. Int. 10/12. Volume 97, Issue 1, Pages 37-45. Descriptors: D12S391; CSF1PO; Austria; Italy; Egypt; Yemen; Population study. Abstract: The short tandem repeat systems (STRs) D12S391 and CSF1PO were amplified by the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) on blood samples from 100 to 158 unrelated Austrians, Italians, Yemenians and Egyptians. The samples were analyzed by both native and denaturing electrophoresis and two primer pairs were tested for the CSF1PO locus. Except for the CSF1PO data on the Egyptians, no deviations from the Hardy–Weinberg equilibrium were detected. For D12S391, no significant differences were found between the two Arab populations and between the two European populations, but the differences between both Arab populations and the Italians were significant. For CSF1PO, differences were only observed between the Yemenians and all three other populations. No evidence of linkage disequilibrium.
between the two STRs was found. The observation of a D12S391 allele consisting of only 14 repeats was confirmed by sequencing. ISSN: 0379-0738.


Koenig, Robert, and Richard Stone. 2001. “Collateral damage: the war in Afghanistan and rising tensions in the Middle East have temporarily put on hold efforts by scientists from Islamic nations to strengthen ties among themselves and with the West. (News Focus).” Science 294.5543 (2001): 766+. Military and Intelligence Database. Web. 1 Sep. 2011. Abstract: Farouk El-Baz led the team that chose where the Apollo landers set down on the moon. So mapping groundwater on the Arabian Peninsula figured to be a cinch for the Egyptian-born director of Boston University’s Center for Remote Sensing. But that was before the 11 September terrorist attacks on the United States. The planned trip to Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for fieldwork has been put off indefinitely, he says, because “people just didn’t feel right” about traveling there now. The suspension of such collaborative projects, of course, cannot be compared on any scale to the tragedy of the attacks and the current war in Afghanistan. But they pose a significant interruption to what in the last few years has been a loosening of the ideological shackles on Islamic science. Increasing ties with Western colleagues over the past decade have allowed researchers in many Islamic countries to convince their leaders of the value of science. In the Islamic world, “the tragedy has been a lack of comprehension of how important scientific research is to development,” says Abdulkarim Al-Eryani, a Yale University-trained microbiologist who now serves as political adviser to Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh. One vehicle currently being pursued for stimulating science in the region is a nascent agency, based in the UAE, that would be modeled on the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF). Some opinion-makers are also arguing for a Marshall Plan to restore the Islamic world in the same way the huge U.S.-led investment helped rebuild Europe after World War II. “The gap is far too wide between the haves and the have-nots, and science would be a wonderful vehicle to help bridge that gap,” says Egyptian-born chemist Ahmed Zewail, director of the Laboratory for Molecular Sciences at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena and the first Arab (and second Muslim after Abdus Salam of Pakistan) to win a Nobel Prize in science. But progress on such ideas has been halted by the tensions stemming from the war in Afghanistan and the continuing Palestinian intifada. And there is risk of a permanent setback. “Damage to long-term relations and scientific collaboration can be limited only if the Afghan war is short and targeted against the criminals,” says chemist Atta-Ur-Rahman, Pakistan’s minister for science and technology.

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and they allow export crops to be grown, but the water will only last for a few decades. Hence a more efficient technology is required, but this will require only low production, and there are few alternatives to agriculture. -D.J.Davis. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 0013-9998.


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Kokiniski, J. 1986. “Uphill Work.” World Health. Dec. Pages 13-15. Descriptors: Article Subject Terms: Steel; Finance; Water supplies; Maintenance; Rural areas; Valleys; Rock; Groundwater (see also Aquifers); Preventive maintenance; Laying; Mountains; Galvanization; Water supplies (Potable); Sanitation; Safety; Training; Supplies; Hills; Costs (see also Economics; Low cost); Electricity; Article Geographic Terms: Arab Countries; Yemen; Pipes (see also conduits, drains, pipelines,sewers); United nations. Notes: Publication focus: Case Study. Abstract: A project initiated by the United Nations Development Programme to improve the rural water supplies of the Yemen Arab Republic, where sanitary conditions were extremely poor, was hindered by the comparatively high cost of supplying the mountain top village settlements with groundwater from the valleys. Galvanized steel pipes had to be laid over rocky ground, electricity supplies were scarce and access to sites was often difficult. Funding for technical training in water supply operation and maintenance was insufficient, and in spite of strong governmental support current plans could at best provide less than 40 per cent of the rural population with safe drinking water. Database: Aqualine.
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Intensive feeding with protein dietary components, directly in the hypoxy zone. All the inhabitants of this zone are predators at high trophic levels; (2) Development of eggs and early ontogenesis in the epipelagic zone with high oxygen content; (3) Rushing swimming in the hypoxy layer that points at consumption of energy from anaerobic metabolism by fishes. Extended areas with a sharp oxygen shortage inhabited by fishes and invertebrates in the Arabian Sea, near the South-Eastern coast of Africa, in the northern and eastern Pacific near the coast of Peru and Venezuela, and in the Black and Azov Seas. It is assumed the fishes are supplied with energy from biochemical processes that allows them to assimilate oxygen in extremely low concentrations and to anaerobically use protein, products of nitrogen catabolism and glycogen in their energetic metabolism at hypoxy. Notes: Summary only. Database: ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts. OCLC Accession Number: 4878918.

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political parties make in selecting candidates for parliament, districts in which to compete, and their rates of success versus other candidates. To address these issues, two cases are selected for intensive study: Jordan and Yemen. Based on extensive field work in both countries, two types of data are gathered. As an exploratory method to gauge the significance of tribal institutions and networks to the Islamists, I use participant observation of tribal gatherings and Islamist movement organization meetings and events; in-depth interviews with grassroots activists, party elites, and members of parliament; and an overview of local newspaper coverage of campaign issues. Next, as an explanatory method, I analyze the lists of candidates for parliament in national elections in the two countries between the years 1989 and 2003. The study suggests that Islamist parties do indeed attend to tribal considerations in campaign decisions, but that intervening variables, such as the design of electoral institutions and local decisions regarding the primacy of tribal or party loyalty, also impact Islamist strategy and success. A final observation from the study concerns the continued repression of Islamist parties and the retreat from efforts at sincere liberal reform in Jordan and Yemen. That leads to the conclusion that Islamist parties can be expected to continue to work through tribal institutions, in these cases and elsewhere, so long as other forms of civil society organization are repressed. University of Kentucky; Ph.D. Database: ProQuest Dissertations & Theses.

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truncated by a sequence boundary overlain by an extensive sandstone deposited in a low-
accommodation braid plain close to the shoreline. A flooding surface is present at the top of the
sandstone, over which progradational, tide-influenced deltaic strata were deposited. Delta
progradation culminated in shallow-water clastic dolomitic deposits on the coastal plain. With
subsequent transgression, a rising water table caused a nonmarine flooding surface with lakes
and lacustrine deltas, overlain by tidal-flat deposits. Ongoing transgression resulted in wave
ravinement overlain by shallow-shelf clastics and then deposition of slightly deeper shelf
carbonates. The uppermost unit comprises bioturbated, clastic-shelf deposits related to a drop in
relative sea level. Throughout much of the Qishn Clastics interval, accommodation was
moderate, except for low accommodation associated with regional sheet sandstone at the base of
the upper Qishn Clastics Member. Virtually all marine and brackish deposits show evidence of
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Ocean; lithofacies; marine environment; Masila Block; Mesozoic; Middle East; modern analogs;
nomenclature; Persian Gulf; petroleum; petroleum exploration; point bars; progradation; Qishn
Formation; reserves; reservoir rocks; sandstone; sea-level changes; sedimentary rocks;
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Member, Yemen, were deposited in a rift basin connected to the Paleo-Indian Ocean--an ideal
set-up for tidal amplification and domination. Recoverable hydrocarbon reserves are 1.1 bbl.
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point bars, mud flats, etc. Lower Qishn onlap resulted in deposition of tidal estuarine to bay
facies. A sequence boundary truncates the Lower Qishn at the base of the S3, a low-
accommodation braidplain deposited close to the shoreline. A flooding surface at the top of the
S3 heralds S2 progradational, tide-dominated deltaic deposits. Delta progradation culminated in
clastic dolomitic deposits on the coastal plain. With subsequent transgression, S1C deposits show
rising water table and a nonmarine flooding surface, overlaying by tidal-flat/inlet deposits. Ongoing
transgression resulted in wave-ravinement overlain by shallow shelf clastics and deeper shelf
carbonates of the S1B. The overlying S1A comprises bioturbated, clastic shelf deposits related to
a drop in sea level. Accommodation was relatively high, except for low accommodation
associated with regional sheet sandstone of the S3. Qishn Clastic sediments meet the criteria of a
macrotidal, tide-dominated estuary, yet a more appropriate analog is the Tigress-Euphrates River
and delta flowing into the Arabian Gulf. Is the latter a tidally-influenced delta flowing into a
gulf--or a large bayhead delta? Application of existing terminologies--estuaries, syn-rift clastics,
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and military force. Questions relate to whether U.S. policy and organizational mechanisms are adequate to deal with state-sponsored terrorism and that undertaken by independent groups. Terrorist activities supported by sophisticated planning and logistics as well as possible access to CBRN weaponry raise a host of new issues. Some analysts’ long-held belief that a comprehensive review of U.S. counterterrorism policy, organizational structure, and intelligence capabilities is needed has now become a mainstream view. U.S. policy toward international terrorism contains a significant military component as reflected in current U.S. operations in Afghanistan and the Philippines and in planned deployments of U.S. forces to Yemen and the former Soviet republic of Georgia. President Bush has expressed a willingness to provide military aid to governments everywhere in the fight against terrorism. A modern trend in terrorism is toward loosely organized, self-financed, international networks of terrorists. Another trend is toward terrorism that is religiously or ideologically motivated. Radical Islamic fundamentalist groups, or groups using religion as a pretext, pose terrorist threats of varying kinds to U.S. interests and to friendly regimes. A third trend is the apparent growth of cross-national links among different terrorist organizations, which may involve combinations of military training, funding, technology transfer, or political advice. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Congressional rept. Distribution Statement: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DTIC Accession Number: ADA481135. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA481135.

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Yemen, the only republic on the Arabian Peninsula, is the poorest country in that area. A presidential election deemed relatively fair was held in 2006 with President Ali Abdullah Salih winning reelection with 77% of the popular vote. Nevertheless, democratic institutions remain fragile. U.S.-Yemeni relations have generally been good, though marred occasionally by policy differences over Iraq and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Yemen has played a cooperative role in U.S. counter-terrorism efforts in the Red Sea and Arabian Peninsula, though overall U.S. economic and military assistance to Yemen remains modest. This report summarizes Yemen’s domestic situation, foreign relations, and ties with the United States. It will be updated as significant developments occur.

With limited natural resources, a crippling illiteracy rate, and high population growth, Yemen faces an array of daunting development challenges that some observers believe make it at risk for becoming a failed state in the next few decades. Between 2007 and 2008, it ranked 153 out of 177 countries on the United Nations Development Programme’s Human Development Index, a score comparable to the poorest sub-Saharan African countries. Over 43% of the population lives below the poverty line, and per capita GDP is estimated to be between $650 and $800. Yemen is largely dependent on external aid from Persian Gulf countries, Western donors, and international financial institutions, though its per capita share of assistance is below the global average. As the country’s population rapidly rises, resources dwindle, and terrorist groups take root in the outlying provinces, the Obama Administration and the 111th Congress are left to grapple with the consequences of Yemeni instability. Traditionally, U.S.-Yemeni relations have been tepid, as the lack of strong military-to-military ties, commercial relations, and cross cultural exchange has hindered the development of strong bilateral ties. During the early years of the Bush Administration, relations improved under the rubric of the war on terror, though Yemen’s lax policy toward wanted terrorists has stalled large scale U.S. support.


Liebhaber, Samuel J. 2007. Bedouins without Arabic: Language, Poetry and the Mahra of Southeast Yemen. United States -- California: University of California, Berkeley. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses. Abstract: The Mahri language of Southeast Yemen is one of the few remaining indigenous languages of the Arabian Peninsula. The geographic isolation of the Mahri language has ensured its survival to the present time; this isolation has also caused it to be overlooked in Arab-Islamic formulations of language and history. The Mahri language remains unwritten, despite the fact that it has roughly 100,000 speakers and is by most measures a vital language. However, as paved roads, cell phones and national governance have made their way to al-Mahra, Mahri speakers must now contend with political and linguistic configurations that challenge the traditional linguistic and social landscape of al-Mahra. Looking to reach an accommodation with national models of “Yemeni heritage,” the Mahra have simultaneously embraced and eschewed their own, particularizing oral culture. This dissertation undertakes two primary tasks. The first is to offer a survey of Mahri oral culture with reference to traditional
modes of poetic composition and sung performance. Like other tribal poetic traditions in Arabia, Mahri poetry is a complete suite of expression and the primary mode of communicating social order. Formal structure, musical accompaniment and even poetic vocabulary locate composer and performance in the rich world of intertribal and interpersonal networks. The second objective of this dissertation is to describe Mahri poetics in the post-revolutionary (1967) and post-unification (1990) eras. The leading phenomenon of this last period has been the coalescence of the “New School”: a group of poets and performers who have defined the Mahri stance vis à vis national ideas of culture and heritage. One important contribution of the “New School” has been the invention of a writing system for the Mahri language. The shift from oral performance to written text has entailed a restructuring of poetic grammar, syntax and lexicon. This is amply demonstrated in the Mahri-language Diw an of H[dotbelow]ag g Dak on, presented in its entirety in this dissertation. Between these two approaches, I hope to provide a holistic accounting of Mahri poetry and song from historical, linguistic and ethno-poetic perspectives. At the same time, the gathered corpus of 45+ poems will lay the groundwork for future analysis of the Mahri language and the oral culture of Southern Arabia. University of California, Berkeley: Ph.D. Database: ProQuest Dissertations & Theses.


Little, Tom. 1968. South Arabia: Arena of Conflict. London: Pall Mall Press. Page(s): 196. Abstract: Another offering from an Arab specialist is provided by Little’s. He was a newspaper correspondent who spent most of his career reporting on Arab events in the Middle East and his position perhaps gave him a more objective viewpoint of the British rule in Aden, although he was not privy to the internal politics in the same way as many of the previously cited authors. Notes: xi, 196 p. maps. 22 cm. OCLC Accession Number: 441083.

Louisiana State Univ Baton Rouge Coastal Studies Inst and Inoue, Masamichi. 1998. “Observation and Modeling -- an Integrated Study of Transport through the Strait of Bab Al Mandam, Task B: Modeling.” 15 Aug. Page(s): 4 Report Number: XB-ONR Contract Number: N00014-96-1-1227 Monitor Series: ONR. Abstract: A new bottom bathymetric data set with a resolution of 500 m was created based on the digitization of the nautical charts. A new curvilinear coordinate model grid was generated based on the digitized bathymetric data. The Princeton Ocean Model was configured to use the model grid with two open boundaries located along the northern boundary located in the Red Sea and the southern boundary located in the Gulf of Aden. Relaxation experiments were carried out, whereby the model stratification was initially set to some realistic stratification, and the model was then allowed to develop its own dynamics while applying the radiation open boundary conditions and relaxing the temperature and salinity values along the two open boundaries toward the initial boundary conditions. Summer and winter stratification profiles from Levitus climatology as well as the CTD data collected under Task A were used. The model develops a distinct two layer flow in the winter stratification, while a three layer flow would result in the summer stratification as observed previously. One prominent feature identified in the model is the time dependent nature of the flow with energetic oscillations with periods of 12-15 days especially in summer, similar to what has been noted during the field experiments under Task A. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Annual rept. 31 Aug 97-30 Aug 98. OCLC Accession Number: ADA352307. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA352307.

Louisiana State Univ Baton Rouge Coastal Studies Inst and Inoue, Masamichi. 1997. “Observation and Modeling -- an Integrated Study of Transport through the Strait of Bab Al Mandab Task B: Modeling.” 15 Aug. Page(s): 3 Report Number: XB-ONR Contract Number: N00014-96-1-1227 Monitor Series: ONR. Abstract: The Princeton Ocean Model (POM), that already includes most of the model features described in the proposal, has been chosen for this modeling task. The latest version of the POM code has been installed and optimized to run on the 13M9672-R53 mainframe at LSU. Significant efforts have been devoted to developing and modifying various software to be used for the analysis of model output. After examining all the available bathymetric data sets of the region, it was decided to digitize the nautical charts published by the Defense Mapping Agency in order to resolve important hydrodynamic features at the Strait of Bab al Mandab. This task has been initiated, and it is expected to be completed in the next two months. Presently, we are testing the POM code configured for a preliminary test domain based on the ETOP03 data. This test domain extends from 11.5 to 14 deg N and from 42 to 44.5 deg E, and has at least 2 km horizontal resolution and 11 levels in the vertical. The initial test includes testing sensitivity of various open boundary conditions which could be used along the northern and the southern open boundaries located in the Red Sea and in the Gulf of Aden, respectively. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Annual rept. 31 Aug 96-30 Aug 97, DTIC Accession Number: ADA328931. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA328931.


Aquifer-Stream Relations.” Proceedings of the Joint Meeting of the...Congress of the International Association of Hydrologists and the Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Hydrologists. American Institute of Hydrology, St.Paul, MN, International. Oct. Volume 28, Pages 425-432. Descriptors: aquifers; Arabian Peninsula; arid environment; Asia; exploitation; exploration; ground water; Hadramout Yemen; hydrodynamics; hydrology; mapping; protection; recharge; terrestrial environment; three-dimensional models; topography; water management; water quality; water resources; water supply; Yemen. Database: GeoRef.


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Malkin, Brendan. 2002. “Holman Forces Yemen Government to Back Down Over Pollution Claim.” Lawyer. Centaur Communications: 11/11. Volume 16, Issue 45, Pages 11. Descriptors: Shipping; Terrorism; Yemen (Republic); Holman Fenwick Willan LLP; Compagnie Maritime Belge SA. Abstract: Reports that a campaign of political, diplomatic and legal pressure instigated by shipping-law firm Holman Fenwick & Willan has resulted in the Yemen government backing down over its claim against the owners of the Belgium ship attacked off Yemen by terrorists in October 2002. Dispute over Yemen’s decision to seek compensation for pollution caused by the attack; Holman’s action in behalf of the ship owner, Belgium’s CMB Group. ISSN: 0953-7902.


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Matt, Silvia and Johns, William E. 2007. “Transport and Entrainment in the Red Sea Outflow Plume.” J. Phys. Oceanogr. American Meteorological Society: 04/01; 2011/04. Volume 37, Issue 4, Pages 819-836. Abstract: The Red Sea outflow exhibits strong seasonal variability in outflow transport due to effects of monsoon winds and seasonal fluctuations in buoyancy forcing. As it descends the continental slope in the western Gulf of Aden, it entrains significantly less-dense near-surface water, which it itself varies on seasonal time scales. High-resolution hydrographic and direct velocity data collected during the 2001 Red Sea Outflow Experiment (REDSOX) are used herein to characterize and quantify the pathways of the Red Sea Outflow Water (RSOW) and the associated entrainment of Gulf of Aden Water. The outflow transport exhibits a maximum in winter of about 0.29 Sv (Sv $\equiv 10^6$ m$^3$ s$^{-1}$) at the exit of the Bab-el-Mandeb and approximately doubles to 0.56 Sv as it descends into the Gulf of Aden and entrains ambient water. In summer, the outflow is much weaker, reaching about 0.06 Sv at the strait and about 0.18 Sv downstream. The outflow plume divides into three distinct branches in winter, consisting of descending branches along two bathymetrically confined channels (the “Northern” and “Southern” channels, respectively), and an adjusted intrusion layer at shallower depths in the water column. Estimates of transport of “pure” Red Sea Outflow Water through salt flux conservation show the general partitioning of the outflow between the individual plumes, where the Northern Channel
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(nc) accounts for 52% of Red Sea Outflow Water, the Southern Channel (SC) carries 31%, and the intrusion layer (IL) the remaining 17%. The results also indicate that the transport of Red Sea Outflow Water is subject to considerable synoptic temporal variability that is unresolved by the present study. ISSN: 0022-3670. URL: http://journals.ametsoc.org/doi/abs/10.1175/JPO2993.1.


Mattash, Mohamed Ali. 2008. “Fundamental Criteria for Exploring the Geothermal Resources of Yemen; 33rd International Geological Congress; Abstracts.” International Geological Congress, Abstracts = Congres Geologique International, Resumes. [International Geological Congress], [location varies], International. Volume 33, Pages @Abstract 1287119. Descriptors: Arabian Peninsula; Arabian Sea; Asia; Cenozoic; exploration; geothermal energy; ground water; Gulf of Aden; heat flow; hot springs; Indian Ocean; Neogene; Quaternary; Red Sea; Red Sea region; seismicity; springs; Tertiary; thermal conductivity; thermal regime; thermal waters; volcanic fields; volcanism; Yemen. Notes: IGC, International Geological Congress. Abstract: A recent comprehensive investigation of Yemen indicates considerable geothermal potential for the country, especially in Western Yemen, based on six criteria. These include: 1) volcanic activity, 2) regional structural patterns, 3) hydrothermal activity, 4) active thermal features, 5) seismic activity and 6) high conductive heat flow. Eight major Miocene to Recent volcanic fields are known. Three are found in the western province of Yemen, four occur along the coastal plain of the Gulf of Aden and the Islands Group in the southern Red Sea has the active volcano of Jabal At-Tair Island. All the structural patterns displayed in the rift-related volcanic area, are associated with major tectonic components of the Red Sea and less commonly with the Gulf of Aden. NW-trending faults, frequently cutting across Cenozoic volcanic units are more or less parallel to the main Red Sea trend. Aeromagnetic surveys mapped large magnetic anomaly domains trending NW, W-NW, and E-W related to hydrothermal circulation cells associated with shallow intrusions capable of generating epithermal mineralization and geothermal systems. In excess of 100 thermal springs have recently been reported. Discharge temperatures of thermal springs range from 38 degrees C to boiling. In addition, fumaroles, condensates and hot well waters are recognized. The majority of thermal zones in the western province strike NW-SE parallel to the main Red Sea trend, whereas the thermal features along the southern coastal plain trend NE-SW parallel to the main Gulf of Aden trend. Several historic earthquakes have been reported in western Yemen, in particular between the sixth and nineteenth centuries. Most recently, earthquakes reported in the last three decades are concentrated in the Gulf of Aden, the Red Sea, Afar and the western continental province of Yemen. The present conductive heat flow in the Red Sea varies from 94 to 154 mW/m (super 2) and the geothermal gradient ranges from 49 to 77 degrees C/km, as indicated by temperature data obtained from several oil and gas wells drilled from the sixties to the present. In addition, the physical convective phenomenon beneath SW Yemen, detected by space imagery, is one of the most significant in terms of heat flow in the whole Afro-Arabian rift system. Such heat flow values...
have more or less affected the thermal equilibrium between the upper mantle and the crust. This has resulted in the formation of the relatively large and widely distributed epithermal alteration haloes, particularly throughout the Yemen Cenozoic volcanic areas and also, the occurrence of geothermal fields. It can be inferred that Yemen, the western part in particular is not a stable continental zone. It is characterized by some indications of elevated crustal magmas and thermal convective phenomena related to deep crustal fracture systems, as well as by several late Miocene-Recent volcanic fields and seismic activity. Together these factors have encouraged the search for geothermal resources. Database: GeoRef.


Abstract: The prospect area is located in the southeastern part of the so called Wadi Al-Masilah Basin. It is hydrothermally altered and totals 256 km (super 2), in which lead-zinc-vanadium and barite mineralization occurs through an area of 16 km (super 2). Prior to development of this prospect Mattash and his geologic team had reported discovery of vanadium, and commenced prospect development. They reported a fracture filling barite, galena, smithsonite, cerrusite, descloizite, and celestine mineralization, therefore, extensive field survey, guided by geological, geochemical and geophysical exploration was carried out and sponsored by Naine Minerals Company for the purpose of identifying ultimate economic resource. This terrain has undergone a complex geologic and structural history which was affected, in general, by the synrift and the postrift phases of the opening of the Gulf of Aden. Geology is composed of Jurassic limestone, Cretaceous undifferentiated materials including shale, marly limestone, dolomitic limestone, sandstone and clastic material. This is overlain by the Tertiary carbonate of Um Er-Rhaduma Formation. Within the prospect several small areas are covered by Quaternary basaltic lavas that erupted from the NW area, and extend along the southeastern part of the wadi. Structurally the area is controlled by W-NW faults and fractures. Geophysical survey indicates vertical and near-vertical faults that are filled with mineralization, in addition a number of cavities, which are formed as a consequence of the action of water are also filled with mineralization. Alteration is represented by limonitization and silicification which is common feature in the dolomitic limestone. Mineralization consists of barite, galena, smithsonite, cerrusite, descloizite, calcite, pyrolusite and celestine, as well as slightly anomalous Ag, Cd, Ga, Ge, and Mo. Geochemically, vanadium at the surface and within shallow depth indicates oxyophile affinity, where vanadium concentration shows similar mechanism to the formation of iron “laterite infiltration”. One of these varieties is the oxidation zone of the polymetallic lead-zinc-vanadium-manganese occurrences, where errusite, smithsonite, descloizite, and pyrolusite, are concentrated as independent heavy metal minerals, and vanadium is found as V+5. Vanadium concentrations occur, either in association with lead-zinc as vanadate or in the fissures of silicified limestone and dolomite, and also as patches on the surface of mechanically formed limestone. Barite is formed as a result of hydrothermal process, and/or as the result of weathering zone, where Ba mainly reached the solution in the form of BaCl (sub 2), but when reacts with SO (sub 4) -root,
it forms barite immediately. Whatever the ultimate resource of the metallic and non-metallic raw materials, the ore minerals were formed and concentrated by the affect of hydrothermal process that caused by the Quaternary volcanic eruption extruded throughout the main trend of Wadi Al-Masila. Database: GeoRef.

Mattash, Mohamed Ali. 2008. “Rare Earth Elements in Geothermal Waters from Yemen; 33rd International Geological Congress; Abstracts.” International Geological Congress, Abstracts = Congres Geologique International, Resumes. [International Geological Congress], [location varies], International; Abstracts = Congres Geologique International, Resumes. Volume 33, Pages @Abstract 1287254. Descriptors: Arabian Peninsula; Asia; geochemistry; ground water; heat flow; hot springs; hydrochemistry; igneous rocks; metals; rare earths; springs; thermal waters; volcanic rocks; water-rock interaction; Yemen. Notes: IGC, International Geological Congress. Abstract: Thermal springs and gas vents are widely distributed, but the majority is found in areas associated with igneous centers of Tertiary and Quaternary volcanic fields of the western Yemen province. Structurally these volcanic complexes are connected to N-NW faults that are parallel to the main Red Sea trend, and partially associated with relatively shallow Tertiary felsic intrusions. The western volcanic province is characterized by unusually high heat flow. Estimates of heat flow in this region range from 94-154 mWm⁻². In support of this claim, data are obtained from several oil and gas wells drilled since the sixties up to now. In addition, the physical convective anomaly beneath the southwestern Yemen that is detected by space imagery still is one of the most important in the whole region of the Afro-Arabian rift system. Results of geochemical analysis indicate that the Yemeni thermal waters have high variability in composition since they are Na (K)-Cl, Na-HCO₃, and Ca (Mg)-SO₄ types. Most filtered and unfiltered samples have a relatively steep chondrite-normalized REE negative slope patterns. However, in contrast to the relatively steep distribution of the HREE, two water samples, which emerge from post Tertiary granite and from Cretaceous sandstone display the flattest HREE. The REE concentrations in the thermal waters from Yemen range from approximately 10⁻³ to 10⁻⁶ times chondrite. However, filtered water samples contain relatively less REE concentrations than the unfiltered samples, suggesting that much of the REE in the unfiltered samples is present as particulate matter. In some samples the difference between filtered and unfiltered samples is not significant. A marked observation is that the thermal waters from the metamorphic basement and volcanic areas, which have the highest pH and lowest total dissolved solids content, also have the highest REE content, in both the filtered and unfiltered aliquots. However, thermal waters from sedimentary cover area have the lowest pH and relatively the highest total dissolved solids content, have the lowest REE content. A notable finding is that both the volcanic rocks and the thermal waters emerging from them, all display similar LREE-to-HREE pattern with La/Yb average ratios between 10 and 18, suggesting that the REE patterns of the thermal waters follow the REE patterns of the reservoir rocks. However, waters from sedimentary cover area have La/Yb average ratio exceeding 20. Thermal waters emerging from the basaltic rocks indicate that the REE content increases from the southern part towards the northern part of the Tertiary volcanic province. A positive Eu anomaly was only displayed by thermal waters from areas overlain by sedimentary rocks. Such positive Eu anomalies may indicate higher reservoir temperatures, clearly confirm the presence of two types of reservoir, or ascribed to the high Ca content within the gypsum evaporitic deposit. Database: GeoRef.

Mcjunkin, Frederick E. 1969. “Community Water Supply in Developing Countries: A Quarter-Century of United States Assistance.” 86 pages. Department of State Agency for International Development. Washington, DC. United States Public Health Service. Descriptors: Water Supply; Foreign Countries; Federal Government; Sanitation; Training; Foreign Research; Geographical Regions; Public Health; Economic Impact; Reviews; Regions; Social Impact; Foreign Aid; Brazil; East Pakistan; Thailand; Yemen. Abstract: the history and status of United States technical and capital assistance (a billion dollars since 1942) for water supply in developing countries are reviewed by region and country, including its context as part of foreign aid generally and its growth from early days (1942) in latin america to a global program and an important element of multilateral programs. The essential role of water supply in developing countries (why foreign aid for water supply) is reviewed with particular attention to health (500 million water-related illnesses annually), economic development, nutrition, population control, and political and social development. Current deficiencies and needs are outlined by region. Six projects from the hundreds undertaken are highlighted as examples of educational assistance (regional school of sanitary engineering for central america), development and strengthening of a national water supply program (brazil), institution-building (department of public health engineering in east pakistan), technological development (new handpump for wells), capital assistance (john f. Kennedy memorial water system in yemen), and rural water supply (thailand). Lessons and observations based on a quarter-century of experience include: (1) community water supplies in developing countries are still generally inadequate despite recent progress; (2) community water supplies are essential investments for community development and sustained economic growth, they encourage progressive forces, emphasize human progress, and stimulate self-help concepts; (3) a self-liquidating water supply system is a feasible goal for urban communities of even the poorest countries; (4) well-conceived, well-engineered water supply projects can attract international financing; (5) preventive health programs that ignore water supply are invariably failures; (6) deficiencies in personnel and in institutions are currntly the critical factors in development of community water supplies, not technology and probably not capital--a realistic program for improvement will require attention to institution building and personnel training; (7) the major accomplishment of the community water supply program is not hardware but the progress to date in establishment or strengthening of water supply institutions; however technical assistance must be continued until these have ripened to full maturity. Notes: "[Prepared] for the Office of War on Hunger, United States Agency for International Development, under terms of a contractual agreement with the Office of International Health, United States Public Health Service." Imprint on cover: Washington: Dept. of State, Agency for International Development. Database: Water Resources Abstracts. OCLC: 21769941.


Mehari, A. Mehari, A. van Steenbergen, F. and Schultz, B. 2007. Water Rights and Rules, and Management in Spate Irrigation Systems in Eritrea, Yemen and Pakistan. Descriptors: Eritrea; Yemen; Pakistan; Water rights; Irrigation management; Spate irrigation; Bunds; Flood water. Abstract: Spate irrigation is a system of harvesting and managing flood water. In spate irrigation, flood water is emitted from wadis (ephemeral streams) and diverted to fields using
earthen or concrete structures. By nature, flood water is unpredictable in occurrence, timing and
volume, which puts special challenges to the farmers who use, co-share and co-manage the
resource. Primarily based on the research conducted in spate irrigation systems in Eritrea, Yemen
and Pakistan, this chapter discusses the interlinkage between local flood water management and
water rights and rules, and the enforcement mechanisms in place. It assesses how formal
national/provincial land and water laws affect local flood water management and argues that
what matters most are the local rules for cooperation and sharing the resource and, hence, that
formal water and land rights for spate irrigation should recognize local water rights and
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Plural Legislative Frameworks for Rural Water Management in Africa’, 26-28 January 2005,
Johannesburg, South Africa Descriptors: Eritrea; Yemen; Pakistan; Water rights; Spate irrigation;
Flood water. Abstract: Spate irrigation is a floodwater harvesting and management system.
Floodwater is unpredictable in occurrence and amount. It is emitted through wadis (ephemeral
streams) and diverted to fields using earthen or concrete structures. Primarily based on the
research conducted in some spate irrigation systems in Eritrea, Yemen and Pakistan, this paper
discusses the impact on floodwater management of several water rights and rules, and the
enforcement approaches used by various local organizations. It analyses if and how the water
rights and rules have been tailored in response to changes in events in time, such as increase in
irrigated area and structural modernizations; and how these affected the floodwater management.
It assesses why national/provincial water laws became necessary for floodwater management
following the modernization. The paper concludes by outlining what water rights and rules can
achieve when applied in situations they were prepared for, and how negative their consequences
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Convection and Easterly Waves over Tropical North Africa: A Weather State Perspective.” J.
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deep convection and easterly waves over tropical North Africa is studied using a weather state (WS)
dataset from the International Cloud Climatology Project (ISCCP) and reanalysis products from the
European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecast, as well as radiative fluxes from ISCCP and a
precipitation dataset from the Global Precipitation Climatology Project. Composite analysis based on 21
yr of data shows that stronger latent and radiative heating of the atmosphere are associated with stronger,
more organized, convective activity than with weaker, less organized, convective activity, implying that
any transition from less to more organized and stronger convection increases atmospheric heating.
Regression composites based on a meridional wind predictor reveal coherent westward propagation of
WS and large-scale wind anomalies from the Arabian Sea into East Africa and through West Africa. The
analysis shows that enhanced, but unorganized, convective activity, which develops over the Arabian Sea
and western Indian Ocean, switches to organized convective activity prior to the appearance of the
African easterly wave (AEW) signature. The results also suggest that low-level moisture flux
convergence and the upper-tropospheric wind divergence facilitate this change. Thus, the upper-level
easterly waves, propagating into East Africa from the Indian Ocean, enhance one form of convection,
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Military Academy West Point NY Combating Terrorism Center and Brachman Jarret, Warius Abdullah. 2008. “CTC Sentinel. Volume 1, Issue 6, may 2008. Abu Yahya Al-Libi’s Human Shields in Modern Jihad.” May. Page(s): 26 Report Number: XA-MA/CTC Monitor Series: MA/CTC. Abstract: In the course of defending al-Qa’ida against charges of unjustly killing innocent Muslims during his April 2, 2008 open interview, Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri reintroduced Hukm al-Tatarrus (the law on using human shields) into the debate. A relatively unfamiliar term to non-Muslims and Muslims alike, al-Tatarrus refers to God’s sanctioning of Muslim armies that are forced to kill other Muslims who are being used as human shields by an enemy during a time of war. Al-Tatarrus is a religiously legitimate, albeit obscure, Islamic concept that al-Qa’ida ideologues have been increasingly using in order to exculpate themselves from charges of apostasy. The method in which al-Qa’ida is promoting al-Tatarrus, however, seeks to facilitate the sacrifice of Muslim lives in contravention of 14 centuries of religious teachings. For instance, both al-Qa’ida in the Arabian Peninsula and the al-Qa’ida Organization in Yemen hid behind the protections offered by al-Tatarrus in their justification of terrorist attacks that resulted in significant Muslim casualties, al-Qa’ida’s use of al-Tatarrus was also at the heart of Sayyid Imam Sharif’s recent attacks against al-Zawahiri and al-Qa’ida. Abstract
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Military Academy, West Point, NY, Combating Terrorism Center and Cook, David. 2006. “Paradigmatic Jihadi Movements.” Jan. Page(s): 33 Report Number: XA-MA/CTC Monitor Series: MA/CTC. Abstract: In January 2005, veteran jihadi thinker, propagandist, and historian Abu Musab al-Suri released his 1,600 page study of the jihadi movement, Dawat al-muqawama al-Islamiyya al-alamiyya (The Call for Global Islamic Resistance). Suri hoped this book would stimulate the creation of a comprehensive jihadi curriculum for future generations of jihadi fighters, thinkers, and activists who could learn from the mistakes and successes of jihads past. In The Call, Suri identifies twenty-five paradigmatic jihadi movements, or particularly edifying historical cases, where jihadis have both succeeded and failed to rally supporters, defeat their opposition, or establish territorial control. However, many of these jihadi movements are very obscure, and, consequently rarely studied within the Western counterterrorism community. In order to better appreciate the jihadi movement’s strategic objectives and mindset, the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point invited David Cook, an expert on Islamic history and jihad, to provide deeper background on four of Suri’s identified paradigmatic jihads: 1. The experience of the Harakat al-Shabiba in Morocco (1969) 2. The experience of the Harakat al-Dawla al-Islamiyya in Algeria (1982-1987) 3. The experience of the Afghani Arabs in Lebanon under Abu A’isha al Lubnani 4. The experience of the Islamic Army of Aden Abyan in Yemen during the 1990s. Despite the factual errors Cook identifies throughout Suri’s work, the latter’s stature in the jihadi movement means that future jihadis will take his analysis seriously and model their strategies accordingly. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Notes: Full Text (pdf) Availability: View Full Text (pdf); File: /U2/a458498.pdf; Size: 279 KB; Distribution Statement: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DTIC Accession Number: ADA458498. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA458498.

Military Academy West Point, NY, Combating Terrorism Center and Johnsen Gregory, D. Boucek Christopher. 2008. “CTC Sentinel. Volume 1, Issue 12, November 2008. the Dilemma of the Yemeni Detainees at Guantanamo Bay.” Nov. Page(s): 29 Report Number: XA-MA/CTC Monitor Series: MA/CTC. Abstract: More than one-third of the remaining 255 detainees at the U.S. detention facility in Guantanamo Bay are Yemenis, representing the single largest national contingent. Since the detention facility opened in early 2002, Yemenis have consistently comprised a sizeable percentage of the population. Other countries, most notably Saudi Arabia, have successfully repatriated many of their nationals, but Yemen has been unable to convince the United States to release detainees into its custody. There is even widespread speculation in both the United States and Yemen that the Yemeni government does not actually want the detainees back and is content to let them remain in U.S. custody. The Yemeni government, however, maintains in private its stated, public goal to return the detainees to Yemen, charge those it has evidence against and release the rest. For the United States, this has been insufficient, and it has repeatedly sought assurances from the Yemeni government that it will set standardized restrictions before any individuals are released. Part of this hesitation stems from security concerns about what would happen to the detainees once they are returned to Yemen. This article seeks to examine the dilemma posed by the detention of Yemeni nationals at Guantanamo Bay. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection.
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mantle magmas and related hydrothermal systems residing at the crust level in several areas of Yemen. This well agrees with the presence of Quaternary basaltic magmatic activity along the Gulf of Aden, as well as inside the central Yemen volcanic plateau. Presently, the thermal springs of Yemen are prevalently used for spas and/or bathing. Nevertheless, liquid- and gas-geothermometry and geological considerations suggest that there are at least three areas (Al Lisi, Al Makhaya and Damt) inside the Yemen volcanic plateau (around Dhamar) that may be promising prospects for the future development of geothermal energy in Yemen. Alternatively, they could be used as a source of energy for small-to-medium scale agriculture and/or industrial purposes. Moreover, most of the thermal water discharges have the chemical characteristics of potable waters and, in an arid country like Yemen, they have to be considered as long-term water supply resources if the country should face water shortages. Database: Water Resources Abstracts. ISSN: 0883-2927. URL: [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.apgeochem.2006.11.009](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.apgeochem.2006.11.009).


Moench, M. 2002. “Water and the Potential for Social Instability: Livelihoods, Migration and the Building of Society.” Nat. Resour. Forum. Volume 26, Issue 3, Pages 195-204. Descriptors: Adaptation; Entitlements; Groundwater; Migration; Poverty; Security; Sustainability; Transition. Notes: Cited By (since 1996): 4. Abstract: In much of the Third World, access to secure for irrigation, particularly groundwater, reduces vulnerability, stabilizes livelihoods, alleviates poverty and ‘entitles’ populations to education and other forms of capital accumulation. Water resource development can, as a result, be used as a key tool for addressing the social roots of instability. The reverse is also true- problems such as groundwater overdraft contribute to poverty and are often at the root of forced migration and the creation of underemployed and unstable displaced populations. Water is fundamental to regional as well as local security. The benefits of water resource development and the risks associated with unsustainable use patterns are particularly critical in arid regions. Patterns of water use that are unsustainable can play a positive role in the transition of populations from nomadic or migratory to stable communities, where people have access to education and asset accumulation. The exit is, however, as important as the entry. In many regions, the majority of the population now need to make the transition from agriculture to non-agricultural livelihoods. Many people, particularly the wealthy, may already be doing this. Understanding and enabling transition represents one of
the most important policy challenges for coming decades. Using examples from India, Yemen, Saudi Arabia and other countries, this article documents some of the connections between water and security and clarifies the importance of effective solutions to water problems and to social transition in arid regions. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 0165-0203.


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Mohamed I. Al-Hamdi and Guy J. Alaerts. Structure and Cost of the Water Supply Market in Sana’a City, Yemen. Building Partnerships. Descriptors: Aquifers; Costs; Groundwater supply; Marketing; Municipal water; Water supply. Abstract: With an annual population growth rate of over 8%, Yemen’s capital Sana’a, is facing an increasing pressure in all municipal service sectors. This pressure is greatest in municipal water supply since the city depends exclusively on a non-renewable groundwater aquifer that is being mostly utilized (mined) also for irrigation. The growing water deficit in the Sana’a Basin area is currently being satisfied from the fossil groundwater storage. The study examined, for water supply alternatives, the current cost to consumers and their capacity and willingness to pay for domestic water (‘value to the users’). More specifically, this paper describes and analyzes the structure and cost of the domestic water supply market in Sana’a: (1) the coverage by the public and private water supply systems, their water quality, and the ensuing choices for consumers, (2) the cost and value of different types of domestic water supply, (3) the implications of present and future domestic


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Mondillo, N; Boni, M; Balassone, G; Grist, B. 2011. “In search of the lost zinc: A lesson from the Jabali (Yemen) nonsulfide zinc deposit.” Journal of Geochemical Exploration. Volume 108 (3), pages 209-219. Abstract: The Jabali nonsulfide zinc deposit, located northeast of Sana'a (Yemen) contains a geological resource of 12.6 million tonnes of ore grading 8.9% zinc, 1.2% lead and 68 g/t silver, with a projected recovery of ca. 80% zinc. The primary sulfide deposit shows features of both Mississippi Valley and Carbonate Replacement types, and is believed to have been formed by circulating hydrothermal fluids, either associated with Mesozoic rifting, or generated from Tertiary igneous activity, developed in the area during the Red Sea crustal extension. An extension of this phenomenon should have also triggered the late uplift, which favored the oxidation of sulfides. Ore deposition has been accompanied by several dolomitization phases, some of which have been considered strictly hydrothermal. A complete quantitative (Rietveld) mineralogical and geochemical study of mineralized full-length core
samples, carried out with the aim of possibly increasing zinc recovery, shows a discrepancy between the zinc grades recorded in the chemical assays, and those calculated from the sum of the ore minerals occurring in the same samples. The difference between the assayed and calculated zinc amounts in various parts of the deposit is due to the presence of Zn-rich dolomite phases (up to 20% Zn in the lattice), as well as of Mg-smithsonite (up to 12% Mg), both phases replacive of the earlier dolomites in the weathering environment. The Zn-enriched dolomite phases could be the "missing link" between pure dolomite and smithsonite. Zinc occurring in dolomite cannot be processed economically with today's methods. Analysis of the total zinc amount contained in Zn-dolomite, when compared with the zinc occurring in the processable ore minerals shows that there is a significant proportion of unrecoverable zinc. This explains why at Jabali the projected metallurgical recovery of around 80% is unlikely to be improved upon, due to the trapped zinc within the "supergene" dolomite phases. The extensive development of the Zn-dolomite bodies, which occur throughout the whole mining area, may be highly significant for the evaluation of nonsulfide zinc ores at Jabali and for the exploration philosophy of the region. The possible occurrence of Zn-dolomite has to be kept in mind when exploring for supergene Zn-nonsulfides in other mining districts where the ore is also dolomite-hosted, which may feature a significant non-recoverable phase.

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Moshrif, Mohamed A. 1984. “Sequential Development of Hanifa Formation (Upper Jurassic) Paleoenvironments and Paleogeography, Central Saudi Arabia.” J. Pet. Geol. Volume 7, Issue 4, Pages 451-460. Descriptors: Petroleum Geology; Geology - Stratigraphy. Abstract: The Hanifa Carbonate lithofacies (Upper Jurassic) started to develop during Early Kimmeridgian time, when an extensive area in central Arabia was covered by relatively deep marine waters. These rock units were formed along a shoreline, resulting in successive lagoonal and tidal-flat
belts, the deposition of pelleted and laminated calcilutites and gypsum, and a restricted fauna. The open shelf lay east of the lagoon zone, accounting for the development of oolites, coral reef and calcarenites, and a diversified fauna on the deeper shelf. At its maximum extent, the Hanifa Sea reached west nearly as far as the city of Riyadh in central Saudia Arabia, and extended NE and east, covering Kuwait, Iraq, Oman and Iran. South of Riyadh, the Hanifa lithofacies may be traced towards the SE over the Rub-al-Khali area, and SW over Yemen and the Aden Protectorates. North and NW of Riyadh, these same Upper Jurassic shallow-marine rock units developed over Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and northern Sinai, and most probably extended over northern Africa. ISSN: 0141-6421.


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Mothena, R. A., Lindequist, U., Gruenert, R. and Bednarski, P. J. 2009. “Studies of the in Vitro Anticancer, Antimicrobial and Antioxidant Potentials of Selected Yemeni Medicinal Plants from the Island Soqotra.” BMC Complement. Altern. Med. Volume 9, Notes: Cited By (since 1996): 1. Abstract: Background: Recent years have witnessed that there is a revival of interest in drug discovery from medicinal plants for the maintenance of health in all parts of the world. The aim of this work was to investigate 26 plants belonging to 17 families collected from a unique place in Yemen (Soqotra Island) for their in vitro anticancer, antimicrobial and antioxidant activities. Methods: The 26 plants were extracted with methanol and hot water to yield 52 extracts. Evaluation for in vitro anticancer activity was done against three human cancer cell lines (A-427, 5637 and MCF-7) by using an established microtiter plate assay based on cellular staining with crystal violet. Antimicrobial activity was tested against three Gram-positive
bacteria, two Gram-negative bacteria, one yeast species and three multiresistant Staphylococcus strains by using an agar diffusion method and the determination of MIC against three Gram-positive bacteria with the broth micro-dilution assay. Antioxidant activity was investigated by measuring the scavenging activity of the DPPH radical. Moreover, a phytochemical screening of the methanolic extracts was done. Results: Notable cancer cell growth inhibition was observed for extracts from Ballochia atro-virgata, Eureiandra balfourii and Hypoestes pubescens, with IC50 values ranging between 0.8 and 8.2 μg/ml. The methanol extracts of Acanthospernum hispidum, Boswellia dioiscorides, Boswellia socotran, Commiphora ornifolia and Euphorbia socotran also showed noticeable antiproliferative potency with IC50 values 15 mm and MIC values ≤ 250 μg/ml. In addition, the methanolic extracts of Acacia pennivenia, Boswellia dioiscorides, Boswellia socotran and Commiphora ornifolia showed good antioxidant potential at low concentrations (more than 80% at 50 μg/ml). Conclusion: Our results show once again that medicinal plants can be promising sources of natural products with potential anticancer, antimicrobial and antioxidative activity. The results will guide the selection of some plant species for further pharmacological and phytochemical investigations. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 1472-6882.

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Mothana, Ramzi A. A., Abdo, Salah A. A., Hasson, Sidgi, Althawab, Faisal M. N., Alaghbari, Sama A. Z. and Lindequist, Ulrike. 2010. “Antimicrobial, Antioxidant and Cytotoxic Activities and Phytochemical Screening of some Yemeni Medicinal Plants.” Evidence-Based Complementary & Alternative Medicine (eCAM). 09. Volume 7, Issue 3, Pages 323-330. Descriptors: Medicinal plants; Anti-infective agents; Phytochemicals; Antioxidants; Staphylococcus; Gram-negative bacteria; Yemen (Republic); antibacterial; cytotoxicity; radical scavenging; Yemen. Abstract: The traditional medicine still plays an important role in the primary health care in Yemen. The current study represents the investigation of 16 selected plants, which were collected from different localities of Yemen. The plants were dried and extracted with two different solvents (methanol and hot water) to yield 34 crude extracts. The obtained extracts were tested for their antimicrobial activity against three Gram-positive bacteria, two Gram-negative bacteria, one yeast species and three multiresistant Staphylococcus strains using agar diffusion method, for their antioxidant activity using scavenging activity of DPPH radical method and for their cytotoxic activity using the neutral red uptake assay. In addition, a phytochemical screening of the methanolic extracts was done. Antibacterial activity was shown only against Gram-positive bacteria, among them multiresistant bacteria. The highest
antimicrobial activity was exhibited by the methanolic extracts of Acalypha fruticosa, Centaurea pseudosinaica, Dodonaea viscosa, Jatropha variegata, Lippia citriodora, Plectranthus hadiensis, Tragia pungens and Verbascum bottae. Six methanolic extracts especially those of A. fruticosa, Actiniopteris semilabellata, D. viscosa, P. hadiensis, T. pungens and V. bottae showed high free radical scavenging activity. Moreover, remarkable cytotoxic activity against FL-cells was found for the methanolic extracts of A. fruticosa, Iris albicans, L. citriodora and T. pungens. The phytochemical screening demonstrated the presence of different types of compounds like flavonoids, terpenoids and others, which could be responsible for the obtained activities. ISSN: 1741-427X.

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Punica protopunicia, Withania adunensis and Withania riebeckii. Only the methanolic extract of Buxus hildebrandtii displayed significant antifungal activity. ISSN: 0378-8741.


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Water Use; Water resources; agriculture; data storage; salinity tolerance; soil; tree crops; values; water balance; Article Taxonomic Terms: Allium cepa; Lycopersicon esculentum; Vitaceae; Article Geographic Terms: Yemen. Abstract: Purpose - The purpose of this paper is to present a procedure to estimate the total irrigation water requirement for a command area of 2,500 hectares in an arid environment under various crops and soil types using GIS for data storage, analysis and visualization of results. Design/methodology/approach - Bani Al-Harith agricultural area in Sana’a basin, Yemen was chosen for the study. ArcView GIS was used to plan for suitable crops and estimate the irrigation water requirements based on the farmer’s preference and soil types. Using the available soil maps, the soil characteristics such as salinity, texture and suitable crop types were overlaid to produce the crop blocks map. The water balance equation was used to produce the crop water requirement map considering the crop coefficient for different crop stages. The total water demand for each irrigation block was calculated by summing the three components, namely percolation loss through the soil, maximum evapotranspiration of the crop and leaching requirement (LR) to maintain an acceptable salinity level. Findings - The case study is an example of using GIS as an effective tool in irrigation planning. GIS facilities to acquire, store, analyze and display spatial data were used to produce the soil class map, soil profile map, crop map and water requirement map. The profile EC sub(e) values for the chosen crops is within the crop salinity tolerance for 100 percent yield except for blocks 4 and 5 where grape and coffee respectively are suggested to be grown. The profile EC sub(e) values are 18.37 dS/m in block 4 and 3.27 to 7.88 dS/m in block 5. The tolerance threshold of 100 percent yield for grape is 1.5 dS/m and for coffee is 3 to 6 dS/m. The salinity of the irrigation water was 2.08 dS/m. From the crop blocks map, the salinity tolerance level for 100 percent yield of onion for block 1 is 1.2 dS/m, tomato for block 2 is 2.5 dS/m, alfalfa for block 3 is 2 dS/m, grape for block 4 is 1.5/ dS/m, and the salinity tolerance level for 100 percent yield of coffee for block 5 is 5 dS/m. Leaching requirements were obtained by taking EC sub(w) value of 2.08 and EC sub(e) of 1.2, 2.5, 2, 1.5 and 5 for onion, tomato, alfalfa, grape and coffee respectively. The peak total water requirement occurred in May and was found to be 5,595 m super(3)/ha, or 560 mm. The design irrigation water requirement for every block is shown in a map for easy visualization and manipulation to produce the best combination of soils, crops and water use. Research limitations/implications - This method of determining the total irrigation water requirement is dependent on the selected irrigation system and crops whether shallow-rooted, deep-rooted or tree crops. The use of water in agriculture should be judicious, precise and sustainable. Application of GIS can be a useful tool in irrigation management since it provides rapid access to underlying information of crop suitability. The designer can try out various combinations of crops, to suit the soils and available water. Practical implications - This methodology is useful for training irrigation engineers and water resource planners on the use of GIS technique to plan irrigation projects in arid areas. Originality/value - This technique has never been applied to the study area. Database: Water Resources Abstracts. ISSN: 1477-7835.

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material is spread over considerable areas of Yemen including urban and suburban areas. Due to the inferior properties of this material in its natural state, it cannot be used in base and subbase layers. It is common practice, when faced with such material, to replace it with superior properties filling material. Excavated volcanic ash is disposed off by transporting it to landfill sites. Such practice is becoming increasingly costly and continuously necessitates allocation of scarce and valuable new landfill sites. The problem in some urban areas is becoming an environmental issue due to the massive buildup of disposed volcanic ash material. The main objectives of this study are twofold: one to investigate the merits of utilizing waste volcanic ash as a cheap alternative to aggregate for road construction and consequently this contributes toward an efficient waste management of this undesirable material and reduces its environmental impact. The effects of using granular volcanic ash material, as a partial replacement of conventional aggregate on the properties of hot-mix asphalt (HMA), were studied. Four different aggregate replacement proportions were used specifically at 0, 10, 20, and 30% of total weight of dry aggregate. The 0% volcanic ash content mix was used as the reference mix. Experimental results indicated that the mechanical properties of all mixes containing volcanic ash aggregate, up to 20%, were within the specification limits of the Marshall mix design method. In addition, it was found that the use of volcanic ash aggregate improved the HMA creep resistance properties. HMA with a 10% volcanic ash aggregate replacement gave optimum results in terms of stripping resistance, creep resistance, fatigue, and resilient modulus. Database: TRIS. ISSN: 0899-1561.

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National Defense Univ Washington Dc Center For Counter-proliferation Research and Esposito, John L. 2000. “Political Islam and the West.” Jan. Page(s): 8 Report Number: XD-JCS Monitor Series: JCS. Abstract: At the dawn of the 21st century political Islam, or more commonly Islamic fundamentalism, remains a major presence in governments and oppositional politics from North Africa to Southeast Asia. New Islamic republics have emerged in Afghanistan, Iran, and Sudan. Islamists have been elected to parliaments, served in cabinets, and been presidents, prime ministers, and deputy prime ministers in nations as diverse as Algeria, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Pakistan, and Yemen. At the same time, opposition movements and radical extremist groups have sought to destabilize regimes in Muslim countries and the West. Americans have witnessed attacks on their embassies from Kenya to Pakistan. Terrorism abroad has been accompanied by strikes on domestic targets such as the World Trade Center in New York. In recent years, Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden has become emblematic of efforts to spread international violence. The phenomenon known as political Islam is rooted in a contemporary religious resurgence in private and public life. On one hand, many Muslims have become more observant with regard to the practice of their faith (prayer, fasting, dress, and family). On the other, Islam has reemerged as an alternative to the perceived failure of secular ideologies such as nationalism, capitalism, and socialism. Islamic symbols, rhetoric, actors, and organizations have become sources of legitimacy and mobilization, informing political and social activism. The governments of Afghanistan, Egypt, Iran, Libya, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Sudan have made appeals to Islam to enhance their legitimacy and to mobilize popular support for programs and policies. Islamic movements span the religious and political spectrum from moderate to extremist. This article reviews the events that acted as catalysts for political Islam, the evolution of political Islam, Islam as a threat or clash of civilizations, democracy and Islam, and the Western response. 7 Abstract
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National War College, Washington, DC and Dahlstrom, Eric L. 2003. “From Reconnaissance to Surveillance: Intelligence Transformation in the New Millennium.” Jan. Page(s): 13. Report Number: XD-NDU/NWC Monitor Series: NDU/NWC. Abstract: Bruce Berkowitz The vehicle moved steadily along a dusty road 175 kilometers east of the capital city of Sana’a. The American pilot received permission to engage and, peering at his video screen, centered the crosshairs of his Hellfire missile directly over the target. A few moments later, the sedan carrying six al-Qaeda terrorists dissolved into a mass of fire and debris. What makes this mission unique compared to the thousands of others flown during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM is that this pilot is not a military officer. In fact, the CIA pilot is not even aboard his aircraft, a 1,500-pound Predator drone. He is flying this mission from a command trailer located hundreds of miles from the battlefield. This one event represents a major turning point in America’s military evolution. It highlights the changing nature of the threat to the United States and showcases the emerging capabilities required to successfully defend our country in the new millennium. Transnational terrorist groups, willing to conduct suicide missions and eager to obtain weapons of mass destruction, pose a difficult problem for militaries geared to combat conventional foes. Because groups such as al-Qaeda operate in the midst of civilian populations and strike non-military targets, it is nearly impossible to defend the homeland without drastically changing our way of life. As such, the new National Security Strategy proposes that the United States not wait to be attacked, but should preempt terrorist groups before they can strike. The American military will need specific and timely intelligence if it is going to take the fight to the terrorists. The intelligence community, in turn, must significantly change the way it processes information and move from a collection paradigm dominated by reconnaissance to one geared toward persistent surveillance on demand. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Distribution Statement: Approved for public release; distribution is
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Naval Environmental Prediction Research Facility, Monterey, Calif and Brody, L. R. 1977. “Meteorological Phenomena of the Arabian Sea,” Mar. Page(s): 184 Report Number: NEPRF-AR-77-01. Abstract: This document, the product of extensive literature research, provides a single and comprehensive reference text for the operational forecaster in the Arabian Sea and Gulfs of Aden and Oman. It contains extensive climatological information, descriptions of significant meteorological phenomena and relevant forecasting aids, discussions of meteorological conditions affecting various regional ports, and a representative assortment of typical weather sequences depicted by both satellite imagery and conventional data. General information on the large-scale Asian monsoon and its relationship to the Arabian Sea region is presented. Also discussed are the significant meteorological phenomena associated with time and space variations in the Arabian Sea monsoon; forecasting aids and typical weather sequences are provided. Seasonal progressions of weather events are discussed; variations from normal conditions are described in first-hand reports from observers in the field. (Author) Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. DTIC Accession Number: ADA046542.

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frequency (about 91-m) sources. Although site 4 was bottom-limited in respect to the high frequency source, at least 200 m of depth excess occurred for the low frequency source. At site 4 and throughout the western Somali Basin, interleaving of intrusive water masses (including Red Sea and Antarctic Intermediate Waters) caused complex and highly variable sound speed profiles to depths of at least 1800 m. At site 1B (Gulf of Oman) sound speed profiles were up to 5 m/sec lower than those observed one month earlier (site 1A), probably due to increased northeast monsoon upwelling after the site 1A occupation. Maximum temporal and spatial sound speed variability throughout the exercise area occurred between about 100 and 150 m, just below the depth of the low frequency source. At all sites, wind speeds and sea/swell heights were low to moderate and should not have markedly influenced ambient noise levels above 200 Hz. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Final rept. Jan-Apr 1977; Distribution Statement: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DTIC Accession Number: ADC017390. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADC017390.

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an approximate diameter of 200 nautical miles. The two eddies were separated by a trough of cold water advected from the region of upwelling off the Somali coast between 9 N and 11 N. Studies of TIROS-N satellite infrared photographs and XBT cross-sections taken from tankers transiting the area during July and early August 1979 indicated the presence of a southern eddy separated from the Great Whirl by a trough of cold, upwelled water between 3 N and 5 N. During the early part of the WILKES survey, the southern eddy and the Great Whirl coalesced.


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with Saudi Arabia, this addresses the question of Yemen’s role in the security of the Arabian Peninsula. Yemen suffers from a weak economy and a number of security issues of its own. Through the borders shared with its GCC neighbors, Yemen has become plagued by a nexus of terrorism, arms smuggling, and drug trafficking. Yet Yemen is unable to effectively combat these threats because of weak border control and poor cooperation with its regional neighbors, which points to the issues of border control and transnational cooperation within the GCC as an important area of research. The scope of the research will encompass and scrutinize the role of borders and how terrorism flourishes through the Peninsula. That way, we can observe what has been done to solve this security threat, and what could be done. The thesis will examine potential solutions to the problems created by border security and a lack of cooperation, and will argue that a viable solution can be found by Yemen joining the GCC in a united force. This would help insulate the Arabian Peninsula from the internal threats facing it. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Master’s thesis; Distribution Statement: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DTIC Accession Number: ADA469931. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA469931.

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Numerical Simulations.” Jan. Page(s): 24 Report Number: NRL/JA/7320-04-0010 XB-ONR Contract Number: N00014-02-WX-20834 N00014-94-C-1037 Monitor Series: ONR. Abstract: A two-dimensional barotropic finite element model with the grid resolution varying between 0.2 and 2km and forced by eight principle constituents (Q1 O1, P1, K1, N2, M2, S2, and K2) was used to compute tidal elevations and currents in the Bab el Mandab Strait. Good agreement is achieved with the available observations for both diurnal and semidiurnal tidal currents and diurnal elevations; however, the model performs less satisfactorily for the semidiurnal elevations mainly due to the errors between the observed and computed phases in the region where there are amphidromic points for the M2, S2, and N2 constituents in the Strait. The results indicate that the largest amplitudes of the tidal elevations and the strongest currents are present in the southern part of the Strait. Residual circulation induced by the barotropic tides is rather weak in the major part of the Strait, and its contribution to the Red Sea water transport is small. The model results also show that barotropic energy fluxes are not very large and their direction depends on the constituent. All diurnal and one semidiurnal (N2) constituent have one major source of energy, which is the flux from the Gulf of Aden, while there are two sources of energy for the M2, S2, and K2 components: one from the Gulf and another from the Red Sea. Very small energy fluxes from the Strait to the adjacent basins indicate that almost all tidal energy is dissipated within the Strait. The distribution of the rate of energy dissipation due to bottom friction implies that the major area of dissipation is located between Perim Narrows and the Assab-Mocha line. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. Distribution Statement: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DTIC Accession Number: ADA449278. URL: http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA449278.

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precipitation over some parts of southern Iran, it has consistently enhanced precipitation over the eastern and southern coasts of the peninsula in Oman, Yemen, and Saudi Arabia. During the negative MJO phase, while enhanced low-level southerly winds transfer a substantial amount of moisture to the study area, upward motion increases in the middle layers of the atmosphere. Synchronized with the prevalence of these rain-bearing southerly winds, the existence of a strong horizontal wind speed gradient at the exit region of the North Africa-Arabian jet enhances precipitation. The jet exit, which was mostly located over Egypt in November, moved westward into the study area in Iran and Saudi Arabia during the rainy period of January-March. The direction of near-surface wind anomalies changed from mostly southeasterly in November to southwesterly in March and April, influencing precipitation pattern during various months of the rainy season. In contrast to the negative phase, an enhanced low-level dry northerly wind and suppressed horizontal wind speed gradient at the jet exits are the main characteristics of atmospheric circulation over the study area during the positive MJO phase. Furthermore, an increased downward air motion at the middle levels of the atmosphere and a significant shortage in precipitation are the other climatic components of the southwest Asian region during such a period. ISSN: 0894-8755. Database: Technology Research Database. URL: http://dx.doi.org/10.1175/2009JCLI2141.1.


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The development of the Camborthids and Haplargids in the ground soils and that of the argillic horizons in the Sana paleosols suggest that these soils formed in a somewhat more humid phase than the present warm-tropical, semi-arid environment. The occurrence of mollic epipedons in the Sana paleosols, but not in the ground soils is evidence of a more humid past climate (mid or early Holocene). The Ibb paleosol, which formed at least partly during a more humid part of the late Pleistocene, is even more strongly developed than the mid or early Holocene Sana paleosols.

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Geology of Yemen

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the east of the harbour to trap sediment. The sand trap breakwater option was found to result in the lowest maintenance dredging requirements and the lowest total cost. CPNY authorized the detailed design of the sand trap breakwater in 1999. Construction of the breakwater was completed by Yemen based contractors in June 2000. Notes: Ports 2004: Port development in the changing world (proceeding of the conference, may 23-26, 2004, houston, texas; sponsored by ports and harbors technical committee of the coasts, oceans, ports, and rivers institute (COPRI) of ASCE, U.S. section of the permanent international association of navigation congresses (PIANC); co-sponsored by port of houston authority, dredging contractors of america, international association of ports and harbors, canadian society of civil engineers, and japan society of civil engineers) by Stephen A. Curtis, (editor). ISBN: 0-7844-0727-4. Database: ASCE.

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experiences surrounding the construction of new dams and reservoirs on seasonal streams in rural areas of Yemen. The construction of these new dams and reservoirs provides a natural experimental setting to analyze water institutions. One hypothesis is that these traditional unwritten laws, having evolved under different water use circumstances, might no longer be applicable to either the new reservoirs or the increased national scarcity of water. An example of the later concerns whether water can be traded among uses and “owners” and/or moved to urban locations. To collect the empirical information, an intensive field survey were designed and implemented. Around 31 dam/reservoir managers were comprehensively interviewed. The dissertation reviews the literature regarding traditional and Islamic water laws. It presents findings from the survey describing many features of the new dam and reservoir projects. Two chapters focus more specifically on the water rights issues and water prices. Survey results reveal people’s perceptions of water rights dimensions including, priority rules, protection, enforcement and conflict resolution processes. Through a detailed analysis, the study was able to explain the powerful role of traditional institutions in water rights allocation and priorities. The results and analysis help understand changes in informal, traditional institutions, and raise the potential for developing new, formal institutions, rules and laws. Analysis suggests some ways in which traditional institutions can be modified to achieve local community, social, and government objectives. Among key factors are water pricing, water allocation rules and the role of the government and local participation, including the cooperation of local Sheikhs. We find that a new physical action (i.e., the new dams and reservoirs) may permit the alteration of traditional water rights rules and laws as long as the changes conform to accepted change mechanisms. A menu of recommendations and policies are described to help decision-makers address the water scarcity problem. In discussing policy implications we emphasize access to water by the marginalized section of the rural communities, the poor people, landless and women.

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the runoff coefficient is constant and its value is 5%. The linear relationship in this domain is supported by the Schreiber-Budiko (2) formula. The aridity coefficient a/P(a) of this formula shows random variation and is not dependent on precipitation (Figure 6.). The average value of the aridity index is 2.90 and the Schreiber-Budiko formula can be rewritten as shown in Eq.5. The linear character of this equation is obvious. For the higher domain of precipitation data the precipitation vs. runoff relationship is generally non-linear, as suggested by the data of the relevant literature. The Schreiber-Budiko formula was used for describing this relationship. This relationship was used for calculating runoff and evaporation, defined as the difference between precipitation and runoff, for three values of the potential evaporation r/L(2,000, 2,500 and 3,000 mm). Figure 7 shows the distribution of precipitation among evaporation and runoff (the structure of the water budget) for three selected values of the potential evaporation. The water budget structure characteristic to Hungarian watersheds is also shown for two temperature values (-6 and +10°C). In Yemen the annual mean temperature is 20-25°C in the areas with potential evaporation of 2,000-3,000 mm. The non-linear Schreiber-Budiko formula substantially underestimates the value of runoff in the precipitation range 0.00-500 mm, independently of the selected r/L value. The precipitation-runoff relationship was finally accepted, after certain speculative considerations, as shown in Figure 8. In the precipitation range lower than 550 mm the linear relationship, as derived on the basis of measurement data, was accepted, while the Schreiber-Budiko formula was used above 1000 mm precipitation, fixing the potential evaporation value as 2,500 mm. In the precipitation domain of 550-1,000 mm the transitional part of the curve between the linear and non-linear ranges was estimated by interpolation. The precipitation-runoff relationship of Figure 8 was used for the construction of the map of annual specific runoff (Figure 9.), making use of the map of mean annual precipitation. This runoff map is most likely the first of its kind in Yemen. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 0042-7616.

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super(-1) (150-250 mg BOD l
super(-1)) and NH super (+) sub (4) of 25-100 mg N l
super(-1), while the duckweed stock density used was 500 g wet weight m
super(-2). The duration of the experiments was 10 days with a harvesting frequency of 5 days. NH super(+)
sub(4) in this very concentrated Sana’a sewage was possibly the most important limiting factor for growth of L. gibba. High pH near the end of the reaction time and lower temperatures at night-time probably also contributed to slower growth. Relative growth rate (RGR) decreased from 0.17 plus or
minus 0.04 d super(-1) at an NH super(+) sub(4) concentration of 23-40 mg N l super(-1) to around 0.00 d super(-1) at a concentration of 100 mg N l super(-1). Fresh wastewater helped to grow duckweed, especially at NH super(+) sub(4) <50 mg N l super(-1), while after 5 days, algae proliferation and probably the exhaustion of other essential nutrients started to inhibit duckweed growth. COD removal correlated strongly with the applied initial surface loading. At a higher initial COD loading (lambda sub(s)) of 869 kg COD ha super(-1), the removal loading (lambda sub(r)) was 710 kg COD ha super(-1) 10 day super(-1), while at a lower initial COD loading of 344 kg ha super(-1), the removal loading was 210 kg COD ha super(-1) 10 day super(-1).

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Ocean; isotopes; landscapes; middle Holocene; moisture; monsoons; outcrops; paleoclimatology; processes; Quaternary; radioactive isotopes; sedimentation; sediments; species diversity; technology; vegetation; Wadi Shumylya; wadis; Yemen. Abstract: The geomorphic response to changing mid-Holocene (ca. 7,000-4,000 years B.P.) climate appears to have had a dramatic influence on emerging agricultural technologies and human societies in the southern Arabian peninsula. As the Arabian Sea monsoon system progressively weakened during that period, less moisture penetrated into the Arabian interior, resulting in desertification of the landscape and a decline in vegetation abundance and diversity in southern Yemen. That occurred at a time when previously hospitable, though marginal, climatic conditions allowed for the development of irrigation technologies which supported the cultural shift from foraging to agrarian societies. Geoarchaeological research investigating the timing and magnitude of the climatic shift and its impact on surficial processes in the region has yielded abundant evidence for agricultural activity and natural and human-induced landscape modification near the mouth of Wadi Shumylya, a small drainage into one of the southern tributaries to the extensive Wadi Hadramout of southern Yemen. Within the four meter thickness of sediments filling the formerly broad wadi channel, as many as four burned layers have been identified and correlated across discontinuous outcrops through visual description and magnetic susceptibility measurements. Burned horizons comprised of ash, charcoal, and baked sediment are traceable to numerous discrete hearths scattered laterally across more than 100 meters of sediment exposure created by downcutting of the active wadi channel. Charcoal samples collected from the hearths and burned layers have been radiocarbon dated from about 6,100-5,700 yr B.P. (uncalibrated). On the surface stratigraphically above the burned layers, a rock structure tentatively identified as a water control check dam is interpreted to have been constructed in order to trap silt and create a surface for cultivation. Lithic artifacts collected from that surface suggest an age of as much as 5,000 years old. Overall, dated materials suggest that aggradation of sediment within the wadi channel, possibly associated with agricultural activity during a period of enhanced moisture, occurred prior to the time of the monsoon decline, and downcutting has been the dominant process since about 5,000 years ago. Database: GeoRef. ISSN: 0016-7592.

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signal the arrival of people into the Wadi Sana region. A younger lithic assemblage associated with cattle bones and caprine dung was recovered from numerous hearths dated between 7400-5800 14C yr BP. During that time people occupied four large rock shelters adjacent to Wadi Sana. Subsequent people left remains of pit houses, which were abandoned by 5600 14C yr BP, and water management structures built during the middle Holocene phase of enhanced monsoonal precipitation. Preliminary dating of fossil spring deposits in Wadi Idim, ca. 50 km west of Wadi Sana, suggests that there was a gradual southward drying of springs and associated marsh-lacustrine environment beginning as early as 7700 14C yr B.P. However, remnants of that system remain today in the oasis village of Saa’, which may have served as a refugium when much of the region became too arid to support agriculture. Overall, dated materials suggest that aggradation of sediment within the Wadi Sana channel, possibly associated with agricultural activity during a time of enhanced moisture, occurred prior to the middle Holocene monsoon decline, and fluvial incision and sediment erosion have dominated since about 4600 14C yr BP. With additional field sampling and paleohydrologic reconstruction, we hope to document the timing and nature of the transition from the previous monsoonal climate to the present hyper-arid environment. Database: GeoRef. ISSN: 0016-7592.

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diversement pourvu alors qu’en Oman était majoritairement exploité du cuivre. Par ailleurs, plusieurs étapes sur les principales routes sillonnant la péninsule ont été établies aux abords de sites miniers. (In the Islamic period, the main mineral resources were located in eastern Iran, Afghanistan, Spain and North Africa. However, the reading of Arabic geographical texts and archaeological evidence that the Arabian Peninsula was not free. Thus, the Hijaz, rich in gold deposits, he has likely contributed to the striking of dinars. In addition, Yemen appears to be the most diversely equipped while in Oman was mainly used for copper. In addition, several steps on the main roads crisscrossing the peninsula have been established in the vicinity of mining sites.) URL: http://cy.revues.org/1176.

“People’s Democratic Republic of Yemen.” 1985. Popul. Policy Compend. Pages 1-8. Abstract: The population of the People’s Democratic Republic of Yemen grew from 992,000 in 1950 to 1.7 million in 1975, and the total fertility rate has remained relatively constant at 7 since 1950. The Government has not adopted a population policy per se, but has included sectoral policies that have implications for the size, growth, composition, and distribution of the population. The Government maintains that population issues should be viewed comprehensively within the framework of economic and social development. Measures to achieve economic growth, combined with the expansion of health, education, cultural, and social services, as well as the eradication of illiteracy and the emancipation of women, are expected to have a major impact on the society’s demographic structure. The Government’s main concern with regard to population growth is a reduction in morbidity and mortality. The rate of growth is projected to increase from 2.7% in 1980-85 to 2.9 in the year 2000, at which point it should begin to decline. The crude death rate is presently 18.8/1000 and is expected to drop to 13.1/1000 by 2000. Infant mortality stood at 138/1000 in 1980-85. Morbidity and mortality are unacceptably high among infants, children, nomads, and rural residents. Priorities for the health sector include the development and expansion of health services, intensive preventive health care for mothers and children, development of a safe drinking water system, nutrition and health education campaigns, and training of health personnel. Measures that are expected to decrease fertility include family planning education, an expansion of facilities to rural areas, and improvements in the status of women. Family planning services are freely available from maternal and child health centers, mainly in urban areas. A mass literacy campaign seeks to increase the female literacy rate to 90%, and women’s participation in wage labor is being encouraged. A further goal of population policy is to modify spatial distribution through rural development and agriculture collectivization. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 0259-6369.


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Lehmbauweise Im Wohnungsbau Der VDR Jemen.” Bauzeitung Berlin. Volume 42, Issue 12, Pages 559-561. Descriptors: Building Materials; Clay--Applications; Construction Industry--Developing Countries; Houses--Construction; Housing--Construction; Masonry Materials--Developing Countries. Abstract: The principal characteristics of the traditional loam construction methods used in Yemen are described and some aspects are considered for further development. Small amounts of chaff and chopped straw, as well as water, are added to the loam, this mass is mixed, molded into bricks and dried in the sun. Foundations are built from natural stones and bound with cement mortar, the remaining masonry is built from air-dried loam bricks. ISSN: 0005-6871.

Peters, Hartmut and Johns, William E. 2006. “Bottom Layer Turbulence in the Red Sea Outflow Plume.” J. Phys. Oceanogr. American Meteorological Society: 09/01; 2011/04. Volume 36, Issue 9, Pages 1763-1785. Abstract: Turbulence in the Red Sea outflow plume in the western Gulf of Aden was observed with an upward-looking, five-beam, 600-kHz acoustic Doppler current profiler (ADCP). The “Bottom Lander” ADCP was deployed on the seafloor in two narrow, topographically confined outflow channels south of Bab el Mandeb for periods of 18–40 h at three locations at 376-, 496-, and 772-m depths. Two deployments were taken during the winter season of maximum outflow from the Red Sea and two in the summer season of minimum outflow. These short-term observations exhibit red velocity spectra with high-frequency fluctuations of typically a few centimeters per second RMS velocity during strong plume flow as well as strong subtidal variations. In one winter season event, the plume flow was reduced by a factor of 4 over an 18-h time span. In variance-preserving form, velocity spectra show a separation at frequencies of 0.3–3 cycles per hour between low-frequency and high-frequency signals. The latter show significant coherence between horizontal and vertical velocity components; hence they carried turbulent stress. Based on a comparison with velocity spectra from atmospheric mixed-layer observations, the authors argue that large variance at frequencies of the order of 1 cph was possibly associated with bottom-generated, upward-propagating internal waves. One coherent feature that matched such waves was observed directly. Higher frequencies correspond to turbulent motions of energy-carrying scales. The turbulent Reynolds stress at heights above the bottom between 4 and 30–40 m was computed for most of the ADCP observations. Near the bottom, the streamwise turbulent stress and the streamwise velocity followed a quadratic drag law with drag coefficients ranging from 0.002 to 0.008. There was also significant spanwise stress, hinting at the three-dimensional nature of the boundary layer flow. The time–height variations of the stress and its spectrum proved to be complex, one of its most striking features being angles of up to ~40° between the direction of the stress and that of the low-frequency flow. The turbulent shear production and eddy viscosity were also examined. On the technical side, the paper discusses the role of the fifth, center-beam velocity measurements in correcting for instrument tilt along with the effect of beam spreading in the 30° Janus configuration of the “regular” four ADCP beams. Instrumental noise and detection limits for the stress are also established. ISSN: 0022-3670. URL: http://dx.doi.org/10.1175/JPO2939.1.

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were performed on core MD 85682 (10 degree 53’5N-52 degree 23’E, 3092 m depth, 7.23 m length), located close to the Socotra Island, beneath the 10 degree N gyre of the upwelling area of the Somali Basin (NW Indian Ocean), in order to reconstruct the paleoproductivity changes during the last 72 kyr. Correspondence and cluster analyses of combined planktonic foraminiferal and radiolarian quantitative data show that the distribution pattern of the microfauna is partly controlled by temperature and hydrographic structures and their interrelations on water mass fertility. The continuous occurrence of high abundances of foraminiferal species well known in fertile areas such as Globigerinita glutinata, Globigerina bulloides and Globigerina falconensis, as well as radiolarian species characteristic of upwelling systems, testifies to a sustained activity of the upwelling during the last 72 kyr. Downcore evolution of these biological proxies suggests an increase in paleoproductivity during isotope stages 1 and 3, which reflects a stronger upwelling activity during these periods. These observations are in agreement with the results previously obtained by geochemical markers such as biogenic barium, phosphorus, organic matter, and also trace elements related to the organic matter and indicators of redox conditions (vanadium). Samples from isotope stage 2 record a more complex biological and geochemical signature, resulting from increased terrigenous input. Comparison between the biological signatures obtained both under the Socotra (10 degree N) and Somali (5 degree N) upwelling areas indicates higher productivity throughout the last 72 kyr record of the Socotra upwelling system. In both areas, a similar evolution of biological proxies indicative of high fertility is observed during isotope stages 1 and 3. However, minor differences in the biological and geochemical signatures are related to local conditions prevailing beneath the two gyres. Database: ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts. ISSN: 0377-8398.


Pietsch, D. Structure- and Process-Related Indicators for Dry Tropical Soil Development, Socotra Island (Yemen). Descriptors: Calcification; Climatic changes; Degradation; Global warming; Greenhouse effect; Islands; Land use; Mapping; Resource management; Soil; Soil erosion; Soils; Stratigraphy; Tropical environment; Tropical environments; Water motion; Water wells; overgrazing; soil degradation; thinning; vegetation cover; Article Taxonomic Terms: Socotra; Article Geographic Terms: Arabian Sea; Yemen, Socotra. Abstract: Dry Tropical regions are pre-eminently suitable for the study of the polygenesis and degradation of layered soils, even more so if the land surface is concurrently influenced by a monsoonal climate. High rates of substrate relocation and an increasing aridity, as well as unsustainable land use practices like felling and overgrazing, cause the thinning of the vegetation cover and produce an ascendant water movement. Results are e.g. soil erosion and secondary calcification, leaving behind diverse patterns of regolith and soils. Both soil development and soil heterogeneity can be recorded using indicators of processes and structures. One example of a high soil variety concerning the polygenesis and degradation of layered soils occurs on the Island of Socotra, situated in the Arabian Sea. Investigation of soils in different relief positions, existing under different land use practices, showed not only various features of soil formation, but also distinct patterns of soil heterogeneity. In small areas of a few square kilometers non-calcareous regolith is distributed beside Haplic Cambisols, Calcic Cambisols and Hypercalcic Calcisols, and calcretes. Even at single locations different soil stratigraphies occur. The present structural indicators of soil heterogeneity (as rubefication patterns) are so far exclusively valid for Socotra. Process-related indicators for soil development (as secondary calcification) are, however, valid for the whole dry
Tropics, which emphasises the supra-regional significance of the approach to identify the layered, polyge-netic and degraded soils in the context of global warming. The presentation introduces the first soil data for Socotra, and is to be regarded as a first step in examining the recent soil development on this dry tropical island. The present approach considers that the soil degradation processes are not isolated phenomena, but are to be regarded as inevitable and important soil forming processes. The characterisation of the soils and their distribution is based on macro- and micro-morphological results as well as on lab and mapping data, from which structural and process-related indicators can be deduced. ISSN: 1029-7006. Database: ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts.

Pietsch, Dana, Kühn, Peter, Scholten, Thomas, Brunner, Ueli, Hitgen, Holger and Gerlach, Iris. 2010. “Holocene Soils and Sediments Around Ma‘rib Oasis, Yemen: Further Sabaean Treasures?” Holocene. Sage Publications, Ltd: 08. Volume 20, Issue 5, Pages 785-799. Descriptors: Soils -- Analysis; Volcanic ash, tuff, etc; Phosphates; Phytoliths; Data analysis; Pleistocene-Holocene boundary; Yemen (Republic); archaeopedology; Holocene palaeosols; Sabaean culture; Yemen. Abstract: The ancient cultures of Southern Arabia are increasingly recognised as playing a major role in the heritage of mankind as the early cultures of Egypt, Mesopotamia or the Indus Valley. The beginning of the widely known Sabaean culture dates back to the end of the second millennium BC. Whereas, undoubtedly, its wealth came mainly from the trade along the Incense Road, the backbone of its economy was irrigated agriculture. Since agriculture is based on soil and water resources and, hence, land availability, the buried soils and sediments of the area surrounding the Ma‘rib Oasis have been investigated, both as an archive of Holocene soil development in Pre-Sabaean times and as ‘natural treasures’, as, for example, ores or alabaster are defined. The natural buried Holocene soils around Ma‘rib are rich in phosphate, organic material and volcanic ashes. In a few places they demonstrate cultivation before the Great Dam of Ma‘rib was built in the first millennium BC. Most important are those soils that formed during the Neolithic between 8000 and 3000 BC, a time before the permanent settlement of humans in the Bronze Age, and before the arrival of those of the early Sabaean period at the Ar-Rub’ Al-Khali desert margin. Since the area surrounding the oasis shows a huge variety of landscapes, such as dune belts, volcanic fields with archaeological structures and different soils, it is worth accentuating the significance of Holocene soils as an important record or archive of land use. As well as classical soil analysis, AMS-14C-datings, the results of phytolith analysis and geochemistry, including XRF data, have been taken into consideration. ISSN: 0959-6836.


water in a more health-promoting, disease-preventing way. It includes instruction in all aspects of water collection, storage, use, and disposal; the use of clean water for feeding infants and general food preparation; desired bathing practices for all ages; and domestic cleanliness. The report provides guidance for project designers and implementers as well as for policy- and decision-makers in water supply and sanitation projects which should lead to both improved health and sustainable projects. Several such projects have had effective hygiene education components. These projects have been analyzed and the lessons learned presented in the report. Database: NTIS Database (National Technical Information Service). OCLC: 31792932.


Potts, Daniel T. 2008. “Asia, West Arabian Peninsula.” New York: Academic Press. Page(s): 827-834. Descriptors: Arabia archaeology; Bahrain; Kuwait; Oman; Prehistory; South Arabia; UAE; Yemen. Abstract: This chapter discusses human settlement in the Arabian
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penninsula from the Pleistocene to the 7th century AD. Emphasis is placed on environmental conditions, the development of material culture traditions, external ties to neighboring regions, socio-political development and the evolution of cultural complexity. All areas of the Arabian peninsula are included. ISBN: 978-0-12-373962-9.


Pringle, Heather. 1998. “Archaeology: Yemen’s Stonehenge Suggests Bronze Age Red Sea Culture.” Science. March 6. Volume 279, Issue 5356, Pages 1452-1453. Abstract: In research currently in press in the Proceedings of the Seminar for Arabian Studies, a research team presents preliminary evidence for a previously unstudied Bronze Age culture in coastal Yemen. The evidence includes the ruins of a circular prehistoric religious site, or henge, a cache of copper-alloy tools dated to between 2400 and 1900 B.C., and fragments of children's skeletons from what appear to be ceremonial burials. All this suggests a well-organized people living in an arid coastal plain once thought to have been almost empty at this time. DOI: 10.1126/science.279.5356.1452.

Purser, B. H. and Bosence, Dan W. J. 1998. Sedimentation and Tectonics in Rift Basins: Red Sea-Gulf of Aden. London; New York: Chapman & Hall. Page(s): 663. Descriptors: Rifts (Geology) -- Red Sea Region; Rifts (Geology) -- Aden, Gulf of.; Region; Sedimentation and deposition -- Red Sea; Sedimentation and deposition -- Aden, Golfe d’; Tectonique -- Mer Rouge; Tectonique -- Aden, Golfe d’; Riftsystem; Sedimentation; Tektonik; Aufsatzsammlung; Rotes Meer (Region); Golf von Aden; Internet resource. Abstract: Sedimentation and Tectonics in Rift Basins: Red Sea - Gulf of Aden presents new case studies and synthesises the results of recent research on the sedimentological evolution of the Red Sea - Gulf of Aden rift system. This rift basin is generally regarded as the best natural geological laboratory in the world in which to study the processes of rift formation. Uplift of the rift margins in an arid climate results in extensive three-dimensional exposures of pre- and syn-rift strata and associated structures. These serve as analogues for the understanding and hydrocarbon exploration of deeper buried rift-systems on continental margins such as the North Sea and the Atlantic margins. The Red Sea - Gulf of Aden rift is also exceptional in that its stratigraphy spans all stages from pre-rift environments, syn-rift continental to marine environments through the rift to drift transition to post-rift sea-floor spreading. The work is arranged in eight sections: following a review of the
sedimentology and stratigraphy of rift basins, the magmatism and structural evolution of the Red Sea - Gulf of Aden rift is reviewed. Subsequently, new case studies are presented of the early rifting environment, syn-rift sedimentation, tectonics and diagenesis, evaporites and salt tectonics. Post-rift sediments of the axial trough are then discussed along with studies of reefs, coastal zone and shelf sediments, and the tectonic geomorphology of the rift margin escarpment. This work results from extensive new research in the rift basin largely carried out under collaborative research projects by European and Middle Eastern geologists. It will be an invaluable reference work for geoscientists in the hydrocarbon, groundwater and mineral extraction industries, as well as for researchers in university departments of earth sciences, mining and physical geography. Notes: xiv; ill. (some color), maps; 29 cm. Note(s): Includes bibliographical references (p. [613]-652) and index. Responsibility: edited by Bruce H. Purser and Dan W.J. Bosence. ISBN: 0412734907; 9780412734908. LCCN: 97-69705. OCLC Accession Number: 39261639.


“Quick Takes: Action is Heating Up in Yemen...” 2002. Oil & Gas Journal. Volume 100, Issue 42, Pages 8. Abstract: A group led by DNO ASA found new pay in Tasour field on Block 32 in the Masila basin in a well extending the main field pay south into an area previously assumed to be below the oil-water contact. The structurally high Tasour 7 cut full oil columns in Cretaceous Qishn SIA sandstone and the unspecified new pay just below Qishn. The Tasour field, which went on production 11/3/2000, peaked at 12,500 bpd in February 2001 and averaged 8187 bpd in 2001. TransGlobe anticipates 7200 bpd in 2002, consistent with predicted natural declines. Qishn recovery factor utilized in 2001 was 45% compared with 20% assumed in 2000. Tasour 7 is forecast to increase the field’s reserves. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 0030-1388.

Rahman, Atiur. 1992. Calcareous Nannofossils in the Jurassic and Neogene: Applications in Biostratigraphy and Paleoceanography. United States -- Utah: The University of Utah. 235 pages. Abstract: Calcareous nannofossils were studied by light and scanning electron microscopy in Neogene and Jurassic samples from three Deep Sea Drilling Project Sites in the Gulf of Aden (231, 232) and in the western North Atlantic (534), four Ocean Drilling Program Sites (794, 795, 796, 797) in the Japan Sea, and from the European Platform. Nannofossils in the Gulf of Aden reflect paleoceanographic changes. The surface water was relatively cold during 10.7 to 6.32 Ma, which is attributed to increased upwelling in the northwestern Indian Ocean, and relatively warm from 6.32 to 2.59 Ma. The most intense cooling took place during 2.59 to 1.69 Ma. Intense upwelling during this interval is coincident with global climatic deterioration. The surface water was cold from 1.59 to 1.00 Ma and from 0.61 to 0.24 Ma, and warm from 1.00 to 0.61 Ma and after 0.24 Ma. Seven zones and two subzones ranging from Holocene to Miocene were recognized in the Japan Sea. A diverse assemblage with warm-water taxa in the upper part of lower Miocene to the lower part of the middle Miocene suggests a relatively warm and stable surface water condition, attributed to an increased supply of warm water from the subtropical western Pacific. The oldest zone at Site 797 ranges between 18.4 and 15.7 Ma, which predates the rotation of southwest Japan, and suggests that at least the Yamato Basin was formed before this rotation and that the latter cannot be attributed the initial opening of the Japan Sea as some workers did previously. The study of nannofossils in Callovian to Tithonian strata allowed calibration of nannofossil events with ammonite stratigraphy, and testing and revision of the Jurassic nannofossil biostratigraphy. Twenty-one nannofossil events including three new events, seven zones, and eight subzones are recognized. Four new zones and three new subzones are proposed and described; two zones in the Callovian, two zones and four subzones in the uppermost Callovian to basal Tithonian. The new events and zones increased the biostratigraphic resolution and allowed revision of the previous age assignments of the major lithostratigraphic units at Site 534. Notes: The University of Utah; Ph.D. Database: ProQuest Dissertations & Theses. OCLC: 26100543.

Raja’a, Y. A., Al-Ashwal, M. Y. and Al-Ghaili, A. A. 2001. “The Quality of Partially Treated Drinking-Water Produced in Sana’a City.” East. Mediterr. Health J. Volume 7, Issue 1-2, Pages 247-254. Abstract: We assessed the quality of partially treated drinking water in 30 private establishments in Sana’a City, Republic of Yemen. We also compared the assessed water with the quality of 43 private wells and 18 estate wells. Microbiological examinations showed that 83% of the samples were contaminated; 50% with fecal coliforms and 33% with total coliforms. Concentration of mineral exceeded nominal values in 7% of the samples for nitrates, 10% for iron salts and in 20% of the samples for fluorides. In 33% of the samples, fluoride concentrations were lower than normal. Only 16.7% of the samples were found microbiologically and chemically potable. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 1020-3397.

Methods: Out of a total number of 897 pupils, 453 were randomly selected from AlMahweet town and 444 from rural surrounding areas. Millipore filtration, modified Kato and precipitation techniques were applied for urine and stool analysis. Results: Prevalence rates were 27% for schistosomosis, 61% for ascariosis, 21% for trichuriosis, 2% for fascilosis, 0.3% for entrobiosis, 0.7% for hook worm infection and 0.2% for strongloydiosis. Factors found confounding the relationship between schistosomosis and residence, under logistic regression analysis, were sex and frequency of water contact. Probability of infection by Bilharzia for boys who reside in rural AlMahweet and visit the water source is 0.52, compared to 0.30 for their mates who reside in AlMahweet town. Odds ratio estimates accounted for via residence was 2.5, via water contact 1.7 and via boys 3.2. With regards to other helminthic infections, availability of latrines remained the only significant factor under ANOVA. Conclusion: In conclusion, annual campaigns for treatment as a single control measure can reduce the infection rate of S. mansoni by 62.5%, T. trichura by 48% and A. lumbricoides by 24%. Whereas for S. hematobium the appropriate time interval for intervention should be shortened according to the findings of a properly designed intervention study before used as a single control measure. Since 77% of the children were infected by other helminthes, therefore mass treatment should be extended to cover all children. For those boys in rural AlMahweet who visited the water source during the week before the interview, mass treatment for schistosomosis is recommended since the prediction of infection rate reached 52%. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 0379-5284.

Rampen, SW, Schouten, S., Koning, E., Brummer, GJA and Sinninghe Damste, JS. 2008. “A 90 Kyr Upwelling Record from the Northwestern Indian Ocean using a Novel Long-Chain Diol Index.” Earth Planet. Sci. Lett. 30 Nov. Volume 276, Issue 1-2, Pages 207-213. Descriptors: Article Subject Terms: Fossil Foraminifera; Holocene; Late Glacial Maximum; Marine sediment cores; Monsoons; Ocean circulation; Ocean floor; Organic carbon in seawater; Palaeoceanography; Palaeotemperature; Paleoceanography; Primary production; Southwest monsoon; Temperature trends; Upwelling; Article Taxonomic Terms: Bacillariophyceae; Socotra; Article Geographic Terms: Arabian Sea; Arabian Sea, Somali Basin; Indian Ocean; Somalia; Yemen, Socotra; Marine. Notes: TR: CS0913398. Abstract: Presently, upwelling is of major importance for driving primary productivity in the Arabian Sea but its intensity in the past is not well constrained. Here we used long-chain 1,14-alkane diols, specific lipids of diatoms of the genus Proboscia, as new proxies to reconstruct upwelling conditions in the Arabian Sea. Variations in the seasonal lipid fluxes were determined using sediment traps in the Somalia upwelling system deployed 80 km off the coast on the Somali continental slope (NIOP 905, 10 super(o)45.444'N / 51 super(o)56.655'E) at 1265 m water depth, 268 m above the sea floor and 270 km off the coast in the deep Somali Basin south of Socotra (NIOP 915, 10 super(o)43.068'N / 53 super(o)34.422'E), at 3047 m depth, 1000 m above the sea floor. Highest fluxes of C sub(2) sub(8) and C sub(3) sub(0) 1,14-diols (up to almost 600 approximately equal to g m super(-) super(2) day super(-) super(1)) were only observed during nutricline shoaling at the onset of the Southwest monsoon (SWM), prior to massive upwelling. By contrast, fluxes of C sub(3) sub(0) 1,15-diols, derived from as yet undefined biological sources, only increased marginally during the SWM and also during the Northeast monsoon (NEM), when, instead of upwelling, enhanced vertical mixing led to a second productivity pulse. Sediment core NIOP 905 taken at the continental slope site showed strong fluctuations in relative concentrations of long-chain 1,14- and 1,15-diols with time, which we quantified as the summed concentrations of C sub(2) sub(8) and C sub(3) sub(0) 1,14-diols divided by the summed concentrations of C sub(2) sub(8) and C sub(3) sub(0) 1,14-diols and C sub(3) sub(0) 1,15-diols. This diol index follows the same trend
as other upwelling intensity records from the Arabian Sea that are based on sea surface
temperature reconstructions, organic carbon content, barium/aluminium ratios, and abundance
and stable isotope composition of specific foraminiferal species. The diol index was relatively
high during the Holocene (ca. 0.7) but much lower during the Late Glacial Maximum (ca. 0.2). It
was generally low during the last Glacial but elevated values were found during the first half of
marine isotope stage 3 (between 60 and similar to 45 ka) and at the end of marine isotope stage
5.1 (approximately 80 ka), suggesting intensified glacial upwelling. Our data shows that long
chain diols are suitable proxies to reconstruct past upwelling intensities in the Arabian Sea.

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maritime violence in the contemporary era and the principal dangers associated with this
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appropriateness of the measures that have been instituted to deal with armed maritime violence
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If one were to survey the full range of Soviet clients in the Third World in the mid-1980s and
contrast them with those of a generation earlier, say in the mid-1960s, perhaps the single most
salient difference that emerges is the proliferation of regimes claiming Marxism-Leninism as
their governing ideology. In the earlier period there were only three: North Vietnam, North
Korea, and Cuba. Moscow’s other major Third World clients at that time were a heterogeneous
collection of left-leaning states like Egypt under Nasser, Syria, India, Indonesia, Mali, Ghana,
and the like. Each one professed a vaguely socialist ideology tailored to the country’s specific
national and cultural traditions, maintained an equally vague non-aligned and anti-imperialist
foreign policy, and disavowed any adherence to orthodox Marxist-Leninist principles. Twenty
years later, by contrast, the three Communist regimes had not only survived (and in case of
Vietnam substantially expanded), but were joined by at least six others: Afghanistan, the
People’s Democratic Republic of Yemen (PDRY), Angola, Mozambique, Ethiopia, and
Nicaragua. In this report we analyze the similarities of the six new Marxist-Leninist regimes
more closely in terms of four categories--internal structure, foreign policy, military policy, and
internal opposition, and conclude with some observations about their place in the Third World
more broadly. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. DTIC
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the People’s Democratic Republic of Yemen: Internal Vulnerabilities and Regional Challenges.”
Abstract: Since its independence in 1967, the People’s Democratic Republic of Yemen (PDRY)
has posed various challenges to the conservative pro-Western states of the Arabian penninsula,
and thus indirectly to the United States. This Note describes the evolution of the PDRY’s internal
political and economic situation and discusses its relations with other states in the region and with the Soviet Union. It also discusses potential changes in the PDRY’s relationships with the Soviet Union and with the conservative Arab states and analyzes various U.S. options in relation to the PDRY. The United States can play a background role: U.S. policies that enhance the conservative Arab states’ sense of security will contribute to greater rigor in their dealings with the PDRY. In addition to strengthening the PDRY’s neighbors, the United States might, in the proper circumstances, consider playing a subsidiary role in the South Arabian detente itself.

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flow approximation is not applicable. Another limitation of the model is that, when the upper zone is unconfined, it is not possible to distinguish between the unconfined response at the water table and the confined response below the water table. Despite these limitations, the model presents a more realistic representation of the actual field conditions than many of the techniques currently used for pumping test analysis. Database: Water Resources Abstracts. ISSN: 0017-467X.

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dates; geochemistry; glacial environment; high-resolution methods; Indian Ocean; interglacial environment; isotope ratios; isotopes; monsoons; Moomi Cave; O-18/O-16; oxygen; paleoclimatology; paleoecology; Quaternary; rainfall; Socotra Island; solution features; speleothems; stable isotopes; stalagmites; Th/U; upper Quaternary; vegetation; Yemen. Abstract: A high-resolution speleothem record from the Indian Ocean yields oxygen and carbon isotope ratios that can be used to reconstruct variations in the East African-Indian Monsoon system. A stalagmite (M1-4) was taken from Moomi Cave on Socotra Island off the coast of Yemen. Annual rainfall on the island is convective activity associated with the migratory patterns of the inter-tropical convergence zone (ITCZ). Ages were determined using (super 234) U/ (super 230) Th dating techniques, and a preliminary age model indicates speleothem growth from approximately 10.5 to 35 ky BP. More than 1000 C and O stable isotope measurements allow a detailed reconstruction of climate for this period. Oxygen isotope values range from approximately -4 to +2 per mil and carbon isotope values range from about -10 to 0 per mil (both vs VPDB). The oxygen isotopes in this system express primarily the isotopic composition of rainfall and to a lesser extent cave temperature, with delta (super 18) O values being inversely related to the amount of precipitation. The most negative values are found during the Holocene, with generally lower values indicating a drier climate during the last glacial. The oxygen isotopes show a millennial-scale pattern of variation that is similar, but not identical to the Greenland ice cores. D/O events are of lesser magnitude in the stalagmite. The carbon isotopes display several sharp rapid increases to values of near 0 per mil against a more steady background of much negative values of -8 to -10. Carbon isotope fluctuations are often thought to express vegetation changes from C (sub 3) (forest) to C (sub 4) (grassland) plants however, we interpret the least negative carbon isotope values to represent periods of extreme drought and near lack of vegetation when dissolved carbon input to the groundwater was primarily from the atmosphere. Database: GeoRef. ISSN: 0016-7592.
acceptable to them. However, the following additional conditions need to be met for making the option viable: (a) a set-aside allocation is made for lifeline supplies for the poor; (b) the water law provides for separation of water rights from land rights; and (c) community organizations are involved as co-managers of the region’s water resources. ISSN: 0165-0203. URL: http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/1477-8947.00010.

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stratigraphy in the sampling region and represents five polarity zones that are correlated to the geomagnetic polarity time scale based on 40Ar / 39Ar ages from this and previous studies. The resulting magnetostratigraphy is similar to that of the conjugate margin in Ethiopia. The earliest basaltic volcanism took place in a reverse polarity chron that appears to correspond to C11r, while the massive rhyolitic ignimbrite eruptions correlated to ash layers in Oligocene Indian Ocean sediment 2700 km away from the Afro-Arabian traps, appear to have taken place during magnetochron C11n. The youngest ignimbrite was emplaced during magnetochron C9n. Both 40Ar / 39Ar and paleomagnetic data suggest rapid < 1 Ma eruption of the basal basalt units and punctuated eruption of the upper silicic units over a duration potentially as long as 3 Ma with interspersed eruptive hiatuses. Eruption of the basal basalts may have preceded the Oi2 cooling event. The paleomagnetic pole $\lambda = 74.2^\circ$N, $\phi = 249.1^\circ$E (A95 = 3.6°; N = 48) is supported by a positive reversal test. Paleosecular variation, estimated as the angular standard deviation of the VGP distribution $14.2^\circ \pm 2.3^\circ / -1.7^\circ$, is close to expected, suggesting that the paleomagnetic pole represents a time-averaged field. The pole is in excellent accord with the paleomagnetic poles obtained from the Ethiopian part of the Afro-Arabian province, after closure of the Red Sea. By analyzing Afro-Arabian paleomagnetic data in conjunction with contemporaneous paleomagnetic poles available from different latitudes we argue that the Oligocene paleomagnetic field was dominated by the axial dipole with insignificant non-dipole field contributions. ISSN: 0012-821X.

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were also fed northwards into the rift basin from a marginal rift high to the south, the Aquabat Horst. In addition, carbonate was redeposited eastwards within channels into deeper water. In the southwest, the extension of the Aquabat Horst is marked by a zone of E-W trending coastal fault blocks stepping down into deep water. Following partial infill, the Ashawq Graben was cut by NE-SW trending normal faults, correlated with the landward projection of a major oceanic fracture zone (Alula-Fartak Fracture Zone). This faulting coincided with the onset of sea-floor spreading in the eastern Gulf of Aden around middle Burdigalian time (ca. 18-19 Ma). Associated flexural deformation of the continental margin gave rise to a prominent break-up unconformity and development of a major fault escarpment bordering the coastal plain. The rift basin itself was uplifted by ca. 400 m, whereas its northern flank was upfaulted by around 1500 m. Tertiary and older units were eroded during the early Miocene, giving rise to shallow marine clastics, consisting mainly of limestone conglomerates. Erosion continued after marine regression and red alluvial conglomerates accumulated on the coastal plain during the Pliocene (N’ar formation). Fluvial downcutting continued during the Quaternary in a tectonically quiescent post-rift setting. Despite the oblique spreading of the Gulf of Aden, the rift morphology in Dhofar is more akin to orthogonally rifted (Atlantic-type) margins than to strike-slip dominated rifts, as most structures show evidence of dominantly normal faulting. Database: GeoRef. ISBN: 2856535283.


Root, Kristi and Papakos, Tatiana H. 2010. Hydrologic Analysis of Flash Floods in Sana’a, Yemen. ASCE. ASCE Conf. Proc. Volume: 394, 41143, page(s): 112. Conference: August 23, 2010. Descriptors: Hydrologic aspects; Flash floods; Middle East. Abstract: Floods, especially flash floods, have killed many people in Sana’a in the past years. The urban development of Sana’a, the capital of Yemen, has led to an increase in flood hazards due to rapid changes in existing landuse to impervious surfaces and the presence of increased population and buildings in flood prone areas. A comprehensive hydrologic analysis of the Sana’a Basin was conducted using GIS for pre- and post-processing of large datasets, HEC-SSP for rainfall frequency analysis and HEC-HMS for hydrologic modeling. This analysis identified the basin characteristics, estimated rainfall distributions, depth, and frequencies, and developed flows for different storm frequency events to be used in hydraulic modeling and floodplain mapping of Sana’a floods. Significant challenges were addressed during the modeling process including: limited historical flood data, short historical rainfall records, non-standard hydrologic input data, poorly understood local hydrology, and major changes in the landuse from rapid urbanization. Based on the results of the hydrologic analysis and further hydraulic modeling, the floodplains were effectively mapped along Sana’a major stormwater channel and the Sana’a flood hazard areas were identified for extreme storm events. This information is being used to support a natural disaster risk evaluation for Sana’a. ISBN: 978-0-7844-1143-8. URL: http://link.aip.org/link/?ASC/394/112/1.
Root, Kristi and Papakos, Tatiana H. 2010. Flooding Impacts and Modeling Challenges of Tropical Storms in Eastern Yemen. ASCE. ASCE Conf. Proc.Volume: 371, 41114, page(s): 206. Conference: May 16, 2010. Descriptors: Storms; Middle East; Flash floods. Abstract: Most of Yemen is located in an arid climate with convective storms that produce flash floods and cause significant damage. A Tropical Storm landed in the eastern part of Yemen between October 23 and 25 of 2008 causing severe destruction and leaving thousands without their homes or livelihoods. A probabilistic risk assessment project, funded by the World Bank, Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Reconstruction (GFDRR), was conducted for Hadramout and Al-Mahra governorates to (1) determine the extent and depth of flood risks in these governorates and (2) develop recommendations for the recovery and reconstruction of these areas to reduce devastation from future flood events. As a result of this Tropical Storm, the Government declared Hadramout and Al-Mahra governorates as disaster areas. Nearly 6,600 homes and huts in these two governorates sustained total or significant damage, leaving 25,000 people in need of shelter. Flooding was reported to have claimed 73 lives, left 17 people missing, and injured many others. The flooding not only damaged homes but also had a devastating effect on agricultural land. It is believed that nearly 50 percent of the population of the affected areas had their livelihoods destroyed or substantially damaged. A flood hazard analysis was performed to recreate the Tropical Storm of 2008 and to determine the extent and depth of flooding for the 100-year flood frequency event. Hydrologic modeling analysis performed with HEC-HMS software was used to process precipitation data, identify basin characteristics, and simulate the design flows produced by the Hadramout and Al-Mahra river basins. Hydraulic modeling performed with HEC-RAS software used the design flows and geometry data to model the stream conveyance. HEC-GeoHMS and HEC-GeoRAS were used in the pre- and post-processing efforts to expedite the parameter inputs and mapping process. Many challenges were addressed during the modeling processes. Specifically, there was limited historical data that could be used in the flood model developments. In addition, a high resolution digital elevation model (DEM) was not available for use in the hydrologic and hydraulic model. Finally, only a limited number of high water levels and flood extents were obtained after Tropical Storm 03B to be used in the calibration process. These challenges were overcome and floodplain maps were developed along the major waterways of the Hadramout and Al-Mahra governorates. These maps are being used to determine the areas prone to flooding and will be used to make recommendations in the rebuilding of roads, buildings in populated areas, agricultural lands, and flood control structures. ISBN: 978-0-7844-1114-8.

Roselló, E., Morales, A. and Popov, S. V. 2005. “A Preliminary Survey of the Late Stone Age Faunas from Gihayu (Khor Umayra Lagoon, Republic of Yemen).” Archaeofauna. Volume 14, Pages 253-265. Descriptors: 5th-4th millennium B.C; Fauna; Fish; Fishing; Late stone age; Molluscs; Shellfish gathering; Sub-sistence; Yemen. Abstract: An overview of the fauna assemblage retrieved during preliminary excavations of the Neolithic site of Gihayu is presented. The analysis, the first of its kind carried out on a site from Yemen, reveals a series of similarities and differences with contemporaneous sites in Ornan on the eastern comer of the Arabian Sea. Within the former, a heavy reliance on marine resources is noted that testifies both to the collecting of shellfish along an open shore as well as the fishing of large pelagics in the open sea. The differences relate to the exploitation of molluscs along the shore rather than in lagoons or mangroves as appears to be the case in Ornan. They may also reflect phenomena not so straightforwardly related to the availability of certain biotopes. Among these an apparent dominance of carangids (jacks) over scombrids (tunas) could be taken to indicate a less seasonal
focused fishery a hypothesis that will require verification once systematically sieved samples become available. Database: SCOPUS. ISSN: 1132-6891.

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Rushton, K. R. 2006. “Significance of a Seepage Face on Flows to Wells in Unconfined Aquifers.” Quarterly Journal of Engineering Geology and Hydrogeology. Geological Society of London, London, UK. 01 Nov. Volume 39, Issue 4, Pages 323-331. Descriptors: Aden Yemen; aquifers; Arabian Peninsula; Asia; case studies; discharge; drawdown; elevation; England; equations; Europe; finite difference analysis; Great Britain; ground water; hydraulic conductivity; numerical models; pressuremeters; pump tests; pumping; River Wye; seepage; simulation; unconfined aquifers; United Kingdom; Wadi Bana; water table; water wells; Western Europe; Yazor Gravels; Yemen. References: 23; illus. Abstract: When pumping occurs from a well in an unconfined aquifer, a seepage face develops between the elevation where water table intercepts the well face and the water level in the well. The existence of a seepage face often leads to well yields which are less than values determined by conventional analysis. Using numerical models to represent the two-dimensional flow through an aquifer to a well bore, the distribution of inflows at the well face are determined; flows per unit depth (incremental flows) from the seepage face are normally less than those into the water column. Two case studies are examined; numerical model simulations show that as the pumping rate is increased and the water level in the well falls, incremental flows from the seepage face into the well bore are unchanged, although incremental flows into the water column do increase. When pumping ceases from a well with a significant seepage face, rapid recovery of the well water level occurs, this allows estimates to be made of water table elevations at a pumping station; the methodology is illustrated by a field example. Database: GeoRef. ISSN: 1470-9236. URL: http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/geol/qjeg;jsessionid=689vr8rgi4.victoria?
Saad, MA. 1992. “Observations of Benthic Fauna of the South Yemeni Coastal Waters.” J. Mar. Biol. Assoc. India. Volume 34, Issue 1-2, Pages 171-178. Descriptors: correlation; mud; samples; sediments; zoobenthos; Article Taxonomic Terms: Crustacea; Echinodermata; Mollusca; Nematoda; Nemertea; Polychaeta; Article Geographic Terms: Yemen; Marine. Notes: TR: DP9400040. Abstract: Analyses of the benthic samples collected from the coastal water between Ras A1 Ara and Ras Fartak and around Socotra showed that numerically Polychaeta was the most abundant group (54.6%) in the benthic fauna with 3553 n/m super(3), followed by Crustacea (36.2%) with predominance of amphipods isopods, decapods, cumaceans and tanaidaceans. Echinoderms contributed to 7.2%, though absent at several stations. Other benthic communities recorded were molluscs (0.5%), nematodes and nemertines (1%). About 50% of the benthic fauna collected were from Ras A1 Ara and Aden, the minimum being from A1 Kalb (4.4%). While Polychaeta exhibited a direct correlation with the mud content of the sediment, the relationship of Crustacea was negative. Database: ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts. ISSN: 0025-3146.

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Al-Sayyadah area due to the discharge of wastewater directly to the Mitm valley. Therefore, a leachate collection pond should be build to collect and treat the leachate to prevent further contamination as well as build more sanitary landfill facilities in Al-Sahool area to prevent further contamination. An additional wastewater treatment plant at Mitm area is highly recommended to prevent further contamination to surface and groundwater. Database: Water Resources Abstracts. ISSN: 1089-3032.

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addition to the contribution from the government of Yemen. The main principles of the reform agenda are these: the separation of the executive from the regulatory functions; decentralization of service provision and corporatization through the establishment of autonomous WSS corporations; the establishment of a regulatory agency; capacity building and human resources development; and public-private partnership (PPP). This paper gives a summary of what has been achieved in the implementation of the reform agenda in general and concentrates on the pilot case of the first PPP initiative in Sana’a, the capital of Yemen. The paper takes us through the stages of PPP option study right through to the preparation of the request for proposals, which was completed in August 2002. ISSN: 0790-0627. URL: http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/0790062032000089275.

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of antibodies to measles and rubella was tested in sera collected from 1368 subjects in urban and rural Sana’a. Overall, 11.7% had no antibodies to measles and 14.6% had no antibodies to rubella, despite the fact that measles but not rubella vaccine is included in the vaccination program in Yemen. Of 89 children <5 years of age 49 (55.1%) had no detectable antibodies to measles, demonstrating that supplementary measles immunization campaigns are required to prevent virus circulation. Assessment of measles immune status among infants in the first year of life is required to determine the optimum age for measles vaccination. Rubella vaccination should be considered with care in Yemen. ISSN: 0264-410X.

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with evidence from other paleoclimate proxies in eastern Africa, the Arabian Sea, western India, and elsewhere in southern Arabia, that indicate increased moisture availability from about 10,000 to 5,000 years ago. In our study area, increased precipitation contributed to enhanced meteoric recharge of shallow aquifers discharging as springs, which served as point-sources for tufa formation. More active spring discharge led to the formation of expansive marsh and wetland environments, which are indicated by organic-rich lacustrine sediments grading from the tufa mounds to the wadi center. Fossil aquatic gastropods and plant impressions are abundant in the tufa sediments, providing additional evidence for the extensive riparian environment adjacent to the spring sources. Radiocarbon age estimates determined on charcoal recovered from sand lenses within the tufa deposits are correlated with periods of more extensive human occupation in the region, as documented by the RASA (Roots of Agriculture in Southern Arabia) team. Evidence suggests that early farmers may have been exploiting water resources discharging from these fossil springs during the mid-Holocene humid phase. Subsequent aridification has led to abandonment of agricultural subsistence and return to pastoralism in much of the region.

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Statistically significant increased OR (95% CI) of OL were (a) 6.91 (2.66–17.95) for an average duration of the respective shammah application >5 min. (b) 4.90 (1.99–12.08) for a daily frequency of those applications >10; and (c) 4.22 (1.43–12.43) for a daily duration >6 h of chewing qat, also a traditional habit in Yemen. Likewise, decreased OR were (a) 0.39 (0.18–0.85) for rinsing the mouth after the shammah application; (b) 0.36 (0.17–0.78) for successful attempts to stop the use in the past; and (c) 0.26 (0.09–0.72) for existing knowledge about the carcinogenicity of shammah that was present in only 19% overall. In conclusion, evidence was shown for a significant association between the prevalence of OL and the daily duration of shammah application in a dose-dependent manner. An appropriate public health program might help to reduce this potential OSCC burden in shammah users.

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Circulation; Translations. Abstract: The paper is based on data collected during a 3-year period by Vladimir Vorob’yev (1961-1964) along a cross section at the northeastern limit of Bab el Mandeb (Strait). Indirect methods permitted definition of sharp seasonal intensity variations of deep water flowing from the Red Sea into the Gulf of Aden, as well as the causes of these variations. Thermohaline and hydrochemical properties of Red Sea water change during the year in proportion to the degree of transformation of the water in Bab el Mandeb (Strait). (Modified author abstract). Notes: 11 p. Note(s): Translation of Okeanologicheskie Issledovaniya (USSR) n19 p195-200 1968, by V. Astvazaturov. Report: NOO-Trans-546; General Info: APPROVED FOR PUBLIC RELEASE. OCLC Accession Number: 227533130.


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crystallization of ol {+/-} cpx {+/-} plag and rare samples have assimilated up to 20% of Late Proterozoic crust en route to the surface. However, there are subtle Sr-Nd-Pb isotopic variations (87Sr/86Sr = 0.70305-0.70377, 143Nd/144Nd = 0.51297-0.51285, 206Pb/204Pb = 18-19), which exhibit marked correlations with major elements, incompatible trace element ratios and abundances in relatively primitive basalts (MgO >8 wt %), and cannot be explained by fractional crystallization and crustal contamination alone. Instead, the data require polybaric melting of heterogeneous sources. Semi-quantitative melt modelling suggests that this heterogeneity is the result of small degree melts (2-5%) from spinel- and garnet-facies mantle, inferred to be shallow Arabian lithosphere, that mixed with smaller degree melts (<1%) from a predominantly deep garnet-bearing asthenospheric source with ocean island basalt characteristics. The latter may be a ubiquitous part of the asthenosphere but is preferentially tapped at small degrees of partial melting. Volcanism in Jordan appears to be the result of melting lithospheric mantle in response to lithospheric extension. With time, thinning of the lithosphere allowed progressively deeper mantle (asthenosphere?) to be activated and melts from this to mix with the shallower lithospheric mantle melts. Although Jordanian intraplate volcanism is isotopically similar to examples of Late Cenozoic volcanism throughout the Arabian peninsula (Israel, Saudi Arabia), subtle chemical and isotopic differences between Yemen and Jordan intraplate volcanism suggest that the Afar plume has not been channelled northwestwards beneath the Arabian plate and played no role in producing the northern Saudi Arabian and Jordan intraplate volcanic fields.
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countries. Acquisition programmes may give preference to projects from host countries not traditionally represented in the pool of attractive CDM destinations. ISSN: 1462-9011.

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designs now ready for tender for applications in Aden and Seiyun, P. D. R. Yemen are provided. Conclusions are drawn regarding the future potential of pond treatment for disposal of waste water for re-use in irrigation. ISSN: 0273-1223.


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“Stalagmite shows Climate Changes.” 2003. Global Environmental Change Report. 11. Volume 15, Issue 12, Pages 8-9. Descriptors: Stalactites & stalagmites; Climatic changes; Universities & colleges; Ice; Yemen (Republic); United States; Greenland; Indian Ocean. Abstract: This article cites a study on stalagmite from Socrata Island, Yemen, in the Indian Ocean to determine climate changes by researchers from various universities of the United States. The study reveals precipitation patterns similar to the patterns observed in a previous study of ice cores from Greenland. The results from the Socrata Island research were able to confirm the findings of rapid climate changes estimated from the Greenland ice cores. The correlation between the Indian Ocean’s hydrological cycle and temperatures of high latitudes showed that when there was cooling in the high latitudes, a decrease in precipitation was observed in the Indian Ocean. ISSN: 1049-9083.


Steenbergen, Frank. 2006. “Promoting Local Management in Groundwater.” Hydrogeol. J. Springer-Verlag. Mar. Volume 14, Issue 3, Pages 380-391. Descriptors: Article Subject Terms: Costs; Geohydrology; Groundwater; Groundwater Management; Local Governments; Monitoring; Planning; Regulations; Training; Article Geographic Terms: India; Pakistan; Yemen. Abstract: There is a strong case for making greater effort to promote local groundwater
management-in addition to other measures that regulate groundwater use. Though scattered, there are several examples—from India, Pakistan, Yemen and Egypt—where groundwater users effectively self-imposed restrictions on the use of groundwater. There are a number of recurrent themes in such spontaneously-developed examples of local regulation: the importance of not excluding potential users; the importance of simple, low transaction cost rules; the power of correct and accessible hydrogeological information; the possibility of making more use of demand and supply management strategies; and the important supportive role of local governments. The case is made, using examples, for actively promoting local groundwater management as an important element in balancing groundwater uses. Two programmes for promoting local groundwater management in South India are described—one focussing on participatory hydrological monitoring, and one focussing on micro-resource planning and training. In both cases the response was very positive and the conclusion is that promoting local groundwater regulation is not difficult, costly or sensitive and can reach the necessary scale quickly. Database: Water Resources Abstracts. ISSN: 1435-0157.

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Jurassic; kerogen; Lam Formation; Lower Cretaceous; Marib-Jawf Basin; maturity; Meem
Formation; Mesozoic; migration; natural gas; normal faults; organic carbon; organic compounds;
organic materials; permeability; petroleum; porosity; reservoir rocks; sandstone; sedimentary
rocks; source rocks; structural traps; thickness; traps; Upper Jurassic; Yemen. Database: GeoRef.
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Science (General); Public Health and Health Policy; Food Science; Management, Monitoring,
Policy and Law; Water Science and Technology. Abstract: In today’s chemically dependent
society, environmental studies demonstrate that drinking water in developed countries contains
numerous industrial chemicals, pesticides, pharmaceuticals and chemicals from water treatment
processes. This poses a real threat. As a result of the ever-expanding list of chemical and
biochemical products industry, current drinking water standards that serve to preserve our
drinking water quality are grossly out of date. Environmental Science of Drinking Water
demonstrates why we need to make a fundamental change in our approach toward protecting our
drinking water. Factual and circumstantial evidence showing the failure of current drinking water
standards to adequately protect human health is presented along with analysis of the extent of
pollution in our water resources and drinking water. The authors also present detail of the
currently available state-of-the-art technologies which, if fully employed, can move us toward a
healthier future.* Addresses the international problems of outdated standards and the
overwhelming onslaught of new contaminants. * Includes new monitoring data on non-regulated
chemicals in water sources and drinking water.* Includes a summary of different bottled waters
as well as consumer water purification technologies. ISBN: 0750678763.

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Technical Exhibition - European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers. European
Association of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE), International. Volume 58, Descriptors:
Arabian Peninsula; Asia; case studies; electrical conductivity; electromagnetic methods;
electromagnetic waves; frequency; frequency sounding; geophysical methods; geophysical
surveys; layered materials; mathematical models; petroleum; petroleum exploration;
polarization; salt domes; surveys; transient methods; Yemen. Database: GeoRef. ISBN:
907378107X.

Med. Volume 28, Issue 4, Pages 381-388. Descriptors: Middle East; Yemen; folk illness;
medical anthropology. Abstract: Sudden fright, ‘fijac’, has played an important role in the
traditional explanatory models of illness experiences in highland Yemen. Fijac is quite similar to
other examples of the fright illness taxon in that it is a folk-illness category that is attributed to a
wide variety of underlying conditions. It is argued that given the extremely labile
symptomatology, fijac, like other examples of the fright illness taxon, does not constitute a
culture-bound psychiatric syndrome. Based on analysis of case studies and preliminary survey
data, fijac appears to be much more common among folk etiologies offered by Yemeni women
than men. It is suggested that this social profile might be explained by changes in the distribution
of medical knowledge in Yemen. With the rapid rate of social change and the increased exposure
to cosmopolitan medicine resulting from internal development of cosmopolitan health care and
international labor migration, men have supplemented their traditional explanatory models with
alternatives drawn from cosmopolitan medicine. Succumbing to illness as a result of fright is contradictory to the male ideal of the courageous tribesman; alternative explanatory models that do not challenge this ideal self predominate. By contrast, the Yemeni value system defines women and children as vulnerable and weak; therefore, being subject to the impact of fright is consistent with youth and the cultural definition of the female self. ISSN: 0277-9536.


Abstract: Intended as a key to current work in agriculture in Yemen, this bibliography cites more than 520 resources produced since 1963 including monographs, journal articles, theses and dissertations, conference papers, case studies, reports, proposals, surveys, bibliographies, and United Nations publications. Foreign language materials in German, French, and Russian are included. Listed alphabetically by authors, the entries provide, when applicable, title, date and place of publication, publisher, volume number, and pagination. A detailed subject index cross references materials to author and page of the entry. The 28 index subject categories and number of entries under each are agriculture--beekeeping (4); agriculture--coffee (9); agriculture--cotton (5); agriculture--fisheries (1); agriculture--forestry (12); agriculture--grapes (3); agriculture--horticulture (6); agriculture--Qat (16); agriculture--appropriate technology (3); animal production (24); bibliographies (1); botany--general (29); botany--historical (13); climatology (8); crops (25); cultural background (47); economic development (52); agricultural education and extension (30); entomology and plant protection (35); agricultural history (12); management and administration studies (8); marketing studies (21); population (6); soils (24); statistics (3); survey and community studies (49); water resources (46); and women and development (21). OCLC: 425421707.


Abstract: Concentrations of Cd, Pb, Zn, Cu, Ni, Co, Cr, Mn and Fe in the soft tissue of Turbo coronatus, Acanthopleura haddoni, Ostrea cucullata and Pitar sp., as well as in associated surface sediments (bulk and bioavailable metal concentrations) from the Gulf of Aden, Yemen, were determined by atomic absorption spectrophotometry method. Large differences between size-classes of molluscs in metal concentrations were recorded. Significant spatial differences in metal concentrations in both the soft tissue of the molluscs and associated sediments studied were mostly identified. Statistically significant correlations (p<0.01) between concentrations of selected metals were observed. A slope of the linear regression is significantly higher than unity for Fe (9.91) and Cd (3.45) in A. haddoni and for Ni (4.15) in T. coronatus, suggesting that the bioavailability of these metals is disproportionally increased with a degree of enrichment of the sediments in Fe, Cd and Ni, respectively. A slope constant approximating to unity (1.14) for Cu in A. haddoni relative to its concentration in sediment extract implies that bioavailability of this metal proportionally increased with growing concentrations of its labile forms in the associated sediment. The degree of contamination of Gulf of Aden waters by the metals studied is discussed and the potential ability of molluscs, especially A. haddoni and T. coronatus, as biomonitors of metallic pollutants is postulated. ISSN: 02697491. URL: [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0269-7491(99)00108-6](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0269-7491(99)00108-6).

Tissue. Abstract: Concentrations of Cd, Pb, Zn, Cu, Mn, and Fe in soft tissue and byssal threads of Perna perna from the Gulf of Aden, Yemen, were determined by atomic absorption spectrophotometric (AAS) method. Significant inter-regional differences in the metal concentrations studied in both soft tissue and byssus were identified. The concentration of Cd was an order of magnitude greater in soft tissue than in byssal threads. Statistically significant correlations (p<0.01, p<0.05) between concentrations of selected metals were observed. The spatial distribution of Cu in byssal threads was similar to that in soft tissue. The data indicate that sewage input (at Sira Island) is the most likely anthropogenic source of Cu and Mn. The concentration of tissue Cd at the Fuqum area was the highest among the other stations. Although the Fuqum area is off the harbour, water from a fishery refrigerator and some sewage outflow flux into the sea. It is assumed that the presence of the area near the strait of Bab Al-Mandab, where the water coming from both the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean mix-es, especially during the seasonal monsoons, is responsible mainly for elevated tissue Cd concentrations in the molluscs. ISSN: 0160-4120. URL: http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0160-4120(96)00077-3.


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“Tenders opened for first explorative well of geothermal energy.” 2010. Yemen Today. August 28, 2010. Abstract: Envelopes of tenders were opened Tuesday for the drilling of the first exploratory well for geothermal energy in Yemen, in Allisi area, Dhamar province. This tender comes within the geothermal energy’s project to assess geothermal energy resources and utilization for power generation. The project is in collaboration with the Energy Research Center in Italy and the Natural Sciences Institute in Germany, with funding from the Global Environment Unit of the United Nations. Chairman of the Geological Survey and Mineral Resources Board (GSMRB) Ismail al-Janad explained to Saba that the board has begun the implementation of the project. He pointed out that the board carried out a survey for places where geothermal energy sources might be found in Yemen. There was a total of about 100 places. The survey collected samples of hot water and gas that were chemically analyzed at the Italian University of Florence during 2001-2006. “The project of thermal energy conducted, during 2007-2010, geological, geothermal, geophysical and geochemical studies and measured Radon gas and prepared a hydrological and hydro geological report in the first promising area in Allisi area in Dhamar”, al-Janad said. The results of the drilling will be an opportunity for Yemen to participate in global projects for the exploration of thermal energy, which is supported by donors and to access to greater support for drilling other exploratory wells. URL: http://www.yobserver.com/business-and-economy/10019555.html.

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Thoue, Frédéric, Vidal, Gérard and Gratier, Jean-Pierre. 1997. “Finite Deformation and Displacement Fields on the Southern Yemen Margin using Satellite Images, Topographic Data and a Restoration Method.” Tectonophysics. 11/30. Volume 281, Issue 3-4, Pages 173-193. Descriptors: rifting; Yemen; satellite imagery; digital elevation model; strained structures restoration; displacement fields. Abstract: Geological interpretations of processed satellite images and structural field measurements were used to calculate the amount of extension and the finite displacement field of two stretched areas located on the northern margin of the Gulf of Aden, in Yemen. This calculation was done by a comparison between the deformed and the undeformed states of each studied area. The structural setting established from satellite-image interpretations and fieldwork yields a detailed geometry of the deformed state. The undeformed state was reconstructed from reference layers chosen on satellite images from folded and faulted geological markers. The strike and dip of those layers were computed directly from dip indicator measurements, identified on three-dimensional (3D) realistic views of the sites (derived from SPOT stereoscopic views and topographic data) and controlled by field measurements. From the previous structural data, a numerical model of the deformed state was prepared with respect to the structural setting. The two stretched areas were then restored to their undeformed state successively by (1) an unfolding method (use of the UNFOLD program on each folded piece bounded by faults), and (2) a best-fit method (fitting along the boundary of the unfolded pieces). The comparison between the deformed and undeformed states leads to quantifying the amount of
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pH values of the thermal springs range between 37 degrees C and 96 degrees C, and 6.3 and 8.7, respectively. However, TDS values range between 1000 ppm and 3500 ppm and in some cases may exceed 10000 ppm. The condensates collected from fumaroles and steaming ground have low pH values (<4.5) and TDS (<250 ppm). The Yemeni thermal waters indicate high variability in composition since they are Na (K)-Cl, Na-HCO (sub 3), and Ca (Mg)-SO (sub 4) types, whereas the surficial waters have the typical worldwide Ca (Mg)-HCO (sub 3) composition. The water samples from the southern Provinces of Yemen have a Na/Cl ratio approximately equal to 1, suggesting variable degrees of mixing with seawater. The remaining samples display a higher, but relatively constant, Na/Cl ratio (4-6). This can be related to the fact that the thermal water in the southern and eastern Provinces is often associated with N (sub 2) -gases, while the others present a CO (sub 2) -rich gas phase. The latter increases the water-rock interaction processes leading to a higher alteration degree and favoring ion-exchange reaction with Na-rich silicates. These waters thus evolve to Na-HCO (sub 3) in composition. Equilibrium temperature evaluation of the thermal reservoirs has been performed by using different liquid phase geothermometers, such as SiO (sub 2), K (super 2)/Mg and Na/K. Estimated reservoir temperatures range between 70 and 140 degrees C. Database: GeoRef. ISSN: 0016-7592.

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Willis, John M. 2007. Unmaking North and South: Spatial Histories of Modern Yemen. Abstract: This dissertation explores the spatial construction of modern Yemen, based on a comparison between colonial indirect rule in the south and the rule of the Zaydi Imamate in the north in the period between 1839 and 1934. Drawing on archival research in Britain and Yemen, this study attempts to locate the relationship between the geographical imagination and everyday practices of rule in the constitution of the Aden Protectorate and the late Zaydi Imamate. These two case studies are linked by the theoretical assumption that space is an effect of particular constellations of knowledge, power, and practice. I argue that colonial rule in the south was based on the production of difference in the form of pre-modern tribal society and the elaboration of a complex of discourses and practices that made this difference real. In contrast, Imam Yah[dotbelow]ya H[dotbelow]amid al-Din (r. 1904-48) reconstituted the Zaydi Imamate of North Yemen in the early twentieth century as a hybrid state which combined new technologies of power with a moral geography based in an earlier Zaydi Islamic tradition. The dissertation begins with an analysis of the production of the Aden Protectorate as tribal space. Looking at the fields of colonial ethnography, imperial ritual, cartography, and policing, I locate colonial rule in Aden in the larger histories of British rule in the independent “princely states” of India. I follow with an analysis of the hybrid state of Imam Yah[dotbelow]ya in the same period. On the basis of elite historiography, official proclamations, court documents, records of taxation, and poetry I locate the production of the modern Imamate at the intersection of an Ottoman military legacy and the monarchical legacy of the Zaydi Qasimi dynasty of the late eighteenth century. The study concludes with an analysis of the undeclared war between the British and Imam Yah[dotbelow]ya over the space of the Aden Protectorate and the conclusion of the Anglo-Yemeni treaty of 1934. ProQuest Dissertations & Theses: 3283369. URL: http://search.proquest.com/docview/304830322?accountid=12084.

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Photo Credit: Senior Airman Sarah Stegman, 40th Public Affairs Detachment. Staff Sgt. Meghan Groth (left), a veterinary technician from Third Army, U.S. Army Central, shows an animal worker in Yemen a treatment procedure during a veterinary assistance program. URL: http://www.army.mil/media/3053/


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equilibrated Red Sea outflow, and to quantify the velocities and eddy variability typical of this outflow and of the background oceanic environment in the Gulf of Aden, and (2) to identify and describe the mesoscale processes which contribute to the seaward transport of Red Sea Overflow Water properties through the Gulf of Aden and into the western Indian Ocean. In addition to floats activated and launched during the two cruises, four time-series sites were chosen for dual-release float moorings. The dual-release floats were released every two months between cruises and every two months after the second cruise, with the final release in March 2002. A pirate attack on the R/V Ewing forced some modification of the float deployment plan during the second cruise. Abstract Classification: Unclassified Technical Reports Collection. View Full Text (pdf); File: /U2/a432810.pdf; Size: 7 MB; Final technical rept. Feb 2001-Mar 2003; Distribution Statement: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DTIC Accession Number: ADA432810.

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The origin and permeability effects of carbonate cement, blamed for poor reservoir quality in the Upper Triassic turbidite sandstones of the Lam Formation in Yemen, have been investigated using petrography, X-ray diffraction, stable isotopes, fluid inclusions and thermodynamic modelling. In order of growth in the sandstone, the carbonate cements include ferroan calcite, dawsonite (NaAlCO\(_3\)(OH)\(_2\)), ferroan dolomite and siderite. Ferroan dolomite is the most abundant cement. There is an inverse correlation between permeability and total carbonate cement volume supporting the earlier assertion that carbonate cements are the main control on reservoir quality in these sandstones. Ferroan calcite replaced, and was sourced by, marine limestone rock fragments that are abundant in the turbidite sandstone. The later cements were probably also at least partly sourced from the marine limestone rock fragments. Stable isotope data from ferroan calcite, ferroan dolomite and siderite show that diagenesis occurred in formation water with oxygen isotopes typical of closed-system diagenesis and that only minor organic-derived carbon dioxide was involved in diagenesis. Dawsonite, while not common as a diagenetic mineral in sandstones, has recently been suspected of being a routine consequence of CO\(_2\) storage in the subsurface for greenhouse gas reduction. In the Lam Formation, dawsonite, found at concentrations of up to 8 vol\% of the rock, grew at the expense of detrital feldspar minerals under conditions of elevated partial pressure of carbon dioxide. Isotopic data show that dawsonite grew in the presence of carbon dioxide with a \(\delta^{13}C\) value of about −4 to −2‰. This is distinctly different from the carbon isotope ratio of the gas phase carbon dioxide now present in the sandstone (−27‰), which had an organic source rock origin. The dawsonite \(\delta^{13}C\) data probably represent a mixture between carbonate from detrital marine limestone rock fragments and carbon dioxide from a moderately negative source, possibly of magmatic or basement origins. Dawsonite may thus be the result of a mass influx of deep (e.g. magmatic) carbon dioxide that pushed the Lam Formation into the dawsonite stability field at the expense of albite.

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Yemen Transmission Upgrade and Expansion Feasibility Study. Volume One. Transmission Reinforcement, Upgrade and Expansion within the Generation Expansion Planning Horizon. Book 1 of 4: Feasibility Study Report. 2003. Kuljian Corp., Philadelphia, PA. Trade and Development Agency, Rosslyn, VA. Jan 2003. 267 pages. Report: TDA-2001-10041-A-02; YEMEN2001-10041A-V2. Abstract: The United States Trade and Development Agency (TDA) provided a grant to the Government of the Republic of Yemen, represented by the Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study for a Transmission Upgrade and Expansion in Yemen. MEW is in the process of implementing a new IPP project at Ma’arib to address the country’s growing power demands. One of the primary requirements for implementing and financing Ma’arib to the main load center in Sana’a’s by installing a 400KV transmission line, and reinforcing the grid system in other respects, including adding new high voltage capacity, to handle this major new generation capacity. The Kuljian Corporation of Philadelphia, Pennslyvania, in association with Burns and McDonnel International of Kansas City, Missouri (collectively known as ‘Kuljian Team’) was selected to conduct the Feasibility Study. This report is a comprehensive presentation of the study work performed by the Kuljian Team. Database: NTIS Database (National Technical Information Service).

“Yemen Water Contract Tests Nerve.” 1986. World Construction English Ed. Volume 39, Issue 12, Pages 40. Descriptors: Water Pipelines; Regional Planning - Water Supply; Water Resources - South Yemen. Abstract: With an ancient history but only independent for 20 years, South Yemen provides a working environment that stretches contractor’s skills and tolerance to the full. With rebuilding identified as a priority by the new government, and benefiting from aid supplied by both eastern block and western nations, the country is tackling its enormous development problems. Some of the aid is being used to build a 56 km long, 800 mm diameter, water pipeline from Wadi Bana, in the east, to Bir Nasir, on the outskirts of Aden. Originally designed by the French, British consultants John Taylor Sons were called in to revise the project, and the British contractor Bovis was in 1983 awarded the contract to build the pipeline, four large steel reservoirs, and associated works. ISSN: 0043-8375.


Young, Penny. 2011. “Aden’s pipe dream.” History Today 47.5 (1997): 30+. Military and Intelligence Database. Web. 1 Sep. 2011. Abstract: A United Nations Development Program project is restoring the Tawila tanks, an intricate water system probably built by the Himyarites in the first millenium BC. The system is a series of cisterns, dams and waterways carved out of volcanic rock. After decades of neglect, the unique series of water tanks of Aden, in Yemen, which were hollowed out of the volcanic rock at least 2,000 years ago are to be restored and brought back into use. It is not known who built the Tawila tanks, as they are called. To the frustration of historians, no date of origin nor any inscriptions have ever been found. The taxi drivers, who take tourists from Steamer Point to visit the tanks, tell them they were built during the time of the Queen of Sheba. Although there is no historical evidence for the Queen of Sheba either, the early inhabitants of Aden would have known about the great dam of Marib which was built in the eastern deserts of Yemen by the Sabaeans around 700 BC. There are many other examples of cisterns and reservoirs in Yemen and east Africa across the Red Sea, although none on such a scale as the Tawila tanks. The lack of records or decorative features has made dating the tanks a matter of conjecture. One theory has been that they were built during the Persian occupation of Yemen in the sixth century. But the Persians disrupted life in South Arabia, hardly creating the conditions for the construction of a major water catchment system. It is thought more likely that the intricate system was built in the first millennium BC by the highland tribe known as the Himyarites, whose kingdom rivalled that of the Sabaeans and whose power lasted until the arrival of the Persians. With their superior technological skills, the Himyarites managed the precious water sources and controlled the ports in south-west Arabia and the rich trade to and from Egypt.

Youssef, El Sayed A. A. 1998. “Sequence Stratigraphy of the Upper Jurassic Evaporite-Carbonate Sequence at the Western Area of Wadi Al-Jawf-Marib Basin, Yemen.” Carbonates and Evaporites. Volume 13, Issue 2, Pages 168-173. Descriptors: Ammonites; Ammonoidea; Amran Group; Arabian Peninsula; Asia; biostratigraphy; carbonate rocks; Cephalopoda; chemically precipitated rocks; depositional environment; evaporites; Invertebrata; Jurassic; limestone; lithofacies; M’qah Sandstone; Madbi Formation; Mesozoic; Mollusca; sedimentary

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rocks; sequence stratigraphy; Shabwa Member; Shuqra Formation; Tetrabranchiata; unconformities; Upper Jurassic; Wadi Al-Jawf-Marib Basin; Yemen. References: 16; illus. incl. sect., strat. col., sketch maps. Abstract: The Upper Jurassic evaporite-carbonate sequence (Sabatayn Formation and its equivalent Madbi Formation or Transition Beds) and its constituent systems tracts have been recognized at the western side of Wadi Al-Jawf-Marib intracratonic rift basin and its adjacent shelf areas. The Sabatayn Formation was subdivided, from the base to the top, into the Shabwa Salt Member, the Layadim Shale Member, the Ayad Gypsum Member and its equivalent M’qah Sandstone Member. The evaporite depositional systems of the lowstand facies (or systems) tract LST began in Middle Kimmeridgian times after the complete drawdown of the shelf area and basin isolation. The effect of ephemeral flooding events of the marine water and/or surface run-off water on the basinal salt pans resulted in the deposition of four or more parasequences (shallowing upward salinas of the Shabwa Salt Member). When the rift was reconnected to the open ocean in Late Kimmeridgian times, the basinal LST and the formerly exposed carbonate sequence of the shelf area were flooded and an onlapping retrogradational transgressive facies tract (TST) represented by the lagoonal-sabkha Layadim Shale and the Ayad Gypsum members and their equivalent shoals, shallow subtidal to intertidal Madbi Formation were established. The continued relative sea-level rise followed by relative sea-level falls due to orogenic movement during Portlandian times resulted in the deposition of aggradational to progradational offlapping strata of early and late highstand facies tract (HST representing part of the Naifa Formation). On the shelf area, the early HST consists of a subtidal ammonitic limestone which changes westwards into a shallow subtidal-intertidal sandy rippled mudstone containing fossil fish remains and varicolored cross bedded sandy mudstone containing plant remains, while the late HST consists of supratidal to sabkha gypsiferous shale and sandstone with gypsum lenses. However, on the shelf slope, a brecciated ammonitic limestone interbedded with calcareous mudstone containing pelagic fauna represent the forced regressive wedge-systems tracts (FRWST).
