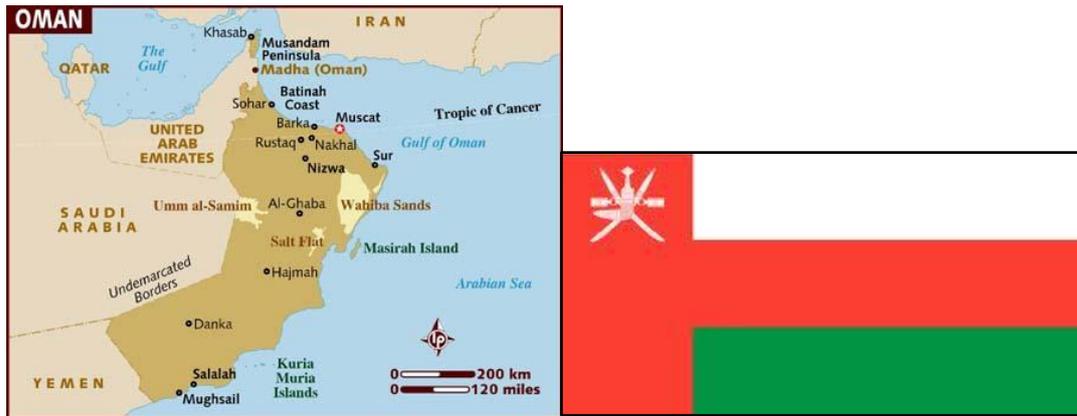


FISHING TEMPLATE



Sultanate of Oman

(Updated 24 January 2013)

Industry Overview

Oman’s fishery is largely for personal consumption or export to countries such as Jordan and landlocked African countries. The Sultanate of Oman regulates fishing tightly with rules such as minimum distance between boats, time a boat can fish one area, separation of commercial and private fishing areas and protection of species.

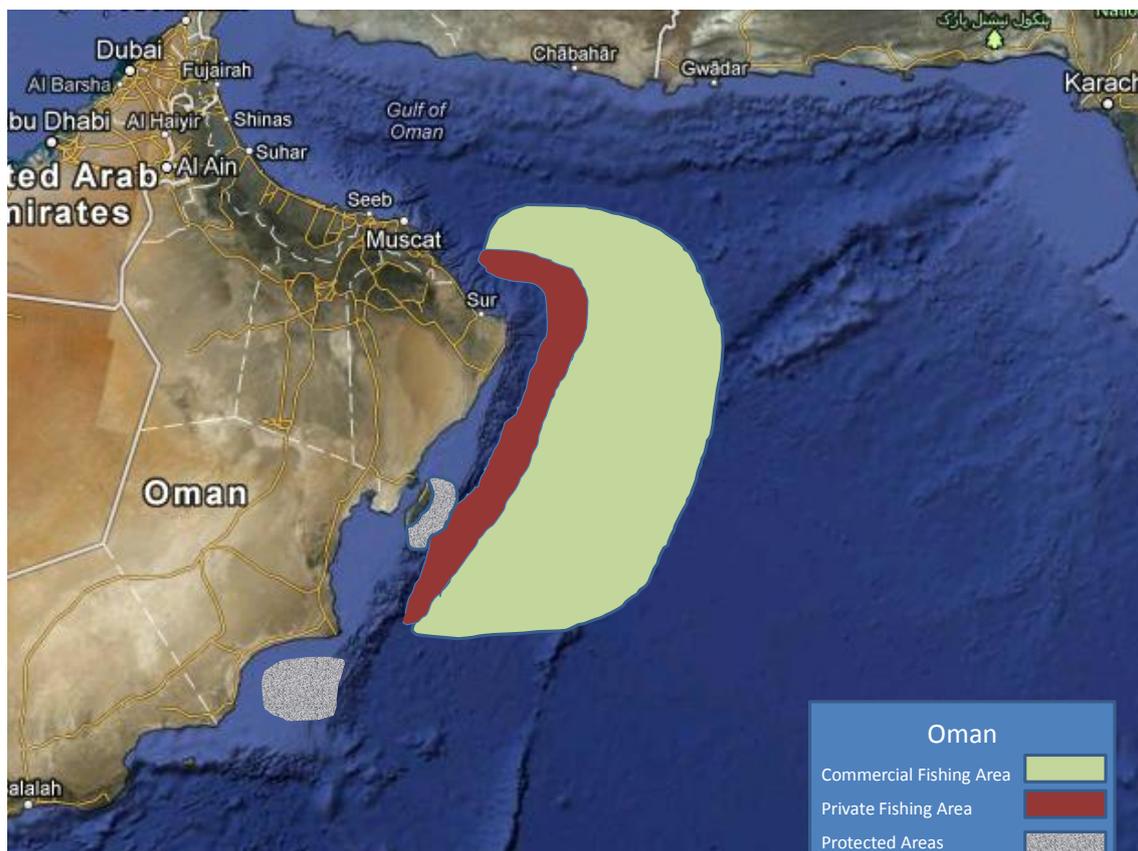
Further details – OMAN fishing template

Landing Ports	<p>Musandam Governorate: Bukha, Khasab, Kumzar, Lima and Dibba.</p> <p>Al Batinah North Governorate: Shinas, Sohar, Saham, Al Suwaiq and Al Khabourah.</p> <p>Muscat Governorate: As Seeb and Quryat.</p> <p>Al Sharqiah South Governorate: Sur, Al Ashkhara and Masirah.</p> <p>Al Westa Governorate: Al Lakbi</p> <p>Dhofar Governorate: Mirbat, Salalah and Dhalkoot.</p>
Language Spoken	Arabic, Urdu, plus other east Asian languages.
Most Important Species	Tuna, sardine, large jacks, mackerel, sailfish, barracuda, snappers, groupers, sea breams, sharks, rays, shrimp, lobster, cuttlefish, abalone
Fishing Fleet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18027 fiberglass boats - 704 artisanal vessels (dhows) - 98 coastal fishing vessels

	- 11 industrial long liners
Seasonal Variations	SW Monsoon (May/Sept) limited off Al Westa and Dhofar governorate. All other areas – all year round.
Fishing Gear	Purse seines, beach seines, hand lines, gill nets, trolls, long line and traps
Details of Registration	The numbering type contain: - Boat license number - Arabic word indicates it's a fishing boat - Governorate name (lower part) (pictures attached)
Vessel Types	- Fiberglass boats 6m-14m, crew 1-5 , 1 or 2 outboard engines. - Dhows 10m-24m crew 5-8 , inboard engine - Costal fishing vessels 14m-30m, crew 6-10, inboard engine. - industrial long liners 14m-50m, crew up to 30, inboard engine
Nationalities of Fishermen	Omani (majority in small boats) In dhows: Indian, Bangladeshi In industrial boats: Korean, Chinese, Indonesian, Philippines, Vietnamese
Dress of Fishermen (clothes & attire worn)	Turban on the head and skirts worn around waist, often plaid or checkered patterns, or may be colored or white, youngest fishers ware trousers or shorts or sport clothes.
Arms Carried (type & #)	No
Communications onboard	GSM, VHF in costal fleet, industrial boats and some dhows.
Remarks	- Small fiberglass boats operate up to 6 NM - Artisanal boats fish beyond 6 NM - Coastal fleet operate beyond 8 NM - Industrial boats operate beyond 10 NM - Fishing patterns in the artisanal sector depend on the targeted species mainly. Large pelagic are targeted early morning the same as demersal trap fishing. After sun raise small pelagic are targeted. At the evening fishermen use drift gill net for fishing. This pattern may differ between different governorates.
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Industry Employment	51579 according to number of license issued.
GDP	110 million in OMR
Working Days	7 days a week
Sailing Times	All day but mostly at early morning and dusk time.

Fishing areas



Registration protocol

Numbering for artisanal boats: small fiberglass boats and Dhow.



Numbering for costal fleet and industrial boats.



- 1- Boat license number
- 2- Arabic word indicates it's a fishing boat
- 3- Governorate name (lower part)

Artisanal boats



Fiberglass boats



Dhow

Costal fleet boats



Industrial boats



Many variations associated with nation flag of vessels.