

TABLE 1
IOFC: GULFS COMMITTEE
FACTS AND FIGURES

Member State	Area Km2	Estimated Population (Mid 2000)	Population Density per Sq.Km	Population Annual Growth, % (1999)	Per Capita (GDP) \$US (1998)	Marine Fish Landings Tonnes (1999)	Per Capita Fish Consumption Kg/Annum
Bahrain	622	0.7	1125.4	3.6	9,684	10,290	14.7
Iran	1,648,000	67.4	40.9	2.0	2,850	226,550	3.3
Iraq	438,317	23.1	52.7	2.1	3,388	13,093	0.6
Kuwait	17,818	2.2	123.5	-	13,976	6,271	2.9
Oman	212,457	2.4	11.3	2.0	5,946	108,809	45.3
Qatar	22,014	0.6	27.2	3.4	18,065	4,207	7.0
Saudi Arabia	2,149,690	21.6	10.0	2.6	7,259	21,066	1.1
U.A.E.	83,600	2.8	33.4	3.3	19,506	117,607	42.0
Total	4,572,518	120.8	26.6	2.7	10,084	507,893	4.2

Source: Demographic and Economic data: 2000 World Population Data Sheet: Population Reference Bureau.
Fisheries Data: FAO Yearbook of Fishery Statistics, Vol. 88/1,1999.

TABLE II

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PARTICIPATION OF MEMBER STATES IN REGULAR AND *AD HOC* SESSIONS

Member States	First 6/75	Second 9/79	Third 9/80	Fourth 4/82	Fifth 10/92	Sixth 10/86	Seventh 11-12/92	Eighth 12/94	Ninth 4/97	<i>Ad Hoc</i> 12/97	<i>Ad Hoc</i> 5/98	<i>Ad Hoc</i> 4/00
Bahrain	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Iran	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Iraq	-	X	X	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-
Kuwait	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	-	-	-
Oman	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Qatar	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	-
Saudi Arabia	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
U.A.E.	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X

Source: Reports of Regular and *Ad Hoc* Sessions

TABLE III

IOFC: GULFS COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION OF OBSERVERS IN REGULAR AND AD HOC SESSIONS

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>SESSION ATTENDED</u>
FAO:	All Sessions
GCC:	5 th , 9 th , <i>Ad Hoc</i> 4/00
INFOSAMAK:	9 th
KISR:	4 th , 8 th , 9 th , <i>Ad Hoc</i> 4/00
ROPME:	9 th
UNDP:	2 th , 3 th , 4 th , 5 th
Sub-Regional Fisheries Training Center:	4 th
General Secretariat of the Conference Of Arab Ministers of Agriculture in the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula:	2 th , 3 rd , 4 th
Fishery survey and Development Project:	2 nd
AOAD:	<i>Ad Hoc</i> 4/00
ICLARM:	<i>Ad Hoc</i> 4/00
AFFP:	<i>Ad Hoc</i> 4/00

Source: Reports on Regular and *Ad Hoc* Sessions

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REGULAR AND *AD HOC* SESSIONS**

I. REGULAR SESSIONS

- First Session: Kuwait, 18 June 1975,
Chairman: Mr. Ali Al-Ghanim
Secretary: Harry Winsor
Attendance: 6 Member Countries, 0 Observer Organizations
- Second Session: Doha, Qatar 18-20 Sept. 1979
Chairman: Dr. Abdul Khalek Imam
Secretary: J.E. Carroz
Attendance: 8 member Countries and 4 Observer Organizations
- Third Session: Doha, Qatar, 28-30 Sept. 1980
Chairman: Dr. Rifaat Ali (U.A.E.)
Secretary: Salah El Zarka
Attendance: 5 members, 3 Observer Organizations
- Fourth Session: Doha, Qatar 19-21 April 1982
Chairman: Mr. Mahmoud H. Al-Assoussi (Kuwait)
Secretary: Salah El Zarka
Attendance: 7 members, 4 Observer Organizations
- Fifth Session: Manama, Bahrain, 22- 24 Oct. 1984
Chairman: Mr. Jassim Al-Qaseer (Bahrain)
Secretary: Habib Ben Alaya
Attendance: 6 Member Countries. 3 Observer Organizations
- Sixth Session: Rome, Italy, 13-17 Oct. 1986
Chairman: Dr. Mohammad Saif Abdullah (Kuwait)
Secretary: Habib Ben Alaya
Attendance: 7 Members, 4 Observer Organizations
- Seventh Session: Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran 30 Nov. - 4 Dec. 1992
Chairman: Dr. Gholam Reza Amini Ranjbar (Iran)
Secretary: Izzat Feidi
Attendance: 8 Members, 2 Observer Organizations
- Eighth Session: Muscat, Sultanate of Oman 17-21 Dec. 1994
Chairman: Sheikh Abdullah Bakathir (Oman)
Secretary: Izzat Feidi
Attendance: 6 Members, 2 Observer Organizations
- Ninth Session: Sharjah, United Arab Emirates 6-9 April 1997:

Chairman: Mr. Hamad Abdullah Al- Mutawa (U.A.E.)
Secretary: Izzat Feidi
Attendance: 7 Members, 5 Observer organizations

II. AD HOC SESSION

Technical Meeting on the Future of the IOFC: Gulfs Committee

Cairo, Egypt, 1-2 December 1997

Chairman: Mr. Abdul Aziz Al-Yahya (Saudi Arabia)

Secretary: Izzat Feidi

Attendance: 6 Member States and 1 Observer Organization

Technical Meeting on the Future of the IOFC: Gulfs Committee

Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran. 3-5 May 1998

Chairman: Mr. Ebrahim Maygolinejad (Iran)

Secretary: Izzat Feidi

Attendance: 6 Member Countries, 0 Observer Organization

***Ad Hoc* Session on the Establishment of the Regional Fisheries Commission (RECOFI)**

Cairo, Egypt, 3-6 April 2000

Chairman: Mr. Abdul Aziz Al-Yahya (Saudi Arabia)

Secretary: Mohammad Saif Abdullah

Attendance: 5 Member Countries and 5 Observer Organizations

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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. As a member country, what in your opinion has been the main achievements/failures of the Gulfs Committee for the region in general and
2. What role did your country play in contributing to the achievements reached?
3. In your opinion, in what way did the Gulfs Committee help your country? In its fisheries development issues?
4. How did your Country help the Gulfs Committee in achieving its objectives? (e.g. level of participation, guidance, leadership, financial support, technical backing, etc.)
5. Did your country contribute to the setting up of the contents of the agendas of the various sessions?
6. Where the subjects discussed in the various sessions relevant to your country's particular fisheries development needs?
7. What in your opinion were the major constraints which prevented the Gulfs Committee in achieving all its objectives? Could these have been overcome?
8. How would you describe the role of FAO Secretariat in meeting its responsibilities towards the Gulfs Committee?
9. What was the level of your country's implementation of the recommendations reached at the various sessions?
10. How would you describe the level of FAO Secretariat in its follow-up to the implementation of the Recommendations reached?
11. Did the Gulfs Committee contribute in bringing about cooperation between the member countries in fisheries matters?
12. How much did the Gulfs Committee contribute to increase cooperation with other regional/sub-regional bodies concerned with fisheries? (GCC, ROPME, UNEP, etc.)
13. Did the Gulfs Committee contribute to the better understanding of global fisheries issues such as the Compliance Agreement, Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and Agenda 21?
14. Were the Working Groups established by the Committee able to address the specific fisheries issues involved?
15. Did the Gulfs Committee contribute in the advancement of national fisheries administrations in the member countries?
16. What suggestions can be made to identify procedures that could contribute in improving the role of the Regional Commission for Fisheries (RECOFI)?
17. Any other issues which should be discussed for the Post Evaluation?

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TRAVEL ITENIRARY AND OFFICIALS MET

Muscat, Oman: 4-6 January 2002

Dr. Younis Al Akhzami	Director of Fisheries
Mr. Saoud Ai Habsi	Assistant Director for Fisheries Research and Extension
Mr. Yacoub Al-Busaidi	Chief, Aquaculture Section
Mr. Mohamed Al Siyabi	Research Assistant

Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran: 6-8 January 2002

Dr. Hassan Salehi	Alternate Managing Director & Head, Aquaculture Department
Mr. Mehdi chirazi	Alternate Manager & Public & International Relations
Dr. Ali Nikouyan	Head, Aquatic Zoology Department (IFRO)
Dr. Hussein Negarestan	Head, Fisheries Stock Assessment Department (IFRO)
Dr. Farhad Kaymaran	Head, Stock Management Group (IFRO)
Mr. Abdul Rashid	FAO Representative

Dubai, United Arab Emirates: 8-10 January 2002

H.E. Saeed M. Al Ruqbani	Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries
Mr. Obaid Jumaa Al-Matroushi	Assistant Deputy Minister for Fisheries
Mr. Mohamed Al-Zarouni	Acting Director of Fisheries Department

Ahmed Al-Janahi	Chief, Extension Section
Mr. Muien El Musa	Fisheries Advisor
Mr. Fayez Joudeh	Translator, Information & Public Relations Office

Kuwait: 10-13 January 2002

Mr. Haidar Murad	Director of Fisheries Department
Mr. Julalman Almatar	Department Manager, (KISR)
Dr. Mohsen Al-Husaini	Associate Researcher, (KISR)
Mr. Adil Lutfi	Fisheries Researcher

Doha, Qatar: 13-15 January 2002

Mr. Mohamed Fahd Al-Feihani	Assistant Under-Secretary for Agriculture Affairs
Mr. Naim Al-Baker	Fisheries Advisor
Mr. Ali Al-Mulla	Director of Fisheries
Mr. Jassim Al-Muhamadi	Chief, Fisheries Development Section
Mr. Abdul Aziz Al-Duhaimi	Chief, Fisheries Statistics Section
Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Ayyari	Aquaculture Expert

Manama, Bahrain: 15-18 January 2002

Mr. Jassim Al- Qaseer	Director of Fisheries Directorate
Dr. Ebrahim Abdulqader	Fisheries Consultant
Dr. Abdulredha Shams	Senior Mariculture Officer

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia: 18-20 January 2002

Mr. Saad Al Fayyad	Under Secretary for Fisheries Affairs
Mr. Abdul Aziz Al-Yahya	Director of Marine Fisheries
Mr. Nabil Fita	Technical Affairs Manager

Mr. Talal Abu Shusha

Marine Biologist

Mr. Hussein Al-Nazry

Fisheries Researcher

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MAJOR ITEMS ON AGENDAS

First Session: (Kuwait, 18 June 1975)

2. Terms of Reference and Proposed Activities of the Committee for the Development and Management of the Fisheries Resources of the Gulfs
3. Establishment of a Coordinating Sub-Committee for the Gulfs Project
4. Some Aspects of the Shrimp Fishery in the Gulfs

Second Session: (Doha, 18-20 September 1979)

3. Review of the State of Fishery Development and Management in the Gulfs.
4. Status of the Committee and Sources of Technical Support.
5. Future Programme of Work in Fishery Management and Development in the Gulfs.

Third Session: (Doha, 28-30 September 1980)

3. Shrimp Fisheries in the Gulfs: Resources and Management mea
4. Progress Report on the Establishment or the Technical Support Unit

Fourth Session: (Doha, 19-21 April 1982)

3. Report of the Follow-up Recommendations of the Third Session
- 6a. Fisheries Development Project Proposal for the Gulfs (Presented by FAO)
- 6b. Project Proposal for the Study of Shrimp Fisheries (Presented by Kuwait).
7. Fish Marketing Information and Technical Advisory Service for the Gulfs (INFOSAMAK).

Fifth Session: (Manama, 22-24 October 1984)

3. The FAO World Conference on Fisheries Management and Development
6. Development of Small-scale Fisheries
7. Collection and Evaluation of Statistics
8. Aquaculture Development

9. Fisheries Policies and Cooperation among Gulf Countries
10. Fisheries Development Project Proposals for the Gulfs

Sixth Session: (Rome, 13-17 October 1986)

4. Current Trends in Tuna Fisheries in the Arabian Sea and Gulfs Area
5. Centralization and Standardization of Fishery Data Collection and Analysis System.
6. Economic and Social Considerations in Shrimp Management
7. Status of Fisheries Development Planning in the Gulfs.
9. Technical Assistance in Fishery Resources Management and Small-scale Fisheries Development (Project Proposal)

Seventh Session: (Tehran, 30 Nov.- 4 Dec. 1992)

3. Fisheries Development Planning, in the Gulfs
4. Review of the Shrimp and Demersal Finfish Resources.
6. Review of the Large Pelagic Resources in the Arabian Sea and Gulfs Area.
7. Fish Marketing, Imports and Exports.
8. Fisheries Research: Follow-up to the International Fisheries Study.
9. Enlargement of the Committee

Eighth Session: (Muscat, 17-21 December 1994)

4. Status of Major Fishery Resources in the Gulfs and Management Needs
5. Cooperation in the Management and Fishery Resources in the Gulfs and Prospects for Cooperative Development and Research Activities.
6. Centralization and Standardization of Fishery Data Collection and Analysis
7. Follow-up to the United Nations Conference for Environment and Development (UNCED)
8. Technical Advisory Service for Arab Countries (INFOSAMAK)
9. Future Structure of IOFC and its Implications for the Gulfs

Ninth Session: (Sharjah, 6-9 April 1997)

3. Follow-up on the Recommendations of the Eighth Session and Review of Intercessional Activities
5. Status of Fish Trade Activities in the Gulfs Following the Establishment of the World Trade Organization.

6. Review of Activities of Regional Bodies in Fisheries Matters in the Gulfs
7. Future Role of the IOFC Committee for the Development and Management of the Fisheries Resources as an FAO Regional Body.
8. Review of the Results and Recommendations of the World Food Summit.

Ad-Hoc Session (Cairo, 1-2 December 1997)

3. Future Role of the Gulfs Committee

Ad-Hoc Session (Tehran, 3-5 May 1998)

3. Draft Agreement on the Future of the IOFC: Committee for the Development and Management of the Fisheries of the Gulfs.

Ad-Hoc Session (Cairo, 3-6 April 2000)

6. Report of Aquaculture Working Group.
7. Governance in Regional Fisheries Body.
8. Summery Report on a Regional Workshop on Fisheries Monitoring, Control and Surveillance in the Northwest Indian Ocean.
9. Report of IFAD's Programme on Marine Resources Survey.
10. Possible National Activities in Preparation for the RECOFI Meeting
11. Presentations of Reports by Observer Research Institutions and Organizations.

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AD HOC WORKING GROUPS AND TECHNICAL CONSULTATIONS

1. Technical Consultation for Management and Development of Fisheries

Bushehr, Islamic Republic of Iran, 17-21 October 1993

Chairman: Abdorahim Vosoughi (Iran)

Technical Secretary: Ross Shotton

Attendance: 15 Scientists from five Member States, 2 from FAO

2. Working Group on Fishery Statistics:

2.1 Manama, Bahrain: 22-24 October 1994

Chairman: Dr. Ebrahim Abdulqader (Bahrain)

Technical Secretary: Ross Shotton

Attendance: 5 Scientists from 3 Member States

2.2 Bandar Abbas, Islamic Republic of Iran: 26-27 April 1995

Chairman: Dr. Gholam Amini Ranjbar (Iran)

Technical Secretary: Ross Shotton

Attendance: 12 Scientists from 3 Member States

3. Expert Consultation on Myctophids Fishery Management

Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, 29-31 October 1994

Chairman: Dr. Thabit Zahran (Oman)

Technical Secretary: Ross Shotton

Attendance: 31 Scientists from 3 Member States and 16 from Region

4. Expert Consultation on Shrimp Fisheries Management

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 6-8 November 1994

Chairman: Dr. Sulaiman Almatar (Kuwait)

Technical Secretary: Ross Shotton

Attendance: 34 Scientists from 4 Member States and 1 from Region

5. Working Group on Pelagics:

Bandar Abbas, Islamic Republic of Iran, 26-27 April 1995

Chairman: (No Specific Chairman)

Technical Secretary: Ross Shotton

Attendance: 10 Scientists from 2 Member States

6. Working Group on Shrimps and Other Invertebrates;

Working Group on Demersals and Benthos:

Kuwait, 11-13 May 1996

Chairman: Dr. Sulaiman Almatar (Kuwait)

Technical Secretary: Ross Shotton

Attendance: 47 Regional Scientists and Experts

7. Working Group on Aquaculture:

7.1. 1-3 October 1996 Cairo; Egypt.

Chairman: Mr. Abdul Aziz Al-Yahya (Saudi Arabia)

FAO Technical Secretary: Ziad Shehadeh

Attendance: 8 Scientists from 5 Member States and 6 from Egypt

7.2. Kuwait, 18-21 May 1998

Chairman: Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Ameeri (Kuwait)

FAO Technical Secretary: Ziad Shehadeh

Attendance: 25 Scientists from 7 Member States

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MAJOR REPORTS

- 1- Cooperation with other Regional Bodies Concerned with Fisheries in the Region, January 1977.
- 2- Status of Fish Trade Activities in the Gulfs Following the Establishment of the World Trade Organization (WTO), January 1997.
- 3- Status of Major Resources, April, 1997.
- 4- A Proposal for a Regional Programme to Examine the Status of Resources and Shark and Ray Fisheries in the Gulfs, May 1996.
- 5- The Proposal for a Regional Trawl Survey Programme: Issues Raised and the Status of Regional Discussions, May 1996.
- 6- Regional Collaboration in Fisheries Management Research in the Gulfs Region, May 1996.
- 7- Future Structure of IOFC and its implications for the Gulls Committee December 1994.
- 8- Status of Major Fisheries Resources in the Gulfs- December 1994
- 9- Report of the Expert Consultation on Shrimp Fishery Management, November 1994
- 10- Report of the Expert Consultation on Research Priorities Identification, November 1994
- 11- Report of the Working Group on Fishery Statistics, April, 1995
- 12- Report of the Third and Fourth Session of the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Stocks, October 1994.
- 13-Proposals for the improvement of Fishery Statistics in the Gulfs Area, December 1994.
- 14-Prospects for Cooperative Development of Research in the Gulfs Area, December 1994
- 15- Cooperative Research Mechanism in the Region Follow-up to the International Fisheries Research Study, September 1992.
- 16-Activities of INFOSAMAK in Developing International Fish Trade, September 1992.
- 17- Status of the Fisheries of the Gulfs, September 1992.
- 18- Fish Marketing , Imports and Exports, September 1992.
- 19- Review of the Pelagic Resources in the Region, September 1992.
- 20- Review of Shrimps and Demersal Fish Resources, November 1992.
- 21- Information Requirements for Planning, September 1992.
- 22-Fisheries Development Planning Requirements in the Countries of the Gulfs, November 1992.
- 23-Technical Assistance in Formulating Plans for the Community Fishing Centers in Support of Small-Scale Fishery Development in the Region Serviced by the IOFC: Gulfs Committee, April 1987.
- 24- Status of the Fishing Industries in the Gulfs, October 1986.
- 25- Status of Fisheries Development Planning in the Gulfs, October 1986.
- 26-Economic and Social Considerations in Shrimp Management, October 1986.
- 27-Current Trends in the Tuna Fisheries in the Arabian Sea and Gulfs Area, October 1986

- 28- Proposal for Joint Action on Collection and Analysis of the Biological and Fisheries Statistics Related to Fin fishes of the Gulfs, October 1986
- 29- The Application of Computer Based Techniques in Fishery Statistical Systems, October 1986.
- 30- Centralization and Standardization of Fishery Data Collection and Anal Systems, October 1986.
- 31- Status of the Shrimp Stocks of the (Persian) Gulf, August 1984.
- 32- Fisheries Policies and Cooperation Among Gulf Countries, September 1984
- 33- Aquaculture Development in the Gulfs States, April 1984.
- 34- Status of Fishery Resources Other than Shrimp, July 1984.
- 35- Development of Small-Scale Fisheries (Arabian Sea), August 1984.
- 36- Fisheries Research, Development and Management in the Gulfs (Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman Countries), March 1982.
- 37- Fish Marketing information and Technical Advisory Services of the Gulf Region (INFOSAMAK) Project Proposal, February 1982
- 38- Perspective for Management and Development of Marine Resources Other than Shrimp in the Region of the Gulfs (Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman Countries), February 1982.
- 39- Shrimp Fisheries in the Gulfs, September 1980.
- 40- Management of Shrimp Fisheries Including Suggestions for Legislative Measures, July 1979.
- 41- Review of the Status of Fishery Development and Management in the Gulfs: June 1979.

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OBSERVER ORGANISATIONS AND ATTENDANCE

1. General Secretariat for the Conference of Arab Ministers of Agriculture in the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula
Sessions Attended: Second, Third, Fourth.
2. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Sessions Attended: Second, Third, Fourth.
3. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Sessions Attended: All Sessions
4. Shrimp Resources Evaluation and Management Project
Sessions Attended: Second
5. Fishery Survey and Development Project
Sessions Attended: Second
6. Sub-Regional Fishery Training Center
Sessions Attended: Fourth
7. Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC)
Sessions Attended: Sixth, Ninth, *Ad Hoc* 4/2000.
8. Center for Marketing Information and Advisory Services for Fishery Products in the Arab Region (INFOSAMAK)
Sessions Attended: Ninth
9. Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR)
Sessions Attended: Eighth, Ninth, *Ad Hoc* 4/2000.
10. Marine Science and Fisheries Science (Oman)
Sessions Attended: Eighth
11. Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME)
Sessions Attended: Ninth
12. International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (ICLARM)
Sessions Attended: 4/2000.
13. Arab Organization for Agriculture Development (AOAD)
Session Attended: 4/2000.
14. Arab Federation for Fish Producers
Sessions Attended: 4/2000.

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2. Reports of all ten *Ad Hoc* Working Groups' Meetings
3. Report of the First Session of RECOFI.
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5. Number of National Reports presented by Delegations at various Sessions.
6. Number of Technical Papers presented at Sessions AND Working Groups Meetings.
7. Relevant Back-to Office Reports of Gulfs Committee's Technical Secretaries of Working Groups.
8. The Agreement establishing RECOFI.
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