

FISHING TEMPLATE



Republic of Yemen

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Artisanal Fishing Pattern

Artisanal fishing is extensive off the Yemeni coast with 50,000-60,000 fishermen employed. It follows two main patterns, day fishing by small traditional costal skiffs, and fishing dhows accompanied by skiffs for periods of up to 20 days or longer.

Day fishing skiffs leave at sunrise and return at dusk, they are self sufficient for the duration and operate in large numbers up to 40nm from land. These are usually traditional vessels which include the Hoori or Baracudah (9-14m, crew 5-10, 2x outboard 100-250HP) and Sambuck or Quadfah (4-8m, crew 2-5, 1x outboard 40-100HP).

Fishing dhows (15-25m, crew 7-20, inboard engine) can be away from home port for significant periods of time. Their normal fishing pattern is to use skiffs to deploy gear by day, at sunset the skiffs return to the dhow and are taken in tow. The dhows will then drift without power through the night.

During the day skiffs will look for pods of dolphins as an indication of fish, once sighted the skiffs will sprint to the location in order to surround the shoal. Their actions can therefore appear irregular and erratic.

Some fishermen have been victims of piracy and will on occasions carry weapons for self protection. There have been reports of fishermen firing weapons into the air, trying to make an MV change course in order to protect their fishing gear.

Further Details – YEMEN Fishing Template

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| Landing Ports | Hajja, Alhudeida, Taiz, Lahaj, Aden, Abian, Shabwa, Hadramout and Almahra |
| Language Spoken | Arabic |
| Most Important Species | Tuna, sardine, large jacks, mackerel, barracuda, snappers, groupers, sea breams, sharks, rays, sword fish, marlin, sole fish, shrimp, lobster, cuttlefish |
| Fishing Fleet | 9288 operational vessels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 8475 boats with outboard engines ➤ 682 boats with inboard engines ➤ 131 industrial fishing boats |
| Seasonal Variations | NE Monsoon (Oct/Apr) concentration off Aden and Mukalla City – limited off Al Hudaydah. SW Monsoon (May/Sept) concentration off Al Hudaydah – limited off Aden and Mukalla City. |
| Fishing Gear | Purse seines, beach seines, hand lines, gill nets, trolls and traps |
| Details of Registration | Arabic lettering followed by numbering on bow Examples: pictured below. |
| Vessel Types | Fishing Dhow – 15m-25m, crew 7-20, inboard engine Hoori/Baracadah – 9m-14m, crew 5-10, 2x outboard engines Sambuck/Quadfah – 4m-8m, crew 2-5, 1x outboard engine |
| Nationalities of Fishermen | Yemeni (approx 90%) Somali (approx 10%) |
| Dress of Fishermen (clothing & attire worn) | Sarongs, (skirts worn around waist), often plaid or checkered patterns, or may be brightly colored by means of batik dyeing. Many modern sarongs also have printed designs, often depicting animals or plants |
| Arms Carried (type & #) | |
| Communications onboard | |
| Remarks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yemen possesses many islands including Socotra archipelago, Huneish archipelago, Kamaran, Mayoona and Prim islands. ➤ Industrial boats operate beyond 5 Nm from the coast in Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea and 6 Nm in Red Sea. ➤ Skiffs tend to stay 20 – 30 NM off coast, to a max of 40 NM |
| Further Information / Contact Details | <i>(Contact details for Yemeni Fisheries authority – website / email / telephone)</i> |
| Industry Employment | Employs roughly 200,000 |
| GDP | Approx 2.2% economic income, roughly \$30 million in US dollars |
| Working Days | Skiffs – Saturday to Thursday, no Friday fishing Dhows fish 7 days a week |
| Sailing Times | Depart port Sunrise, return to beach sunset |

**Seasonal Density of Fishing Activities
During SW Monsoon
Jun - Sep**



**Seasonal Density of Fishing Activities
During NE Monsoon
Oct - May**



Registration protocol



YCG Numeration
Vessels ID has 4 parts:

- 1 Arabic Letter (ص) indicates it's a traditional Vessel
- 2 District Number
- 3 Serial Number
- 4 Vessel's Name

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Fishing Dhow



Hoori/Baracudah



Quadfah

