



**Format for the preliminary database of CCA sites in I.R. Iran**

***Basic data (please provide all)***

Site Name (in local language and in English)	Qeshm Island (northern Persian Gulf)
Country (Province)	Qeshm Island (Hormozgan Province)
Area encompassed by the CCA (specify unit of measurement).	400 km of coastline
GIS Coordinates (if available)	
Whether it includes sea areas (Yes or no)	Yes
Whether it includes freshwater (Yes or no)	No
Marine (Y or N)	Yes (Persian Gulf)
Concerned community (name and approx. number of persons)	Traditional fishermen of Qeshm Island
Is the community considering itself an indigenous people? (Please note Yes or No; if yes note which people)	Yes (Qeshmi)
Is the community considering itself a minority? (Please note Yes or No, if yes on the basis of what, e.g. religion, ethnicity)	No
Is the community permanently settled? (Please note Yes or No; if the community is mobile, does it have a customary transhumance territory?)	Yes
Is the community local per capita income inferior, basically the same or superior to national value? (please note how confident you are about the information)	Less
Is the CCA recognised as a protected area by governmental agencies? (Yes or no; if yes, how? If no, is it otherwise recognized?) If yes, legal document? Establishment date?	Shilat has had jurisdiction over natural resources in the Persian Gulf since established
Conflicts with land tenure, natural resource use?	Yes, conflicts have been over use of fisheries resources
What is the main management objective (e.g. livelihood, cultural, spiritual...)	Fishing to sustain livelihoods. The sea and its resource also have spiritual and cultural values for people of Qeshm Island.
By definition, a CCA fulfils a management objective. To which IUCN management category <sup>1</sup> do you consider it would best fit (this does not imply that the management objective is consciously pursued by the concerned community, but that it is actually achieved)	TBD

***Additional qualitative information***

Main ecosystem type	Marine
Description of biodiversity & resources (ecosystems, species, functions) conserved by the CCA	Marine organisms of the Persian Gulf including fish, corals, and marine mammals
Description of local ethnic groups and languages spoken	People of Qeshm speak their own language
Broad historical context of the CCA	Fisheries in Qeshm has been one of the oldest ICCAs in Persian Gulf

<sup>1</sup> Please see [http://www.iucn.org/themes/wcpa/wpc2003/pdfs/outputs/pascat/pascatrev\\_info3.pdf](http://www.iucn.org/themes/wcpa/wpc2003/pdfs/outputs/pascat/pascatrev_info3.pdf)

	(pearl trade, etc.)
Governance structure for the CCA (who takes management decisions, how?)	Elders and community leaders (Most skilled fishermen)
Length of time the governance model has been in place	For centuries
Land and resource ownership in the CCA	At present fisheries is legally under Shilat control
Type of land use in the CCA	Fishing + marine trade
Existence of written or oral management plans and specific rules for the use of natural resources in the CCA	Oral rules and regulations about when and how to conduct fishing still exist
Map and zoning of the CCA (please attach if available and relevant,)	Available.
Relevant pictures with captions (please attach if available)	Available.
Major threats to biodiversity and/or the CCA governance system	Decline in fisheries due to mismanagement (bans on fishing methods were lift on 1987-88); Over-fishing; Trawl fishing. Other threats are: marine pollution and development projects of the Qeshm Free Zone which has jurisdiction over most of the islands natural resources.
Local CCA-relevant features, stories, names, rules and practices	Available

**Contact individuals and organizations:** here it is vital to have names of contacts directly related to the community governing the CCA

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**References<sup>2</sup>** : please stress references describing the conservation, cultural and socio-economic values of the CCAs.

Please refer to documentations of Qeshm projects funded by GEF/SGP since 2001 namely projects on Corals, Pearl Culture and Indigenous Knowledge

<sup>2</sup> Please use the same format of the references in:

<http://www.iucn.org/themes/ceesp/Publications/TILCEPA/guidelinesindigenouspeople.pdf>

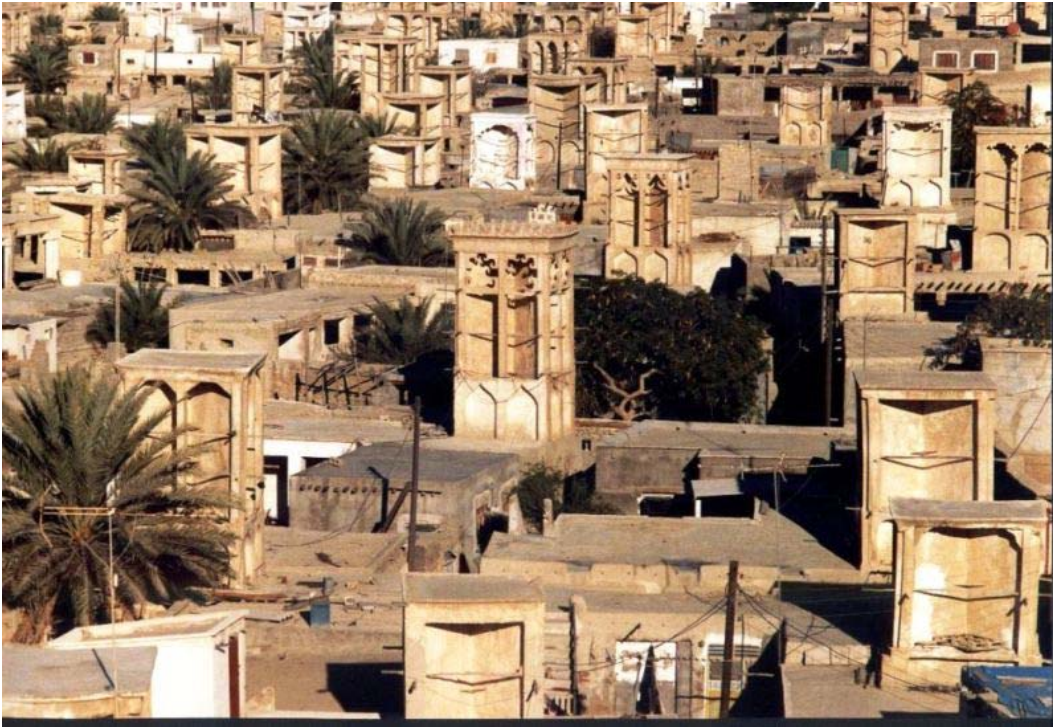


Fig.1 – Traditional architecture in villages of Qeshm Island

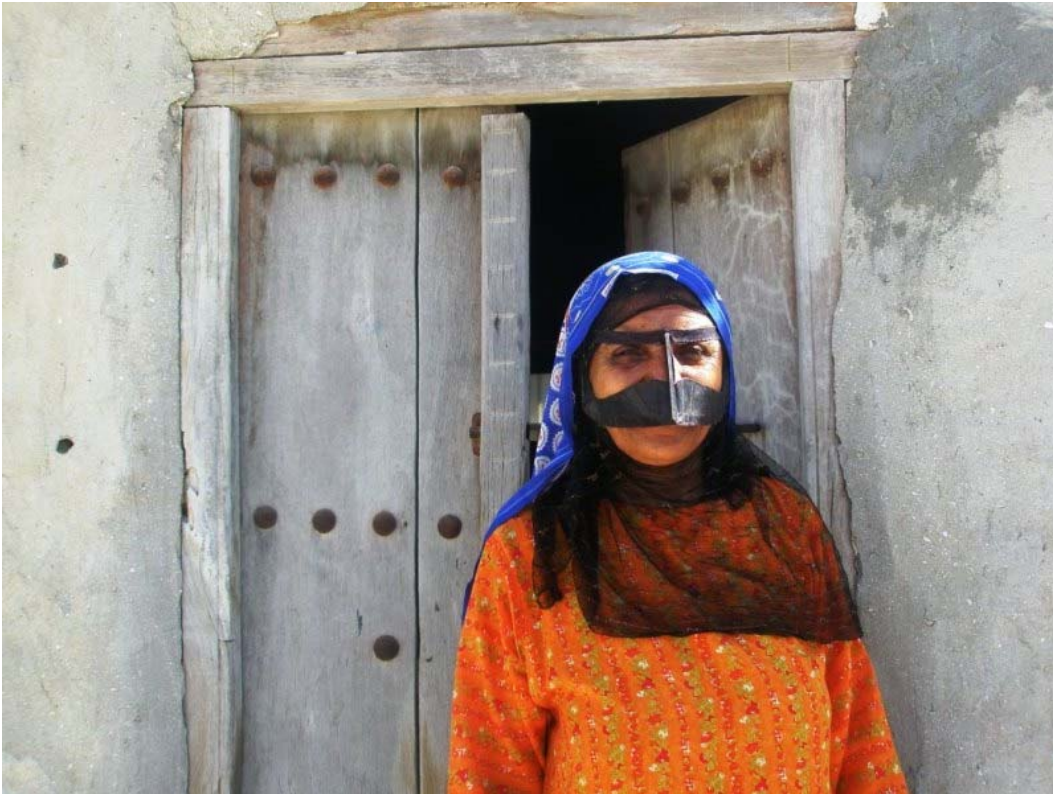


Fig.2 – A typical Qeshmi woman



Fig.3 – Mangroves of Qeshm Island (northwest) are one of the areas where still traditional fishing is being practiced



Fig.4 – Southern coasts of Qeshm Island