

B. OMAN SEA (GULF OF OMAN)

1. Industrial fishing activities in Oman Sea

1.1. Considering the potentiality of demersal fish resources of Oman Sea, the total gross registered tonnage for bottom trawlers in the above sea is determined to be 1000/ to 2000/ tons per year.

1.2. Catching fish by the bottom trawlers whose gross registered tonnage is more than 200 tons, is not authorized in Oman Sea.

1.3. The particulars of bottom trawls for the above vessels are as follows:

- Mesh size in trawl wings and belly to be 95 to 100 mm.
- " " " cod end to be 75 to 80 mm.
- " " " apron to be 100 mm.

1.4. Fishing area for bottom trawlers in Oman Sea is set beyond the twelve mile limit of territorial waters at longitude 60°E to 61°21'E (Bandar Govater).

1.5. Effective from the date the regulations are enforced, any fishing activity by bottom trawlers in the area located at longitude 57°40'E to 60°20'E is prohibited for one whole year so that the resources are revived.

1.6. The increase in total tonnage of fishing vessels in Oman Sea (over 2000 tons) is permitted on the condition that it is directed toward the development of exploitation of pelagic (sardine) and mesopelagic fish resources.

2. Catching shrimp by industrial fishing sector in Oman Sea

2.1. Shrimp catch by fishing vessels is authorized provided that the said cases for the shrimp catch in the Persian Gulf be taken into consideration.

3. Catching fish and shrimp by traditional sector in Oman Sea

- 3.1. Catching fish by traditional fishing gears such as gillnet, traps, beachseine (for catching sardine) and hook is authorized throughout the year within the twelve mile limit of territorial waters in an area located between longitude 56°30'E to 60°E.
- 3.2. Using traditional bottom trawlers for catching fish in Oman Sea is authorized provided that this matter will not interfere the activities of traditional fishermen using traditional traps and that the following mesh sizes will be taken into consideration:
- Mesh size in trawl wings and belly to be 75 mm.
 - " " " cod end to be 60 mm.
 - " " " apron to be 60 to 70 mm.
- 3.3. Standard mesh sizes for catching shrimp by traditional fishermen are as follows:
- Mesh size in trawl net and belly to be 45 mm.
 - " " " cod end to be 40 mm.
 - " " " apron to be 75 to 100 mm.