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Rub Al Khali Basin Geologic Province 2019

Other petroleum system boundary

USGS PROVINCE: Rub Al Khali Basin (2019)–Petroleum system is centered in the Rub 'al Khali Basin province but extends into the southeast corner of province 2022-Qatar Arch.

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TOTAL PETROLEUM SYSTEM: Cretaceous Thamama/Wasia (201901)

ASSESSMENT UNIT: Mesozoic/Tertiary Foredeep Fold and Thrust (20190103)

DESCRIPTION: This assessment unit is defined by the Omani foredeep and thrust front and Ras 'al Khaima sub-basin along the Oman Mountain and includes both offshore and onshore. Fields were formed during the Eocene and Miocene from tectonic loading of the Arabian platform and oceanic crust and mantle (ophiolites) thrust upon the Arabian plate with later secondary deformation. The assessment unit has a primary north-south structural grain formed by folding and thrust faults parallel to Oman thrust front. Mesozoic and Tertiary reservoirs are assessed separately recognizing possible overlap with Paleozoic.

SOURCE ROCKS: Four inferred source rocks are recognized in this assessment unit: (1) organicrich, basinal facies of the Shu'aiba and possible, (2) Habshan Formation (3) a series of argillaceous dense layers (as thick as 500 ft net source) all of the Early Cretaceous Thamama Group, and (4) the Shilaif (Khatiyah) Formation basinal facies, Middle Cretaceous Wasia Group, may also extend into the foredeep. These source rocks contain Type II and I organic matter with about 1 to 10 percent TOC (1.3 to 2.0 percent average).

MATURATION: Thamama and Wasia source rocks are presently mature for gas generation along the deeper (> 4,000 m) portion of the foredeep and overthrust where temperatures have exceeded 170° and mature for oil along the western edge of the fold belt. Condensates are typically about 50° API and as high as 56° . Some mature (36 to 39° API) oils are produced from fields along the western fold belt. Gas was initially generated from the Shu'aiba source in the Oligocene (30 Ma) from the deepest portion of the foredeep. Most of the assessment unit is presently in the gas generation window.

MIGRATION: The Thamama has good carrier beds below the regional Nahr Umr Shale seal for lateral migration. Oil generated from the foredeep migrated updip and westerly out from the Omani foredeep into fields along the foldbelt. Later gas generation commencing in the Oligocene filled traps formed during 2nd Alpine compression in the Miocene by both lateral migration and vertical migration from thrust faults.

RESERVOIR ROCKS: Primary reservoirs are the cyclic, shallow-water, platform and shelf carbonate grainstones and packstones of the Lower Cretaceous Shu'aiba Formation and biocastic shoal buildups of the Middle Cretaceous Mishrif Formation. Minor reservoirs are in the Cretaceous Habshan and Lekhwair Formations with some vertical leakage into Tertiary Pabden and Gacharsan Formations.

TRAPS AND SEALS: Traps are structural and mainly (1) foredeep foldbelt anticlines due to Oman Mountain compression (2) fault-propagation folds, and 3) normal- and thrust-faulted anticlines. Some anticlines drape basement horst blocks and (or) are faulted due to Oman stress compression. Primary regional seals are the Nahr Umr, Laffan and Fiqa Shales.

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EXPLANATION

- Hydrography
- Shoreline
- 2019 Geologic province code and boundary
 - --- Country boundary
 - Gas field centerpoint
 - Oil field centerpoint

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Assessment unit code and boundary

Projection: Robinson. Central meridian: 0

SEVENTH APPROXIMATION NEW MILLENNIUM WORLD PETROLEUM ASSESSMENT DATA FORM FOR CONVENTIONAL ASSESSMENT UNITS

Date: Assessment Geologist: Region: Province: Priority or Boutique Total Petroleum System: Assessment Unit: * Notes from Assessor	12/8/99 R.M. Pollastro Middle East and North Rub Al Khali Basin Priority Cretaceous Thamama/ Mesozoic/Tertiary Fore Lower 48-all growth fur reservoirs (assessed so overlap of Paleozoic. CHARACTERISTICS	Africa Wasia deep Fold a action. This eparately fro	and Thrust is an assessr om other reser	nent of Me voirs), rec	Number: 2 Number: 2 Number: 2 Number: 2 esozoic and ognizing pos	2019 201901 20190103 Fertiary sible
Oil (<20,000 cfg/bo overall) <u>o</u>	Gas (<u>></u> 20,000 cfg/bo c	overall):	Gas			
What is the minimum field size?						
Number of discovered fields ex Established (>13 fields)	ceeding minimum size: X Frontier (1	-13 fields)	Oil:	2 ypothetical	Gas: (no fields)	14
Median size (grown) of discove	ered oil fields (mmboe): 1st 3rd ered gas fields (bcfg):	139	2nd 3rd	86	3rd 3rd	
	1st 3rd	527	2nd 3rd	2260	3rd 3rd	942
Assessment-Unit Probabilities: Probability of occurrence (0-1. 1. CHARGE: Adequate petroleum charge for an undiscovered field ≥ minimum size 1. 2. ROCKS: Adequate reservoirs, traps, and seals for an undiscovered field ≥ minimum size 1. 3. TIMING OF GEOL OCIC EVENTS: Favorable timing for an undiscovered field > minimum size 1.						
Assessment-Unit GEOLOGIC	Probability (Product of	of 1, 2, and	3):	_ 	1.0	
 ACCESSIBILITY: Adequat <u>></u> minimum size 	e location to allow explo	pration for a	n undiscovere	d field	–	1.0
UNDISCOVERED FIELDS Number of Undiscovered Fields: How many undiscovered fields exist that are > minimum size?: (uncertainty of fixed but unknown values)						
Oil fields: Gas fields:	min. no. (>0) min. no. (>0)	1 2	median no median no	9 30	max no max no	23 80
Size of Undiscovered Fields: What are the anticipated sizes (grown) of the above fields?: (variations in the sizes of undiscovered fields)						
Oil in oil fields (mmbo) Gas in gas fields (bcfg):	min. size min. size	10 60	median size median size	30 180	max. size max. size	1000 10000

Assessment Unit (name, no.) Mesozoic/Tertiary Foredeep Fold and Thrust, 20190103

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(uncertainty of fixed but unknown values)

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Oil Fields:	minimum	median	maximum
Gas/oil ratio (cfg/bo)	3000	6000	9000
NGL/gas ratio (bngl/mmcfg)	30	60	90
<u>Gas fields:</u> Liquids/gas ratio (bngl/mmcfg) Oil/gas ratio (bo/mmcfg)	minimum 22	median 44	maximum 66

SELECTED ANCILLARY DATA FOR UNDISCOVERED FIELDS

(variations in the properties of undiscovered fields)

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Oil Fields:	minimum	median	maximum
API gravity (degrees)	28	39	50
Sulfur content of oil (%)	0.5	0.9	1.5
Drilling Depth (m)	1000	4000	5000
Depth (m) of water (if applicable)	0	75	125
Gas Fields:	minimum	median	maximum

Inert gas content (%)			
CO ₂ content (%)	0.1	4.6	14
Hydrogen-sulfide content (%)	0.1	2	5
Drilling Depth (m)	1000	4000	5500
Depth (m) of water (if applicable)	0	75	125

ALLOCATION OF UNDISCOVERED RESOURCES IN THE ASSESSMENT UNIT

TO COUNTRIES OR OTHER LAND PARCELS (uncertainty of fixed but unknown values)

1.	United Arab Emirates	represents	65	areal % of	the total ass	essment ur	nit
<u>Oil</u> R	in Oil Fields: ichness factor (unitless multiplier):		minimum		median		maximum
V	olume % in parcel (areal % x richness	factor):		_	65		
P	ortion of volume % that is offshore (0-	100%)		-	30		
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Р	ortion of volume % that is offshore (0-	100%)		-	30		
2.	Iran	_represents	10	_areal % of	the total ass	essment ur	nit
<u>Oil</u>	in Oil Fields:		minimum		median		maximum
R	ichness factor (unitless multiplier):						
V	olume % in parcel (areal % x richness	factor):		-	10		
Р	ortion of volume % that is offshore (0-	100%)		-	100		
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Gas	s in Gas Fields:		minimum		median		maximum
R	ichness factor (unitless multiplier):						
V	olume % in parcel (areal % x richness	factor):		-	10		
P	ortion of volume % that is offshore (0-	100%)		-	100		
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3.	Oman	represents	25	areal % of	the total ass	essment ur	nit
<u>Oil</u> R	in Oil Fields: ichness factor (unitless multiplier):		minimum		median		maximum
V	olume % in parcel (areal % x richness	factor):		-	25		
D	ortion of volume % that is offshore (0	100%)		-	30		
Г		100%)		-			
Gas	s in Gas Fields:		minimum		median		maximum
R	ichness factor (unitless multiplier):						
V	olume % in parcel (areal % x richness	factor):		-	25		
Р	ortion of volume % that is offshore (0-	100%)		_	35		

Mesozoic/Tertiary Foredeep Fold and Thrust, AU 20190103 Undiscovered Field-Size Distribution



OIL-FIELD SIZE (MMBO)

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