

World Heritage Experts

Sultan Saif Al-Bakri



Sultan Saif Al-Bakri is Director General for Archaeology of the Ministry of Heritage and Culture of Oman. He coordinates all departments operating in the fields of archaeological research and heritage management, including the Department of Excavations and Archaeological Studies and the Department of World Heritage Sites, as well as the activities of Omani and foreign teams and scholars. From 1993 to 1997, he studied Archaeology and Art History at the College of Arts (Department of Archaeology) of the Sultan Qaboos University in Muscat. In 2011, he obtained a Master in Archaeology from the Birmingham University (United Kingdom) with a specialization in archaeological methods and theory. Al-Bakri has worked extensively on the field as member of the Department of Excavations and Archeological Studies, of which he was Director from 2012 to 2015. He participated also in numerous international projects and published articles about the UNESCO sites of Bat, Al-Khutm & Al-Ayn (Bronze Age), Bahla, and Qalhat (Islamic).

Sultan Al-Maqbali



Sultan Ali Rashid Al-Maqbali obtained his B.A. in English Language and Literature from the Sultan Qaboos University in 2009. Presently, he is a director of the World Heritage Sites Department at the Ministry of Heritage and Culture of Oman, his tasks to coordinate and supervise all scientific and administrative procedures concerning World Heritage Sites under the jurisdiction of the Ministry. Al-Maqbali has been recently appointed as the National Focal Point of the World Heritage Sites. He has attended several World Heritage Committee meetings through which he gained a considerable exposure and experience to deal with different issues and topics related to World Heritage Sites.

Nasser Said Al-Jahwari



Dr. Nasser Said Ali Al-Jahwari is Professor at the Department of Archaeology of the Sultan Qaboos University since 1998. He was also Head of Department between 2010 and 2016. Dr. Al-Jahwari is also member of the ICOMOS World Heritage Panel for the evaluation of World Heritage List nomination dossiers. After having obtained his B.A. in archaeology from the Sultan Qaboos University in 1997, Dr. Al-Jahwari moved to the United Kingdom to complete his training. In 2001, he obtained his M.A. in Archaeology and Prehistory from the Department of Archaeology of the Sheffield University, while in 2008 he defended his doctoral dissertation in Prehistory and Landscape Archaeology at the Department of Archaeology of the Durham University. Dr. Al-Jahwari's research focuses on the prehistory and protohistory of the Oman Peninsula with a specific interest in landscape archaeology using quantitative methods for the reconstruction of ancient settlement patterns.

Dennys Frenez



Dr. Dennys Frenez (Italian) obtained a Ph.D in Oriental Archeology from the University of Bologna in 2011. Since 2015, he is being working as Technical Adviser for Archaeology & Heritage and Executive Editor for publications to the Ministry of Heritage and Culture of Oman.

Dr. Frenez's research investigates trade and cultural interactions between urban level societies in Middle Asia during the Bronze Age, with a specific focus on exchanges between the Indus Valley and the Oman Peninsula. His studies involve a wide range of, including the study of ancient administrative and writing systems, traditional technologies and crafts, palaeoeconomy and sociopolitical organization. He directed archaeological projects in India and Oman and worked on archaeological collections in collaboration with museums and archaeological expeditions in India, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, UAE and Oman.

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Personal Data:

Nationality: Omani

EDUCATION

1993-1997 Sultan Qaboos University, Faculty of Science, Oman.
B.Sc in Biology .

1998-1999 University of Southampton, United Kingdom
MSc in Environmental Science;

2005-2013 Surrey University, United Kingdom.
PhD in Coastal Zone and Climate Change Management in
Oman.

Work History & Experience:

**2000-2005 Environmental Specialists – Ministry of Regional
Municipalities, Environment and Water Resources - Oman**

**2005-2010 Director of Marine Conservation Department in Ministry of
Environment and Climate Affairs (MECA) Oman**

2010-2015 Director of Biodiversity Department in MECA- Oman

**2015- Current Assistance Director General of Nature Conservation at
MECA- Oman**

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS:

- Chairperson for the Technical working group on Updating the National Plan to Combat Desertification in the Sultanate of Oman 2015- current.
- Chairperson of the Working Group for the preparation of the national report for the Sustainable Development- 2012
- Chairperson for developing and establishing dark sky nature reserve in Oman.
- Chairperson for updating RD (6/2003) Nature Reserves and Conservation of Wildlife.
- Member in World Commission of Protected Areas in IUCN (2017-2020).
- Representative of Oman in International Coordinating Council of the Man and Biosphere Reserve Program in UNESCO (2017-2021).
- Member in Oman Business Forum.
- Member in Green List experts for IUCN
- 1st cohort of the National Leadership and Competitiveness program 2017-2018.
- Member in IUCN Marine Turtle Specialist Group

- **Member in the Following working groups and National Committee:**

- National Working Group for Updating the National Strategy and Action Plan on Biodiversity.
- The National Working Group on the preparation of the National Biosafety Framework.
- The Scientific Committee of the Convention of International Trading of extinction species (CITES).
- The National Committee on Plant Genetic Resources in Oman- Plant and Animal Genetic Resources Center- Council of Scientific Research.
- Local advisor with the project on the preparation of maps on land degradations in some areas in Oman.
- Business Transformation Project e-Government Team.
- Scientific Team to Prepare the Sultanate's Pavilion at Expo Milan 2015.

- Working group of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Affairs on the Ninth Five-Year Plan projects.
- The National Committee for the International Union for Conservation Nature (IUCN).

- National Working Group of cooperation between the Ministry of Environment and Climate Affairs and Sultan Qaboos University.
- National Committee on turtle protection projects in the Sultanate.
- National Committee on the reporting of climate change in Oman.
- National Committee on the Preparation of National Strategy and follow-up Action Plan for the Advancement of Omani women.
- Technical Team for development of Protected Areas in Oman.
- Executive committee to prepare National Plan to safeguard Traditional Knowledge, Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources.
- Establishment of Customer service center for tourism projects (Tanfeedh Initiatives)

Working Professional:

- ❖ Working on Monitoring and protecting wildlife and marine life of the country, through development & implementation of protection plans, in coordination with the concerned authorities.
- ❖ Drafting plans for the management of natural reserves, in coordination with the concerned authorities.
- ❖ Conducting studies and evaluating proposals for the sites of new reserves.
- ❖ Participation and Supervision on implementing projects in the protected areas (management, development, ecotourism development projects in nature reserve)
- ❖ Coordinate and lead activities related to project Preparation, progress report, and submission related to development of protected areas in Oman.
- ❖ Participating in the development of environmental regulations.
- ❖ Participation in the preparation and implementations of relevant national biodiversity and protected areas reports, national strategy and action plans.
- ❖ Technical National Focal Point for Biodiversity related conventions.
- ❖ Participation in the preparation of the Fourth and Fifth National report of Biodiversity and National Strategy and Action Plan for Biodiversity.
- ❖ Participated in preparation of Oman National Spatial Strategy
- ❖ Participated in Oman Vision 2040

International Participations:

I have attended several Regional and International events (training courses, workshops, conferences and professional meeting) on the Conservation of the environment and conservation of natural resources, protected areas and biodiversity issues since 2000 to Current date.

Personal Skills:

- Projects Management
- Team Working
- Guest Lecturer.
- Jurors in Ford Environmental Grants and Local competitions.
- Languages: Arabic (native), English (Excellent) and Little French.

Publications:

Co-author of the:

- Status of the marine environment report- Sultanate of Oman Country report to UNEP regional seas programme/ ROPME Sea Area (RSA)- 2003
- Oceanography of the Sultanate of Oman – Country Report to UNESCO (2004).
- Waste Water discharge into marine environment in Oman: Sources and Standers- An overview of the current situation (2004).
- Distribution and some aspects of the behavioural ecology of Geochelone Sulcate in Oman (2004).
- Biodiversity fifth national report of Oman 2013.
- Systematic, biogeography and evaluation of *Asaccus gallagheri* with the description of a new endemic species from Oman 2017.
- Participated in the preparation of the book on the Status of the environment in the Sultanate of Oman.

Publication Author:

- Public awareness book on coral reefs in Oman
 - Mangrove in the Sultanate of Oman- Book
 - Public Awareness book on Harmful algal blooms impacts and fish kills in Oman
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