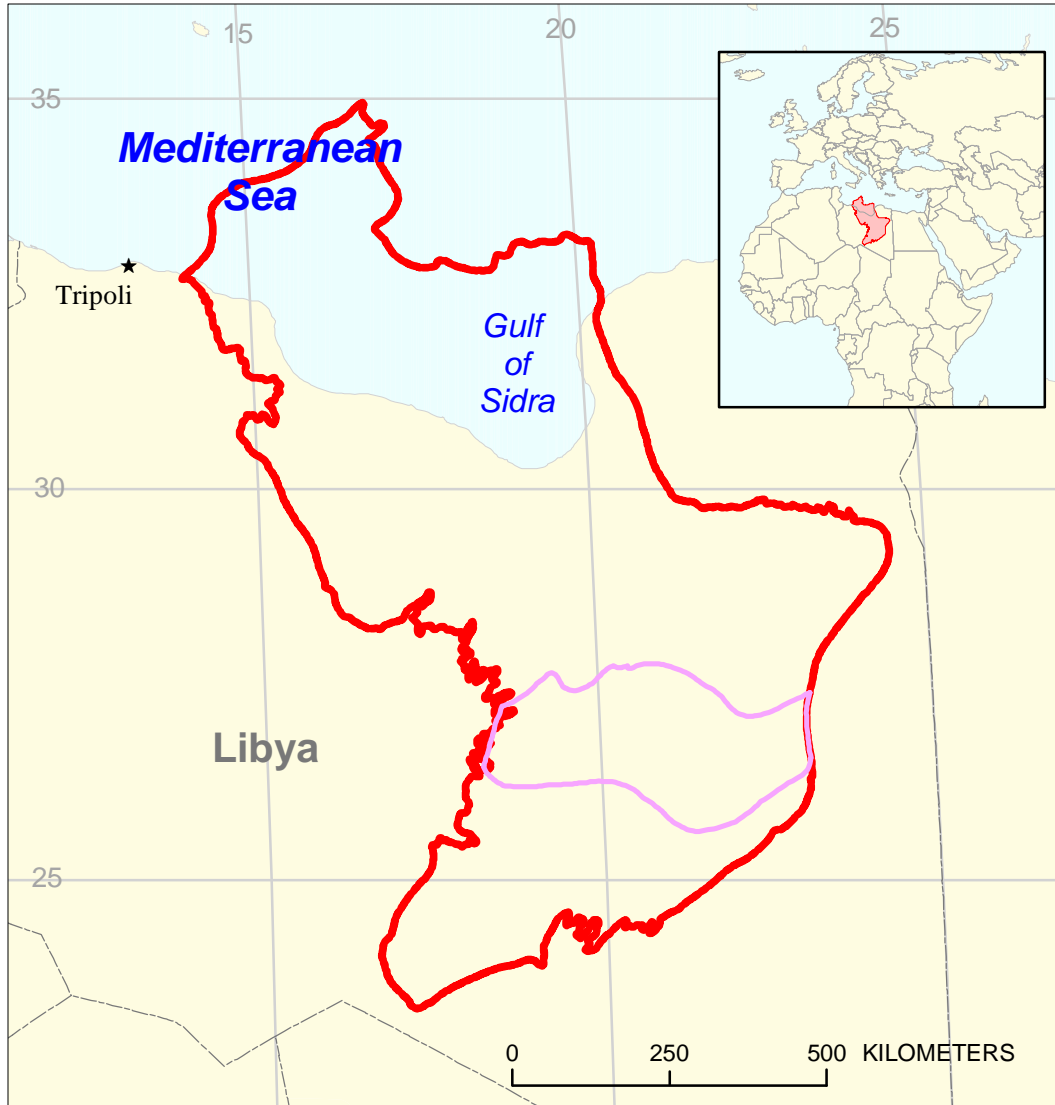




# Southeast Sirte Hypothetical Assessment Unit 20430104



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-  Sirte Basin Geologic Province 2043

**USGS PROVINCE:** Sirte Basin (2043)

**GEOLOGIST:** T.S.Ahlbrandt

**TOTAL PETROLEUM SYSTEM:** Sirte-Zelten (204301)

**ASSESSMENT UNIT:** Southeast Sirte Hypothetical (20430104)

**DESCRIPTION:** Although more than 65 wildcat wells have been drilled in the southern part of the Sirte Basin, no production has been established nor significant shows observed. The unit is highly structured with major faults that potentially could charge these structures from deeper grabens where hydrocarbon generation has occurred. There is a significant potential reservoir in Cretaceous (Campanian) marine sandstone bars, and some authors suggest multiple possible petroleum systems in this area. The unit is assessed a 0.5 risk in one element, that is, charge, because to date no accumulations have been found in spite of exploration efforts.

**SOURCE ROCKS:** The upper Cretaceous (Campanian) Sirte Shale of the Rakk Group is by far the dominant source rock although other potential source rocks (for example, Triassic) are thought to exist.

**MATURATION:** Generation is thought to have begun in Eocene time (variously timed at 50 Ma to 40 Ma) and continues to present. Onshore the petroleum generated is dominantly oil.

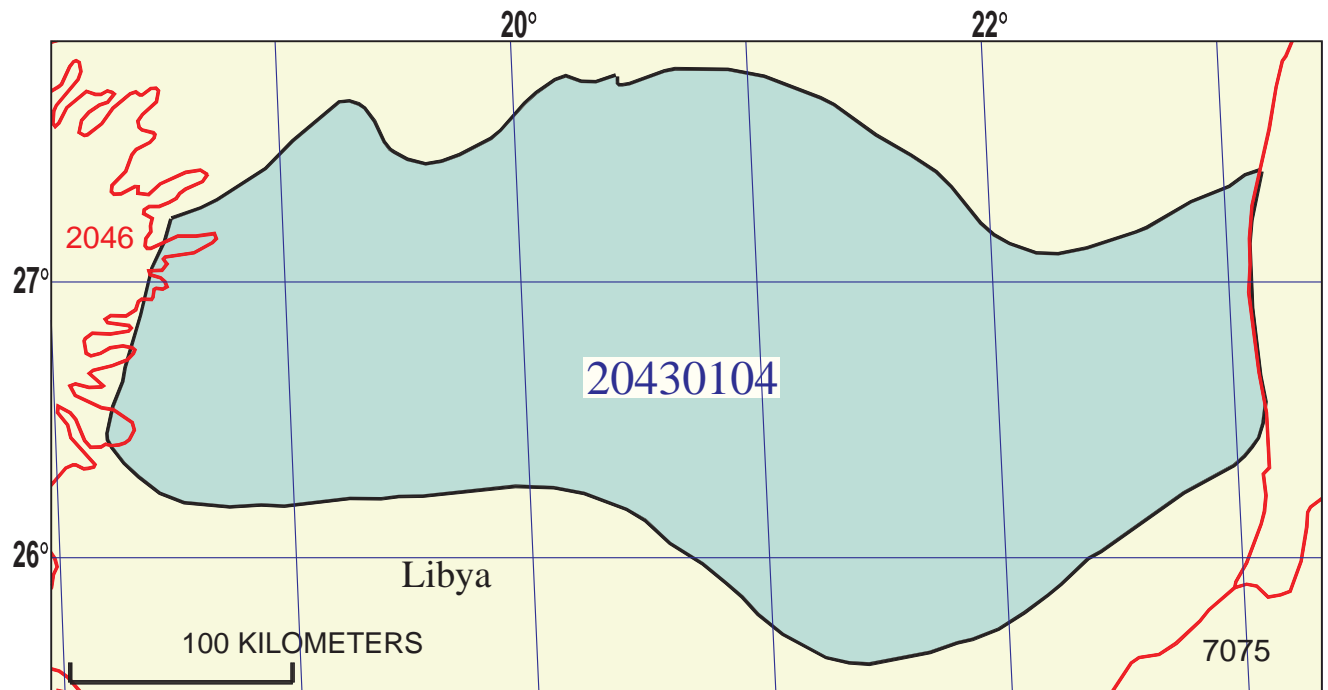
**MIGRATION:** Cretaceous source rocks in the unit are not sufficiently deep to generate hydrocarbons locally so lateral migration is required along faults from the deeper grabens to the north. Stratigraphically older source rocks intervals remain speculative.

**RESERVOIR ROCKS:** A series of Cretaceous (Campanian) marine bar sandstones are the primary target along the southern and southeastern margin of the Sirte Basin.

**TRAPS AND SEALS:** The Eocene (Ypresian) Gir Formation, particularly the Hon Evaporite Member is considered to be the dominant seal in the Sirte Basin. The thickness and sealing potential of the Gir Formation are concerns for this hypothetical unit and were risked in the assessment.

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### EXPLANATION

- Hydrography
- Shoreline
- 2043 Geologic province code and boundary
- - - Country boundary
- Gas field centerpoint
- Oil field centerpoint
- 20430104 — Assessment unit code and boundary

Projection: Robinson. Central meridian: 0

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

Date:..... 6/19/98  
 Assessment Geologist:..... T.S. Ahlbrandt  
 Region:..... Middle East and North Africa Number: 2  
 Province:..... Sirte Basin Number: 2043  
 Priority or Boutique..... Priority  
 Total Petroleum System:..... Sirte-Zelten Number: 204301  
 Assessment Unit:..... Southeast Sirte Hypothetical Number: 20430104  
 \* Notes from Assessor Lower 48 growth factor.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF ASSESSMENT UNIT**

Oil (<20,000 cfg/bo overall) **or** Gas (≥20,000 cfg/bo overall):... Oil

What is the minimum field size?..... 5 mmboe grown (≥1mmboe)  
 (the smallest field that has potential to be added to reserves in the next 30 years)

Number of discovered fields exceeding minimum size:..... Oil: 0 Gas: 0  
 Established (>13 fields) Frontier (1-13 fields) Hypothetical (no fields) X

Median size (grown) of discovered oil fields (mmboe):  
 1st 3rd 2nd 3rd 3rd 3rd  
 Median size (grown) of discovered gas fields (bcfg):  
 1st 3rd 2nd 3rd 3rd 3rd

**Assessment-Unit Probabilities:**

| Attribute  | Probability of occurrence (0-1.0) |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. <b>CHARGE:</b> Adequate petroleum charge for an undiscovered field ≥ minimum size.....            | 0.5                               |
| 2. <b>ROCKS:</b> Adequate reservoirs, traps, and seals for an undiscovered field ≥ minimum size..... | 1.0                               |
| 3. <b>TIMING OF GEOLOGIC EVENTS:</b> Favorable timing for an undiscovered field ≥ minimum size       | 1.0                               |

**Assessment-Unit GEOLOGIC Probability** (Product of 1, 2, and 3):..... 0.5

4. **ACCESSIBILITY:** Adequate location to allow exploration for an undiscovered field  
 ≥ minimum size..... 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:.....min. no. (>0) 3 median no. 15 max no. 30  
 Gas fields:.....min. no. (>0) median no. max no.

**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)..... min. size 5 median size 20 max. size 500  
 Gas in gas fields (bcfg):..... min. size median size max. size

**AVERAGE RATIOS FOR UNDISCOVERED FIELDS, TO ASSESS COPRODUCTS**  
 (uncertainty of fixed but unknown values)

| <u>Oil Fields:</u>                | minimum | median | maximum |
|-----------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Gas/oil ratio (cfg/bo).....       | 100     | 220    | 500     |
| NGL/gas ratio (bnl/mmcf).....     | 50      | 60     | 70      |
| <u>Gas fields:</u>                | minimum | median | maximum |
| Liquids/gas ratio (bnl/mmcf)..... | _____   | _____  | _____   |
| Oil/gas ratio (bo/mmcf).....      | _____   | _____  | _____   |

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**SELECTED ANCILLARY DATA FOR UNDISCOVERED FIELDS**  
 (variations in the properties of undiscovered fields)

| <u>Oil Fields:</u>                      | minimum | median | maximum |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| API gravity (degrees).....              | 30      | 36     | 42      |
| Sulfur content of oil (%).....          | _____   | 0.3    | _____   |
| Drilling Depth (m) .....                | 500     | 3000   | 3500    |
| Depth (m) of water (if applicable)..... | _____   | _____  | _____   |
| <u>Gas Fields:</u>                      | minimum | median | maximum |
| Inert gas content (%).....              | _____   | _____  | _____   |
| CO <sub>2</sub> content (%).....        | _____   | _____  | _____   |
| Hydrogen-sulfide content (%).....       | _____   | _____  | _____   |
| Drilling Depth (m).....                 | _____   | _____  | _____   |
| Depth (m) of water (if applicable)..... | _____   | _____  | _____   |

**ALLOCATION OF UNDISCOVERED RESOURCES IN THE ASSESSMENT UNIT  
 TO COUNTRIES OR OTHER LAND PARCELS** (uncertainty of fixed but unknown values)

1. Libya represents 100 areal % of the total assessment unit

| <u>Oil in Oil Fields:</u>                           | minimum     | median     | maximum     |
|---|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Richness factor (unitless multiplier):.....         | _____       | _____      | _____       |
| Volume % in parcel (areal % x richness factor):...  | _____       | 100        | _____       |
| Portion of volume % that is offshore (0-100%):..... | _____       | 0          | _____       |
| <br><u>Gas in Gas Fields:</u>                       | <br>minimum | <br>median | <br>maximum |
| Richness factor (unitless multiplier):.....         | _____       | _____      | _____       |
| Volume % in parcel (areal % x richness factor):...  | _____       | _____      | _____       |
| Portion of volume % that is offshore (0-100%):..... | _____       | _____      | _____       |

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## Undiscovered Field-Size Distribution

