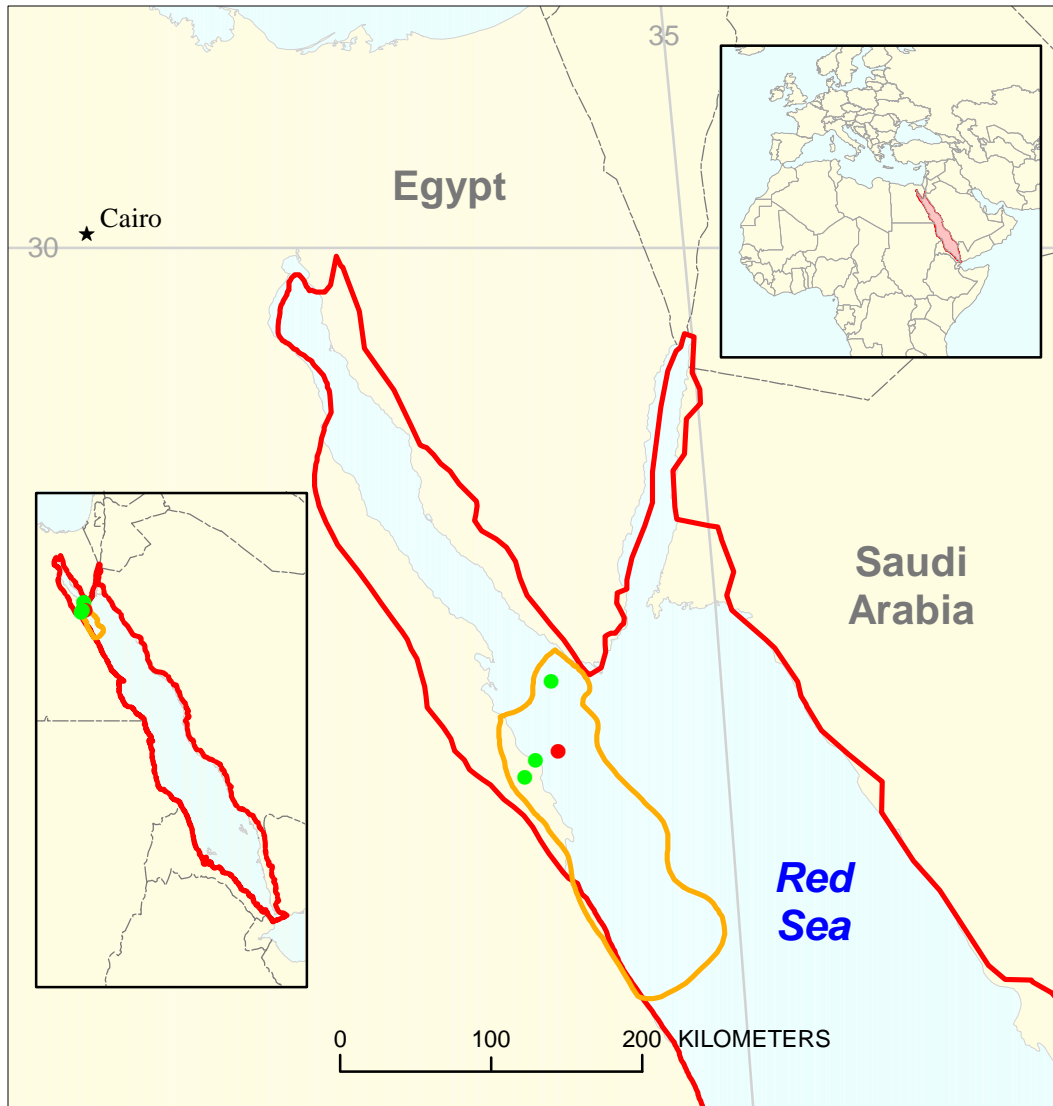




# Southern Gulf of Suez Assessment Unit 20710103



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-  Red Sea Basin Geologic Province 2071

**USGS PROVINCE:** Red Sea Basin (2071)

**GEOLOGIST:** S.J. Lindquist

**TOTAL PETROLEUM SYSTEM:** Sudr-Nubia (207101)

**ASSESSMENT UNIT:** Southern Gulf of Suez (20710103) (frontier)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Gulf of Suez Basin is an abandoned Miocene rift (part of the Red Sea rift system) between the northeastern Egypt deserts and the Sinai Peninsula, which includes shallow offshore and adjacent onshore areas. This assessment unit includes the southeasternmost Gulf of Suez Basin and the northwestern Red Sea Basin where water depths are greater and thermal gradients are higher than in assessment unit 20710101. It is approximately 15,000 sq km in area (similar to 20710101).

**SOURCE ROCKS:** Oil-prone, uniformly present, Upper Cretaceous (Campanian) Sudr Formation organic-rich, uraniumiferous marine limestone, with TOC content averaging 2.6 wt. % (maximum 21 wt. %) and thickness ranging from 25 to 75 m.

**MATURATION:** Dominantly Late Miocene, 6 to 12 Ma, in assessment unit 20710101 northwest of this assessment unit. The source rock is expected to be oil or gas mature in most areas here, with more gas expected than in assessment unit 20710101.

**MIGRATION:** Migration paths range from simple, cross-fault juxtapositions of mature source rock and reservoir to more tortuous cross-fault migrations combined with upward movements through fault blocks to a seal.

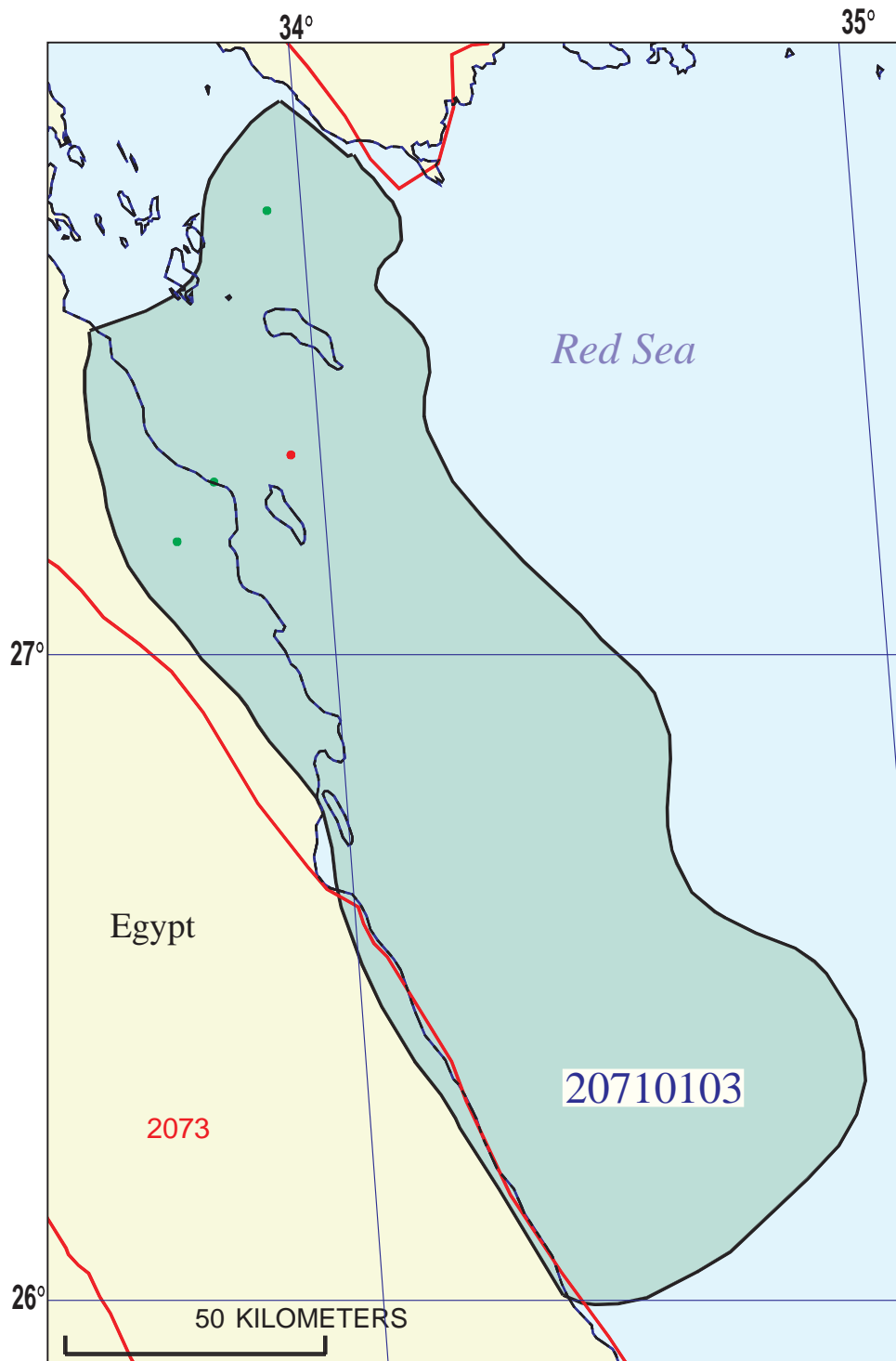
**RESERVOIR ROCKS:** Primarily pre-rift, Paleozoic to Lower Cretaceous sandstones, collectively called Nubia, that were deposited in continental to shallow marine environments. Preserved gross Nubia thicknesses can exceed 1,000 m. Arithmetic average of Nubia porosity is 19 percent and of Nubia permeability is 700 mD.

**TRAPS AND SEALS:** Traps are predominantly tilted fault blocks of Miocene age. Rifting processes peaked approximately 18 Ma. The regional seal is extensive post-rift, Upper Miocene (10 to 5 m.y. old) salt, evaporite and shale hundreds of meters thick.

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### EXPLANATION

- Hydrography
- Shoreline
- 2071 Geologic province code and boundary
- - - Country boundary
- Gas field centerpoint
- Oil field centerpoint
- 20710103 — Assessment unit code and boundary

Projection: Robinson. Central meridian: 0

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

Date:..... 10/7/98  
 Assessment Geologist:..... T.S. Ahlbrandt  
 Region:..... Middle East and North Africa Number: 2  
 Province:..... Red Sea Basin Number: 2071  
 Priority or Boutique..... Priority  
 Total Petroleum System:..... Sudr-Nubia Number: 207101  
 Assessment Unit:..... Southern Gulf of Suez Number: 20710103  
 \* Notes from Assessor Used MMS 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?..... 1 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: 3 Gas: 1  
 Established (>13 fields) \_\_\_\_\_ Frontier (1-13 fields) X Hypothetical (no fields) \_\_\_\_\_

Median size (grown) of discovered oil fields (mmboe):  
 1st 3rd 41.5 2nd 3rd 14.4 3rd 3rd 12.8  
 Median size (grown) of discovered gas fields (bcfg):  
 1st 3rd 60 2nd 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd 3rd \_\_\_\_\_

**Assessment-Unit Probabilities:**

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

**Assessment-Unit GEOLOGIC Probability** (Product of 1, 2, and 3):..... 1.0

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) | <u>1</u> | median no. | <u>12</u> | max no. | <u>38</u> |
| Gas fields:.....min. no. (>0) | <u>1</u> | median no. | <u>25</u> | max no. | <u>75</u> |

**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 (mmba)..... min. size  | <u>1</u> | median size | <u>12</u> | max. size | <u>600</u>  |
| Gas in gas fields (bcfg):..... min. size | <u>6</u> | median size | <u>72</u> | max. size | <u>3600</u> |

**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).....       | 3000    | 5000   | 7000    |
| NGL/gas ratio (bnl/mmcf).....     | 60      | 70     | 80      |
| <u>Gas fields:</u>                | minimum | median | maximum |
| Liquids/gas ratio (bnl/mmcf)..... | 35      | 45     | 55      |
| 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).....              | 20      | 35     | 45      |
| Sulfur content of oil (%).....          | 0.5     | 2.5    | 5       |
| Drilling Depth (m) .....                | 1000    | 2500   | 5000    |
| Depth (m) of water (if applicable)..... | 0       | 75     | 600     |
| <u>Gas Fields:</u>                      | minimum | median | maximum |
| Inert gas content (%).....              |         |        |         |
| CO <sub>2</sub> content (%).....        |         |        |         |
| Hydrogen-sulfide content (%).....       |         |        |         |
| Drilling Depth (m).....                 | 1000    | 2500   | 5000    |
| Depth (m) of water (if applicable)..... | 0       | 75     | 600     |

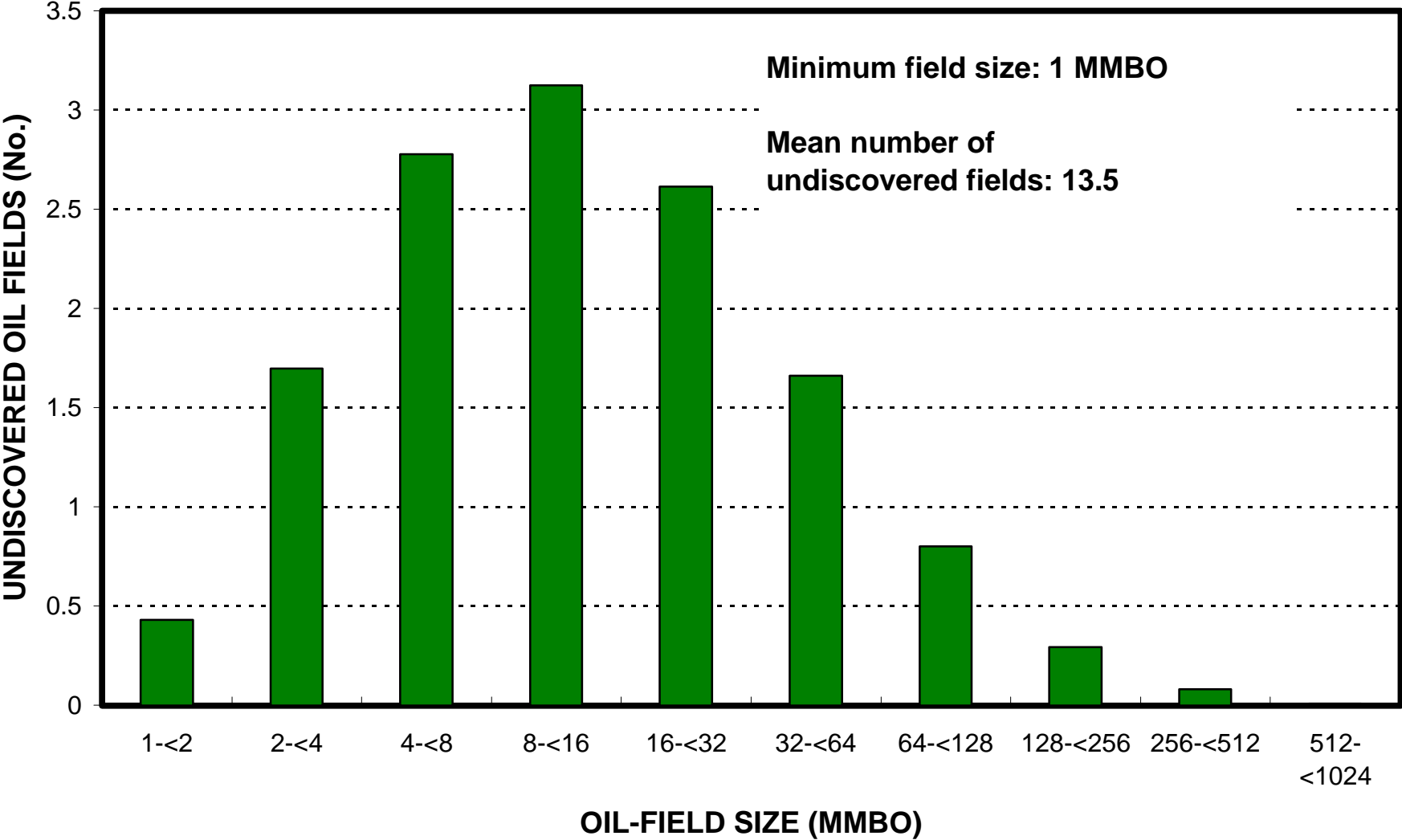
**ALLOCATION OF UNDISCOVERED RESOURCES IN THE ASSESSMENT UNIT  
 TO COUNTRIES OR OTHER LAND PARCELS** (uncertainty of fixed but unknown values)

1. Egypt 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%):..... | _____       | 89         | _____       |
| <br><u>Gas in Gas Fields:</u>                       | <br>minimum | <br>median | <br>maximum |
| Richness factor (unitless multiplier):.....         | _____       | _____      | _____       |
| Volume % in parcel (areal % x richness factor):...  | _____       | 100        | _____       |
| Portion of volume % that is offshore (0-100%):..... | _____       | 89         | _____       |

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## Undiscovered Field-Size Distribution





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