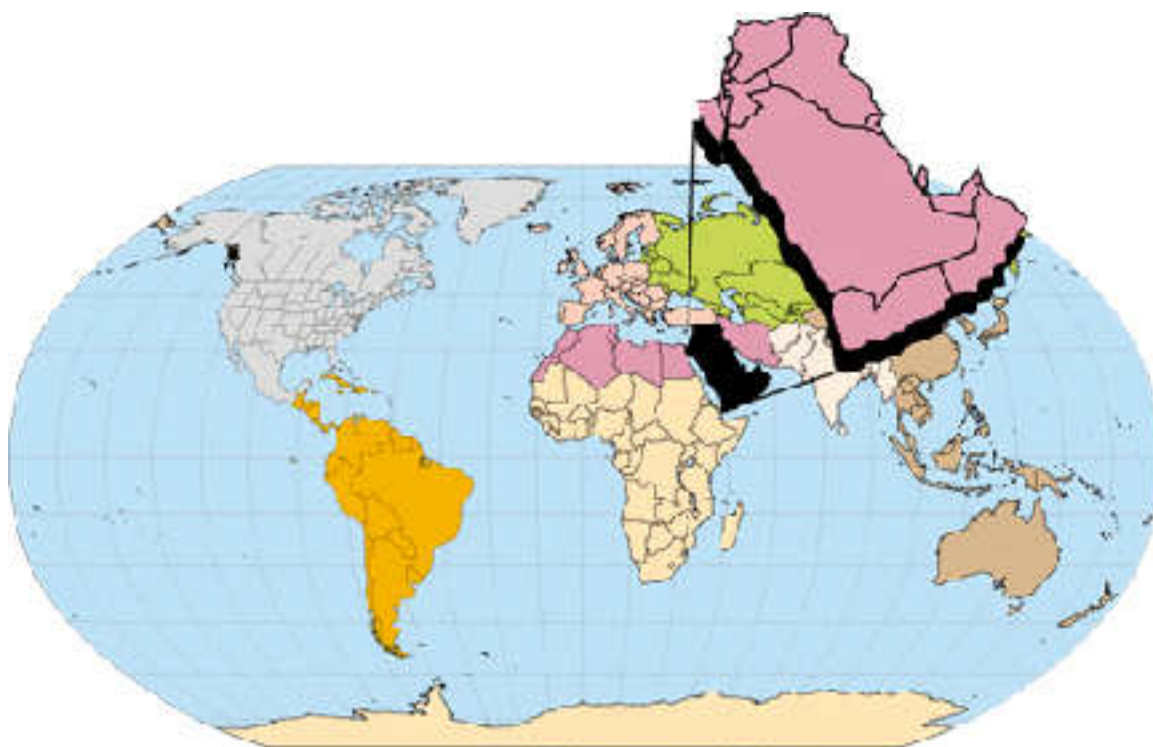


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<b>2089</b>	<b>Anah Graben</b>
<b>2101</b>	<b>Arabian Shield</b>
<b>2078</b>	<b>Beirut</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>Central Oman Platform</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>East Flank Oman Sub-basin</b>
<b>2075</b>	<b>Euphrates/Mardin</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>Fahud Salt Basin</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>Ghaba Salt Basin</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>Ghudun-Khasfeh Flank Province</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>Greater Ghawar Uplift</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>Gulf of Oman Basin</b>
<b>2025</b>	<b>Hail-Ga'Ara Arch</b>
<b>2076</b>	<b>Haleb</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>Hays Structural Belt</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>Huqf-Haushi Uplift</b>
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<b>2074</b>	<b>Khleisha Uplift</b>
<b>2032</b>	<b>Levantine Basin</b>
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<b>2009</b>	<b>Masila-Jeza Basin</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>Masirah Trough</b>
<b>2024</b>	<b>Mesopotamian Foredeep Basin</b>
<b>2102</b>	<b>Mirbat Precambrian Basement</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>Mukalla Rift Basin</b>
<b>2027</b>	<b>North Harrah Volcanics</b>
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<b>2071</b>	<b>Red Sea Basin</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>Rub Al Khali Basin</b>
<b>2028</b>	<b>Rutbah Uplift</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>Shabwah Basin</b>
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<b>2033</b>	<b>Sinai Basin</b>
<b>2034</b>	<b>South Harrah Volcanics</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>South Oman Salt Basin</b>
<b>2029</b>	<b>Wadi-Surhan Basin</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>Widyan Basin-Interior Platform</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>Yemen Volcanic Basin (North)</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>Yemen Volcanic Basin (South)</b>
<b>2030</b>	<b>Zagros Fold Belt</b>
<b>2031</b>	<b>Zagros Thrust Zone</b>



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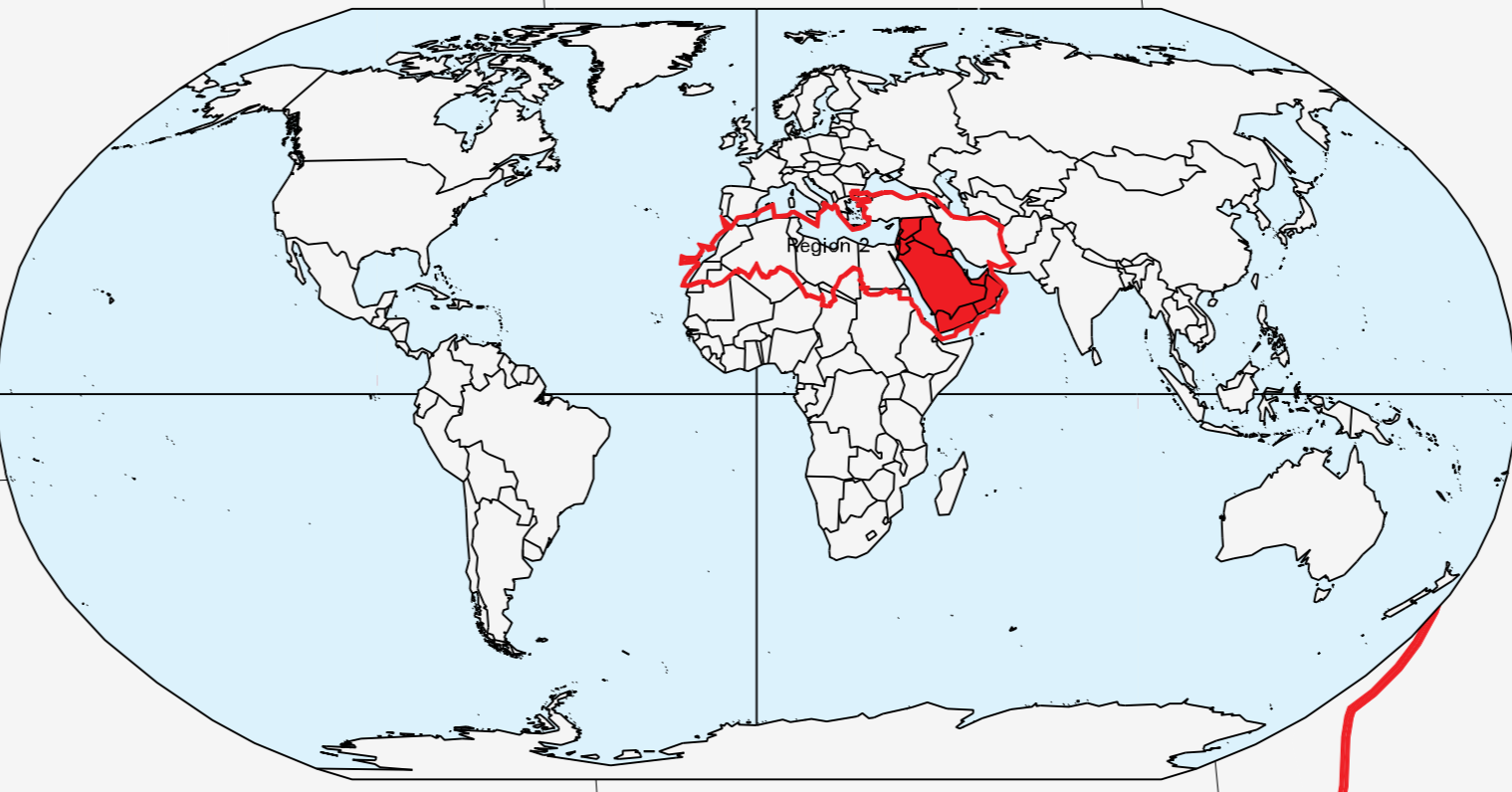
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<b>Geologic Units</b>		<b>Volcanics and Intrusives</b>	
Q Quaternary	Kv Cretaceous volcanics	TkC Tertiary Cretaceous volcanics	2000 Province Number
Qf Quaternary, fluvial	TkC Tertiary Cretaceous volcanics	TkI Tertiary Cretaceous intrusives	Zagros Province Name
Qe Quaternary, eolian	Qv Quaternary volcanics	Qv Quaternary volcanics	Red line Geologic Province Boundary
Qsk Quaternary, sabkha	QTV Quaternary Tertiary volcanics	Czi Cenozoic intrusives	Dashed red line USGS Region 2 Boundary
QT Quaternary Tertiary	QTV Quaternary Tertiary volcanics	MzCzi Mesozoic Cenozoic intrusives	Black line Political Boundary
T Tertiary	Czi Cenozoic intrusives	MzCv Mesozoic Cenozoic volcanics	Black line with dots Geologic Contact
TK Tertiary Cretaceous	MzCz Mesozoic Cenozoic intrusives	MzCv Mesozoic Cenozoic volcanics	Black dot Oil and Gas Fields
K Cretaceous	MzCv Mesozoic Cenozoic volcanics	Pzi Paleozoic intrusives	Blue Water
KJ Cretaceous Jurassic	Pzi Paleozoic intrusives	2000 Province Number	Grey Land areas not included in this study
J Jurassic			
JT Jurassic Triassic			
Tr Triassic			
TpP Triassic Permian			
P Permian			
C Carboniferous			
D Devonian			
DSO Devonian Silurian Ordovician			
OCm Ordovician Cambrian			
Cm Cambrian			
Mz Mesozoic			
MzPz Mesozoic Paleozoic			
Pz Paleozoic			
PzPc Paleozoic Precambrian			
Pc Precambrian undifferentiated			

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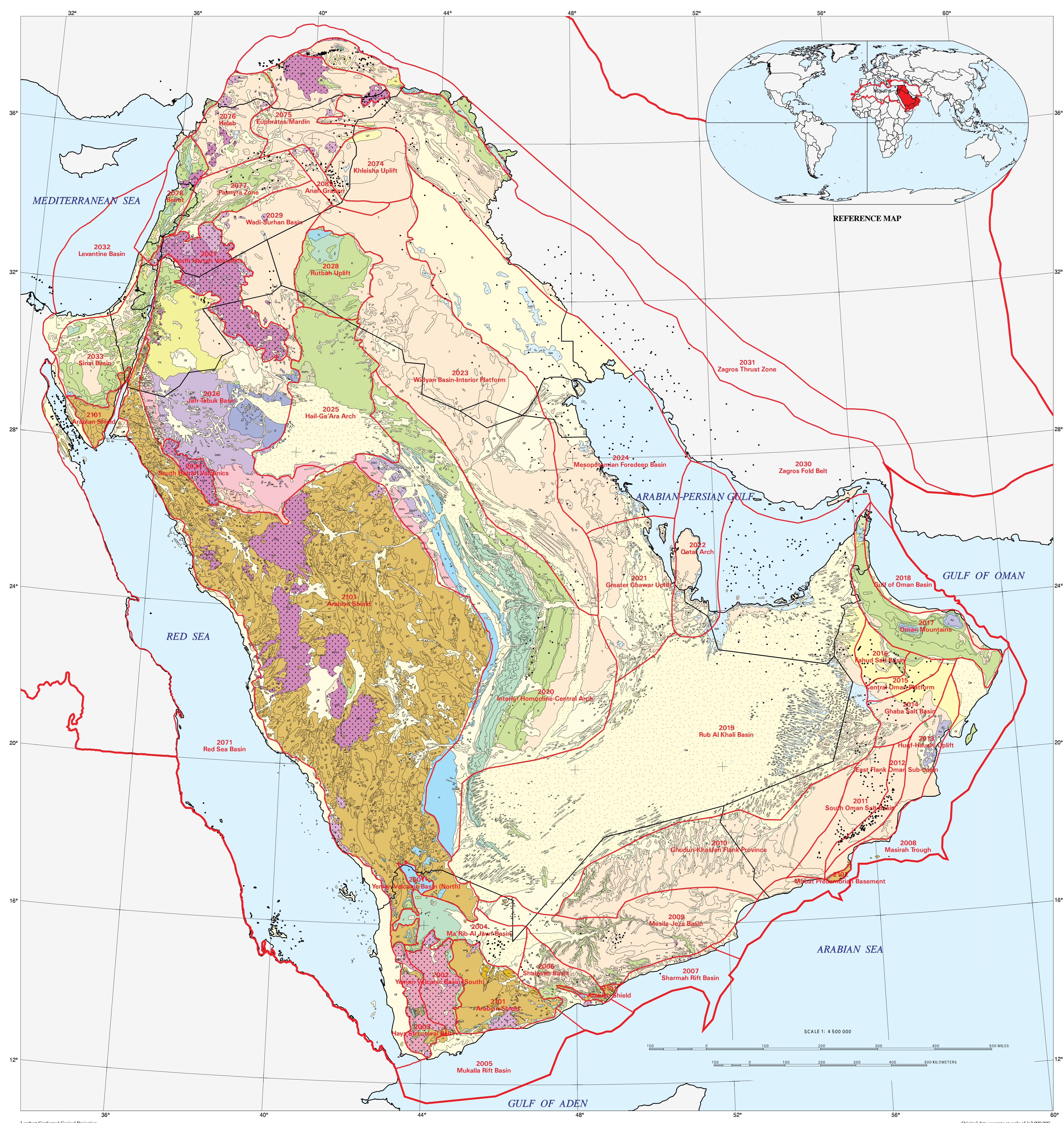
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For the World Energy assessment, the world was divided into eight energy regions which correspond approximately with the economic regions of the world as defined by the U.S. Department of State. The Arabian Peninsula portion of Region 2 is represented on this CD ROM (see Insert Reference Map on geologic map). The geology map for the Arabian Peninsula was compiled and synthesized primarily from the U.S. Geological Survey Arabian American Oil Company, 1963, 1:2,000,000 scale geologic map of the Arabian Peninsula. Additional geology in the northern portion of this map for parts of Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Israel, and Lebanon was derived with permission from the 1:5,000,000 scale, 1971 version of the Geologic Map of Europe, Eastern sheet, published by UNESCO (see Selected References no. 4). Specific details of the data sources are given in the metadata files on this CD ROM. Map units were combined to simplify the map when projected at a larger scale and to maintain consistency with other region maps. Precambrian rocks are undivided and consist of sedimentary, metamorphic, and igneous types. The boundary for Region 2 (Middle East/North Africa) is shown as an inset on this map. Oil and gas field markers represent field centerpoints published with permission from Petroconsultants International Data Corp., 1996 database.

Each region was divided into geologic provinces. Geologic province boundaries for the Arabian Peninsula were delineated onshore using data from the U.S. Geological Survey Arabian American Oil Company, and UNESCO geologic maps (see Selected References), and other tectonic and geographical data from the publications listed in the Selected References section. Offshore geologic province boundaries are defined by the 2000 meter bathymetric contour from the U.S. Geological Survey Arabian American Oil Company 1963 geologic map (see Selected References). Provinces may contain one dominant element or a number of contiguous elements or basins that are genetically related. Each geologic province was assigned a unique number; the first digit is the region number. An attempt was made to number the provinces in geographical order. In the Arabian Peninsula the numbering starts in the southernmost portion of the peninsula, generally increasing to the east and north.

This map was compiled and displayed using Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) Arc/Info, ARCVIEW, and ArcPlot software. Political boundaries and their cartographic representation on this map were taken with permission from ESRI's ArcWorld 1:3,000,000 Arc/Info digital coverage, have no political significance, and are displayed as general reference only. Refer to the ESRI licensing agreement in the ESRI license folder on the CD ROM.

**EXPLANATION**

<b>Geologic Units</b>	<b>Volcanics and Intrusives</b>
Q Quaternary	Kv Cretaceous volcanics
Qf Quaternary, fluvial	TKc Tertiary Cretaceous volcanics
Qe Quaternary, eolian	TKi Tertiary Cretaceous intrusives
Qsk Quaternary, sabkha	Qv Quaternary volcanics
QT Quaternary Tertiary	QTV Quaternary Tertiary volcanics
T Tertiary	Czi Cenozoic intrusives
TK Tertiary Cretaceous	MzCzi Mesozoic Cenozoic intrusives
K Cretaceous	MzCv Mesozoic Cenozoic volcanics
KJ Cretaceous Jurassic	Pzi Paleozoic intrusives
J Jurassic	
JT Jurassic Triassic	
Tr Triassic	
Tp Triassic Permian	
P Permian	
C Carboniferous	
D Devonian	
DSO Devonian Silurian Ordovician	
OCm Ordovician Cambrian	
Cm Cambrian	
Mz Mesozoic	
MzPz Mesozoic Paleozoic	
Pz Paleozoic	
PzPc Paleozoic Precambrian	
Pc Precambrian undifferentiated	
	2000 Province Number
	Zagros Province Name
	Geologic Province Boundary
	USGS Region 2 Boundary
	Political Boundary
	Geologic Contact
	Oil and Gas Fields
	Water
	Land areas not included in this study

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MAP SHOWING GEOLOGY, OIL AND GAS FIELDS, AND GEOLOGIC PROVINCES OF THE ARABIAN PENINSULA

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Lambert Conformal Conical Projection  
Units: Meters, Standard Parallels: 17 00'00", 33 00'00"  
Meridian: 47 00'00", Latitude of Origin: 22 00'00"  
False Easting: 0, False Northing: 0

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Survey editorial standards or with the Inter-  
national Stratigraphic Guide.