

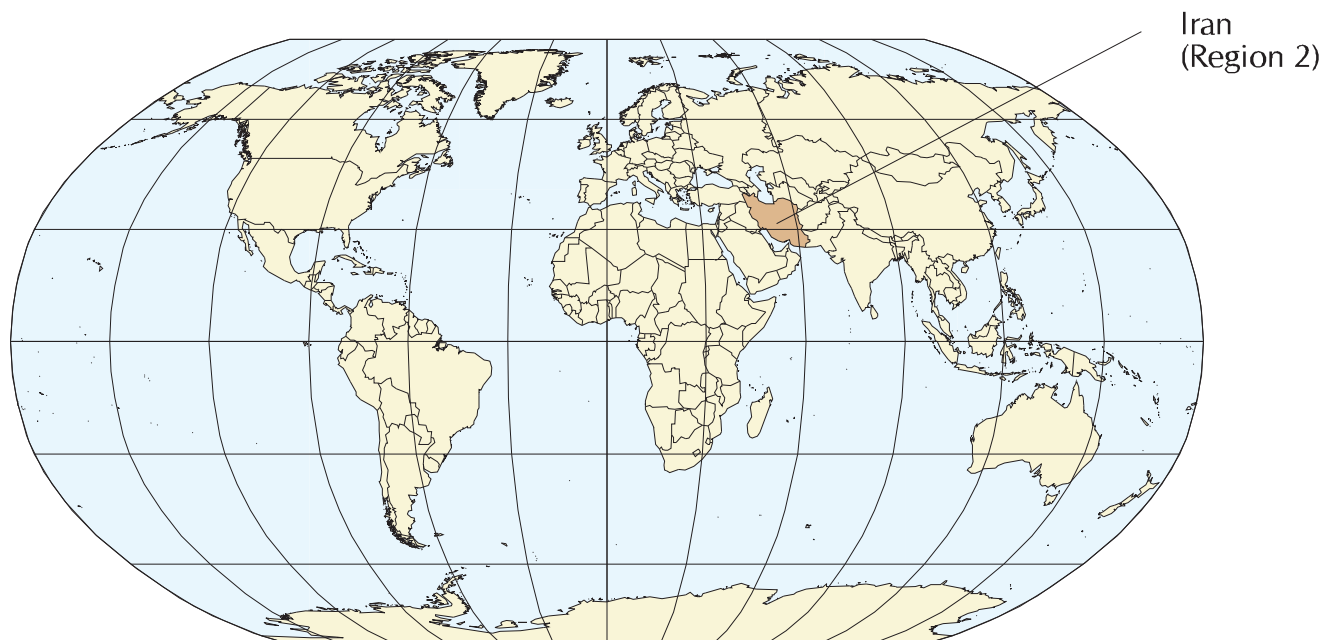
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**MAP SHOWING GEOLOGY, OIL AND GAS FIELDS,
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INTRODUCTION

This digitally compiled map includes geology, oil and gas field centerpoints, geologic provinces, and major faults of Iran with some of these components extended into geographically adjacent areas. This digital compilation is an interim product of the U.S. Geological Survey's World Energy Project (WEP) and part of a series on CD-ROM. The goal of the WEP is to assess the undiscovered, technically recoverable oil and gas resources of the world and report the result of this assessment in the year 2000. For data management purposes, the world was divided into eight energy regions corresponding approximately to the economic regions of the world as defined by the U.S. Department of State.

Each world energy region was then further divided into geologic provinces on the basis of natural geologic entities and may include a dominant geologic structural element or a number of contiguous elements. Some provinces contain multiple, genetically-related basins. Geologic province boundaries for Iran were delineated using data from different geologic maps, publications, and other tectonic and geographic data. Each province was assigned a unique number; the first digit is the region number. An attempt was made to number the provinces in geographical order or groups with numbering starting at the Arabian Shield (see Pollastro and others, 1998). The list of provinces sorted by number is shown to the right of the map.

Centerpoints of oil and gas fields are shown and were plotted with permission from Petroconsultants International Data Corporation, 1996 worldwide oil and gas field database. Allocation of field data to geologic provinces provided a ranking of the provinces by total known petroleum volume (see Klett and others, 1997). The WEP further characterizes the geologic provinces by petroleum system and assessment units in order to assess the undiscovered petroleum volume.

Specific details of map and data sources, and the procedure used in the compilation of this geologic map of Iran are given in the metadata file and described briefly in the text below. Stratigraphic subdivisions of Phanerozoic rocks were combined to simplify the geology and maintain consistency with other maps in this series. Precambrian rocks are undivided. This map was compiled using Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.(ESRI) ARC/INFO software. Political boundaries and cartographic representations are used, with permission, from ESRI's ArcWorld 1:3M digital coverages, have no political significance, and are displayed for general reference only.

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DATA PROCESSING STEPS

This map has been digitally compiled and abstracted from The Geological Map of Iran, (1985) Compiled by A. Haghipour and A. Aghanabati, Ministry of Mines and Metals, Geological Survey of Iran, Scale 1:2,500,000.

The projection information written on the original map is ".. adjusted from Polyconic Projection of International 1:1000000 Map of the Earth". Because such projection is not directly supported by ESRI's ARC/INFO software, it was necessary to georeference the map to the one of known projections. This was done as follows:

1. The latitude/longitude grid with cell size $2 * 2$ degrees was projected to Lambert Conformal Conic projection and then used to create ARC/INFO point coverage. That point coverage was used to create "to - from" links by ARC/INFO CONTROLPOINTS program.
2. A gray-scale scanned image of the original paper map was transformed to Lambert Conformal Conic projection by ARC/INFO GRIDWARP program (polynomial of the second order) using the "to - from" links created by CONTROLPOINTS program.
3. Geologic polygon boundaries from the source map were initially transferred to mylar and then scanned to produce a binary image.
4. The binary image from step 3 with geologic boundaries was vectorized by ARC/INFO GRIDLINE utility and then supplemented by hands-on digitization.
5. Polygon boundaries and geologic attributing of the ARC/INFO coverage from step 4 were verified and corrected by using gray-scale image from step 2 as a background guide.
6. A series of piecewise "rubbersheet" transformations was applied to the final ARC/INFO coverage. The ARC/INFO coverages that were used for transformation were ESRI's ArcWorld 1:3M GIS cartographic layers (RIV3M, CTRY3M). Overall RMS error of that transformation is equal to 1,500 meters (0.6 mm on original paper map).

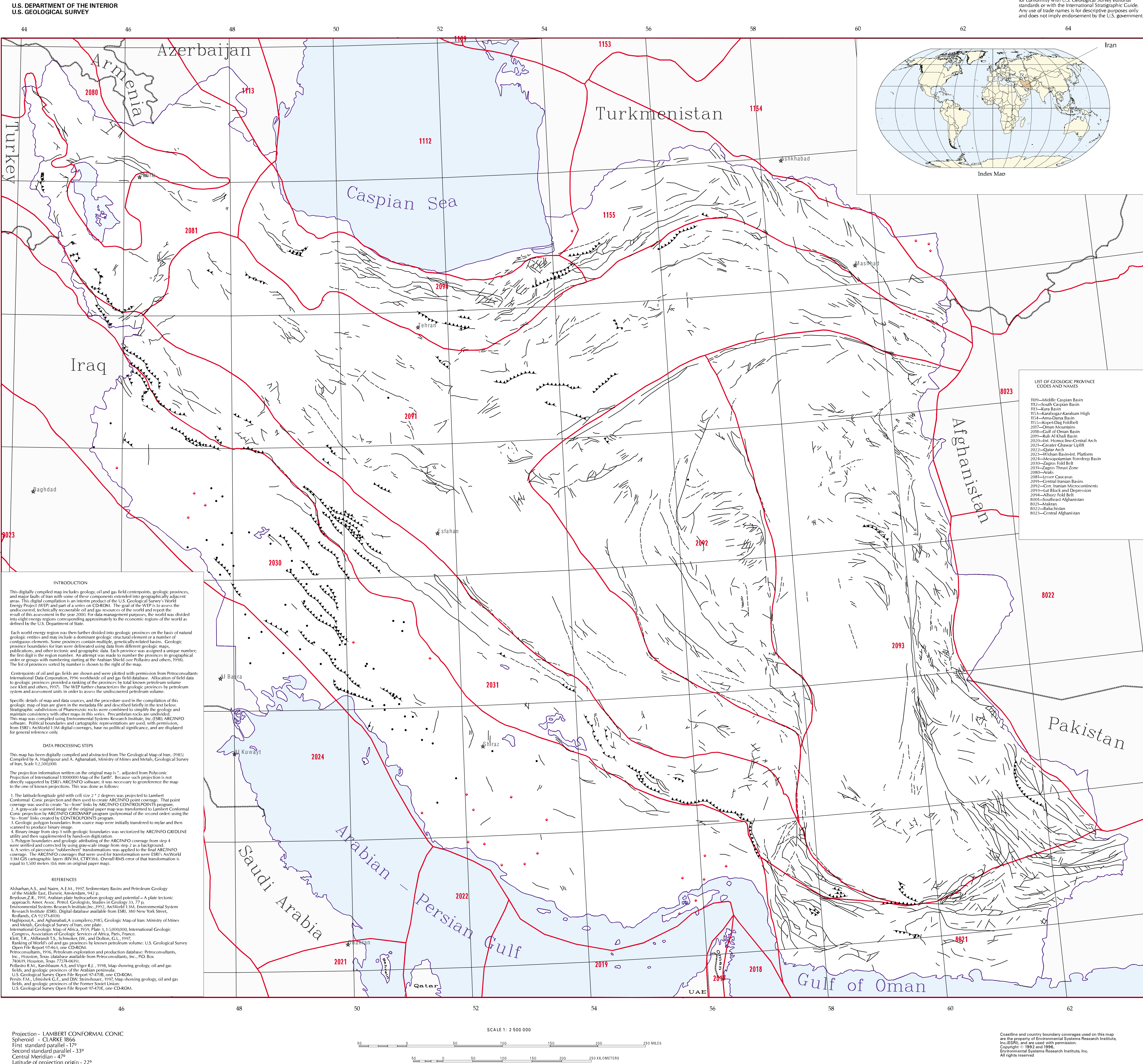
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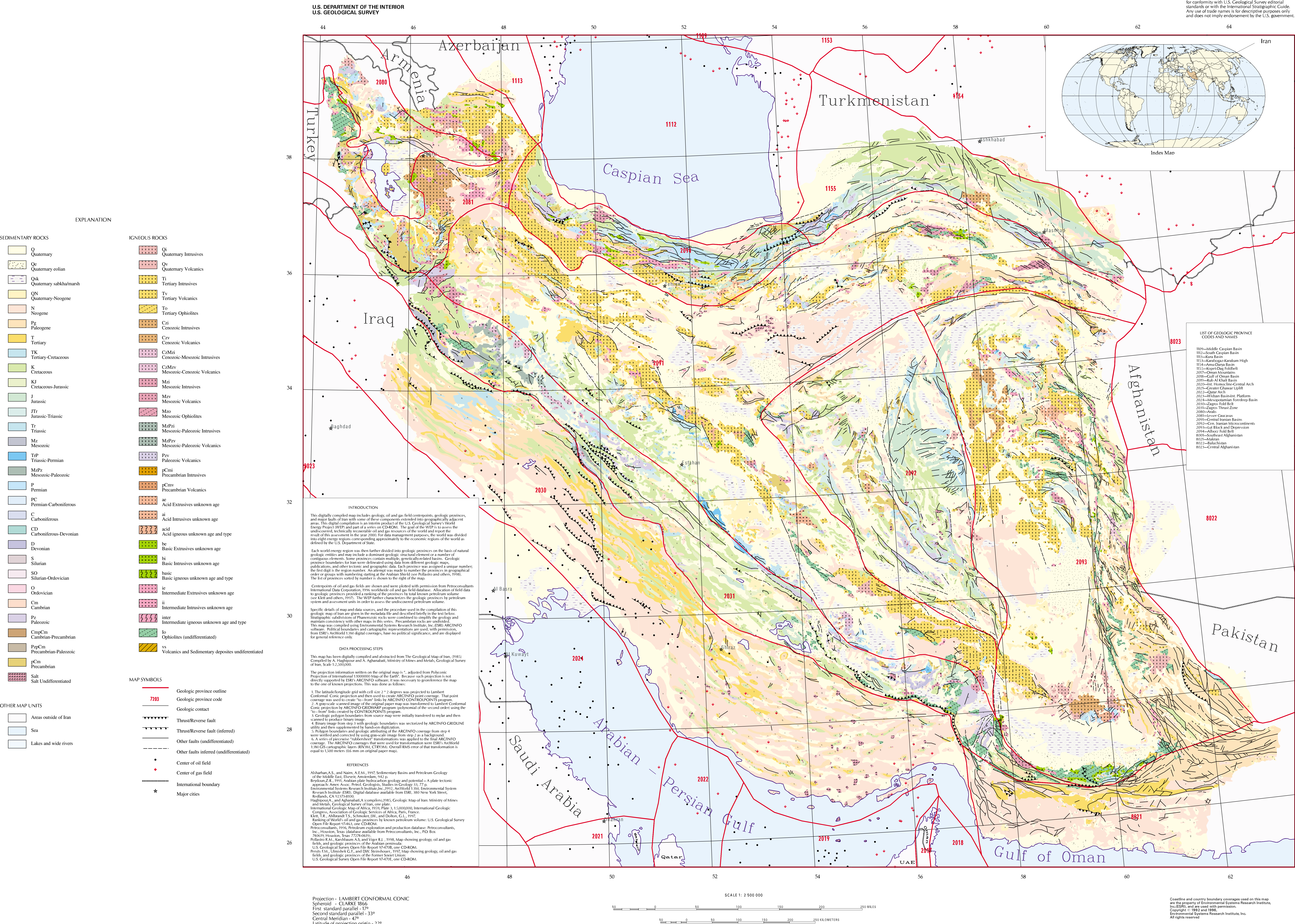
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2019---Rub Al Khali Basin
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EXPLANATION

SEDIMENTARY ROCKS

	Q Quaternary
	Qe Quaternary eolian
	Qsk Quaternary sabkha/marsh
	QN Quaternary-Neogene
	N Neogene
	Pg Paleogene
	T Tertiary
	TK Tertiary-Cretaceous
	K Cretaceous
	KJ Cretaceous-Jurassic
	J Jurassic
	JTr Jurassic-Triassic
	Tr Triassic
	Mz Mesozoic
	TrP Triassic-Permian
	MzPz Mesozoic-Paleozoic
	P Permian
	PC Permian-Carboniferous
	C Carboniferous
	CD Carboniferous-Devonian
	D Devonian
	S Silurian
	SO Silurian-Ordovician
	O Ordovician
	Cm Cambrian
	Pz Paleozoic
	CmpCm Cambrian-Precambrian
	PzpCm Precambrian-Paleozoic
	pCm Precambrian
	Salt Salt Undifferentiated

OTHER MAP UNITS

	Areas outside of Iran
	Sea
	Lakes and wide rivers

IGNEOUS ROCKS

	Qi Quaternary Intrusives
	Qv Quaternary Volcanics
	Ti Tertiary Intrusives
	Tv Tertiary Volcanics
	To Tertiary Ophiolites
	Czi Cenozoic Intrusives
	Czv Cenozoic Volcanics
	CzMzi Cenozoic-Mesozoic Intrusives
	CzMzv Mesozoic-Cenozoic Volcanics
	Mzi Mesozoic Intrusives
	Mzv Mesozoic Volcanics
	Mzo Mesozoic Ophiolites
	MzPzi Mesozoic-Paleozoic Intrusives
	MzPzv Mesozoic-Paleozoic Volcanics
	Pzv Paleozoic Volcanics
	pCmi Precambrian Intrusives
	pCmv Precambrian Volcanics
	ae Acid Extrusives unknown age
	ai Acid Intrusives unknown age
	acid Acid igneous unknown age and type
	be Basic Extrusives unknown age
	bi Basic Intrusives unknown age
	basic Basic igneous unknown age and type
	ic Intermediate Extrusives unknown age
	ii Intermediate Intrusives unknown age
	inter Intermediate igneous unknown age and type
	Io Ophiolites (undifferentiated)
	vs Volcanics and Sedimentary deposits undifferentiated

MAP SYMBOLS

	Geologic province outline
	Geologic province code
	Geologic contact
	Thrust/Reverse fault
	Thrust/Reverse fault (inferred)
	Other faults (undifferentiated)
	Other faults inferred (undifferentiated)
	Center of oil field
	Center of gas field
	International boundary
	Major cities