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FISHING INDUSTRY OF THE GULF OF ADEN (ARABIA)

For many centuries along the southern coast of Arabia, whose shores are washed by the waters of the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean, fishing has been a casual industry, one whose production methods are most primitive, but whose potentialities are believed great. There are none of the intense production methods which characterize this industry in the United States or the Scandinavian countries--powered vessels, packing houses, fish reduction plants--but rather, primarily, there is seen being utilized the primitive canoe, some very small dhows, and hand equipment. Actual production figures have never been compiled, but it is known that while most of the fish caught is used for local consumption, many shipments of dried and salted fish are sent irregularly into the hinterlands, to Ceylon and India, and to the British Somaliland coast.

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