



The city I came from is known as Baraka. It is a coastal area in Al Batinah South region in Oman (Fig.1). During the time from May to August (the warmest months through the year) the old residents were moving (Fig.2) from their places to stay in houses made of palm leaves (Fig.3); looking for cool air and temperate weather. This was widely common among people and has been known as “Al Qayth” season. But this habit starts to disappear starting from the late seventies/early eighties on. The drop-in precipitation rates in Oman is most likely the reason behind that (that led to depletions of groundwater and increases in soil salinity to become insufficient for agricultural activities which was a vital problem in the area especially in Baraka Fig.4). I also think the followed urban sprawl and urbanization, after the Renaissance (in the early seventies) has played a role in the natural environment changes because of the area’s proximity to Muscat (the capital city).