



# **Museum of the Frankincense Land**

**Salalah - Sultanate of Oman**

Conceived, Designed and Implemented by GAIA-heritage (sal)

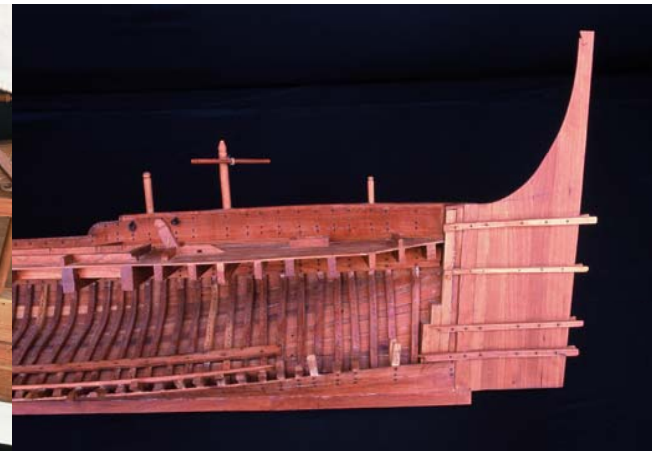


# **The Concept and its implementation**

- The Museum of the Frankincense Land consists of two halls: a History hall and a Maritime hall. These introduce the visitor to the geography, history and society of the country and to its relation with the Sea.
- This museum is the result of a five-year cooperation between the Diwan of His Majesty the Sultan of Oman and the team of specialists assembled by GAI A-heritage to undertake this work.
- This team consisted of CREATIME (sarl), of Mrs. Monik Kervran and Alessandra Avanzini and of MM. Rani Boustani, Ghaleb Cabbabé, Gaël de Guichen, Franck Houndegla, Bruno Lecour Grandmaison and Tom Vosmer.

# A Sustainable Museum

- Throughout, GAIA-heritage has insisted on the training of local staff and archaeologists. Several courses by visiting specialists in the handling of objects, inventories and documentation, museum and visitors management were organized in the museum compound.
- GAIA-heritage has also created a special workshop for five young Omani carpenters and has trained them in the production of scale-models of traditional Omani boats. It is this workshop that produced all the scale models in display in the museum as well as the other wooden objects.



# General Lay-Out

The museum stands along the Khor Al-Baleed in the Southern city of Salalah, in the buffer zone of the site of Al-Baleed, a medieval Omani harbour that is part of the World Heritage site of the Land of Frankincense.

The museum compound, assembled around a central courtyard, includes the History Hall, the Maritime Hall, a multimedia room, a coffee-shop and souvenir shops. Offices and storage facilities are also housed in the compound. Visitors can tour all the site with the help of electrical cars.



# History Hall – The Geography



# History Hall – Prehistory



# History Hall - Frankincense



# History Hall - Islam





# History Hall – Main Historical Events



# History Hall – Oman Today



# Maritime Hall – Entrance



# Maritime Hall – Early Navigation and Boat-building Tools



# Maritime Hall – Boat-building



# Maritime Hall - Trade



# Maritime Hall – Full Scale Baghlah



# Maritime Hall – View from the Stage & the Starry Sky





# Maritime Hall – Part of Stage



# Maritime Hall – Scale Models

