

A STUDY ON THE ROLE OF PEOPLE ON SAVING THE HISTORICAL COASTAL CITY OF BUSHEHR, IRAN

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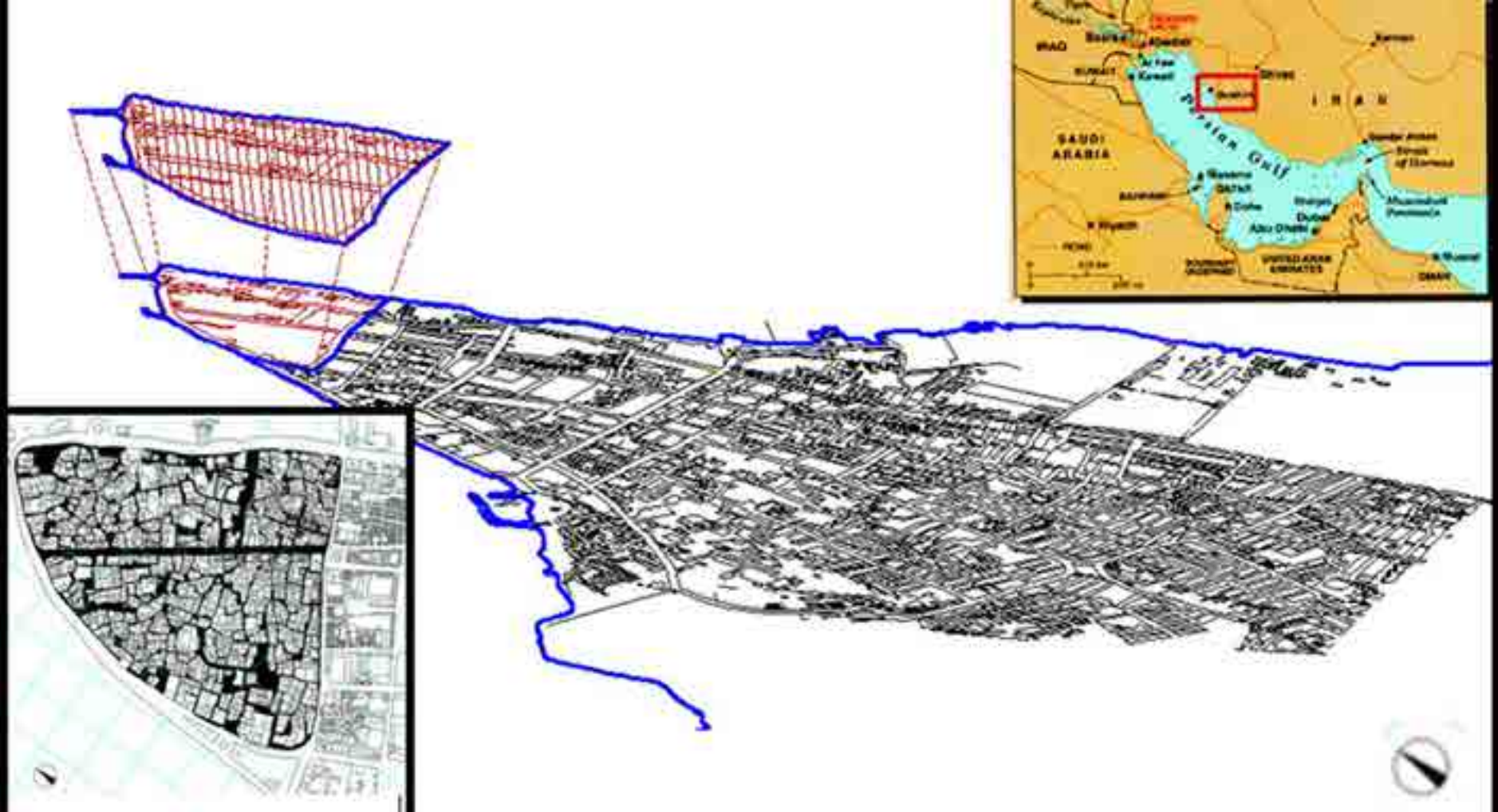
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INTRODUCTION

- **Historic urban communities as attractive patterns of life.**
- **First law on conservation of cultural and natural heritage have been approved on 1930 in Iran.**
- **Coastal city of Bushehr as a very good example of historical areas, have threatened by many factors such as flood and sea level.**
- **While many emphasize the governmental roles, this study focuses on the role of inhabitants to participate in preserving the costal historical areas.**
- **We believe the conservation plan should be supported by the residents of the historic area.**



OLD IMAGE OF BUSHEHR BY FLANDIN (1840)



LOCATION OF HISTORICAL AREA IN BUSHEHR



PICTURE OF THE HISTORICAL COASTAL AREA IN BUSHHR



HISTORICAL HOUSE IN BUSHEHR(1900 AD)



Decoration in Historical house in Bushehr



DEMOLISHED HISTORICAL BUILD BY INUNDATION

short distance between the sea and the buildings, caused the historical buildings and the built environment being demolished by inundation.

OLD PROGRAMS

For solving this problem and defending the historical area against the water, the governor of Bushehr built artificial lands (dikes, earth walls). They were thus able to enclose tracts of land which consequently made distance between seacoast and the historical buildings. The created lands were used for roads, parks and recreational facilities



**CREATED LAND BETWEEN SEACOAST AND THE HISTORICAL BUILDINGS IN
BUSHEHR**

NEW IDEA



Old project has been working successfully on a collective base for several years. But many environmental groups complain this project because of its impacts on marine wildlife.

Based on this factor and other factors such as flood that run from north to south, new idea is created:

to save the historical areas by another program. The main target of this idea is cooperation with the people.

STUDY METHODOLOGY

Survey method:

Using the questionnaire data, the role of people on moving towards saving the historical coastal city were identified.

Statistical population:

50 Officers of Cultural Heritage Organization and Municipality.

Sampling method:

Random Survey Sampling.

The questionnaire's characteristics:

9 open-end questions asking about people roles in saving the historical coastal city.

Distribution time:

between February 1, 2015 and March 1, 2015.

Answered questionnaires' rate : 84%

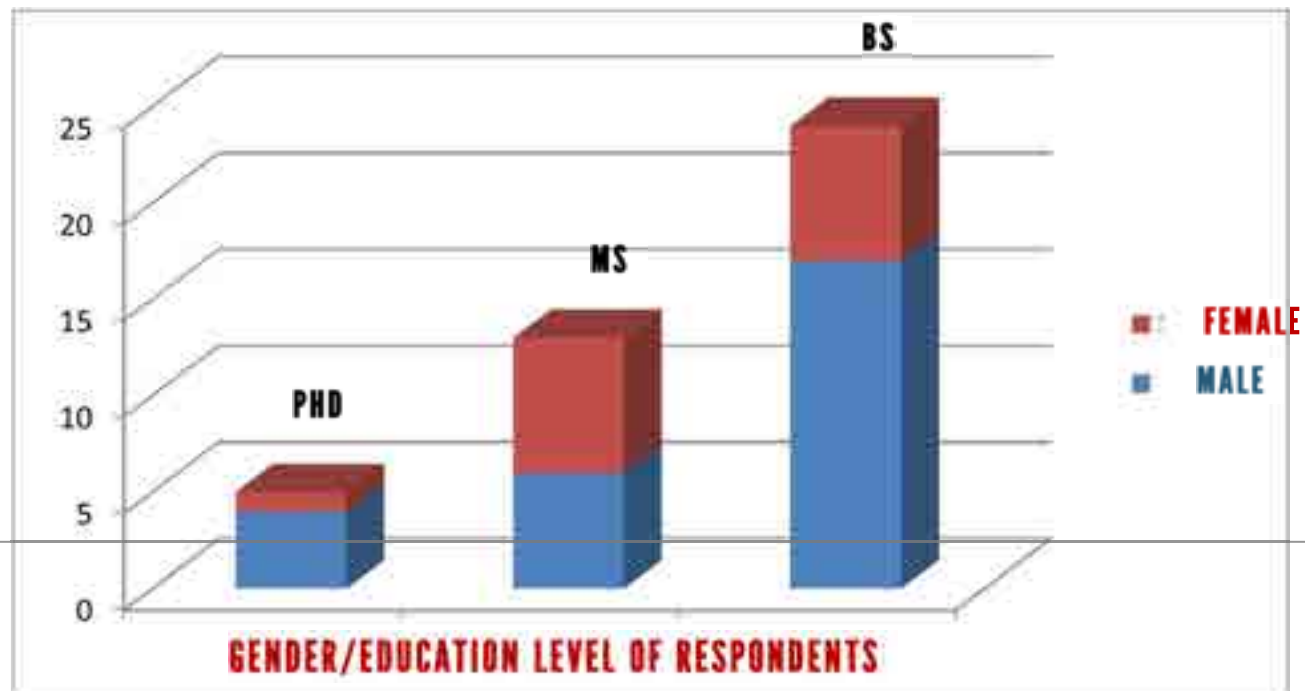
RESULTS

CHARACTERISTICS OF RESPONDENTS

Male: 64.1% / Female: 35.9%

Mean age: 38 years

Respondents have at least Bachelor degrees and 10% had PhD.



B. THE BELIEFS OF RESPONDENTS

- Residents' low familiarities with sea level increase and saving the historical areas (38%)
- Improvement of saving the historical coastal city in last 10 years (73%)
- Few respondents believe it is due to people cooperation (20%)
- Available association should be empowered by suitable training, technical assistance and capacity building

RESPONDENTS BELIEFS ON THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN SAVING THE HISTORICAL AREAS:

- Be as the supervisory authority;
- Government should be as regulator;
- Giving awareness to people about the necessity in saving the historical areas;
- Useing the capabilities and abilities of local communities in the saving the historical areas;
- Paying parts of restoration costs;
- Train the local residents on saving the historical areas;

RESPONDENTS BELIEFS ON THE PEOPLE'S ROLE IN SAVING THE HISTORICAL AREAS:

- cooperation of the residents living in the historical areas is influenced by the degree to which they believe that the program related to historical coastal areas is in accordance with national identity;
- the role of people are divided in three periods, before disaster, during disaster and after disaster;

Before disaster:

- People should be encourage to be actively involve in the program related to Environmental protection
- The people should be familiar with natural disaster such as inundation and be trained and prepared for acting during it;
- Become a volunteer member of NGO;
- Managing community volunteer structure for the time of disaster;
- Reinforcement of their own historical buildings;

During disaster:

- **Helping with donations;**
- **Helping to the NGO as a volunteer;**
- **To keep the surrounding environment calm and in peace;**

After disaster:

- **Helping to protect the vulnerable (historical buildings and people);**
- **Putting the community to back into pre disaster life;**

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The residents in coastal historical areas need to be concerned not only with enhancing the value of their community but also know that the program related to historical coastal areas is in accordance with national identity and helps to protect the cultural heritage;

Cooperation is necessary between the people, the government offices and the professional groups;

Giving the private sector a legitimate role in the public policy process through regulations such as requiring public hearings;



THANK YOU