

MENA Marine Works Monitor: July 2026

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Sixteen Middle East records now span work moving on site, projects in finance or procurement, an energy-terminal channel in field execution, desalination systems from bid opening and EPC award through construction, performance testing and operation, and a five-plant seawater pipeline at developer qualification. Port, terminal and utility stages remain distinct.

16 tracked projects	111 source citations	15 Confirmed records	8 delivery phases
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DATA CUTOFF 20 July 2026

COVERAGE Sixteen public IMWO project records in Bahrain, Jordan, Iraq, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and the United Arab Emirates, spanning port infrastructure, energy-terminal access and marine utilities at prequalification, tender, financing, award, early works, construction, commissioning and completed stages.

AUDIENCE Owners, contractors, consultants, lenders, suppliers, and institutions screening current Middle East marine construction interfaces and the evidence maturity behind each record.

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EXECUTIVE VIEW

Findings from the fixed evidence set

Sixteen MENA records sit at different points between confirmed delivery and marine interfaces that still lack package-level definition.

FINDING 01

Utility interfaces require phase-specific reading

Aqaba-Amman is waiting on financial close, while Hassyan has entered phased commissioning. Fujairah I has a signed EPC and defined intake-outfall arrangement but no published notice to proceed or marine mobilisation. Ghubrah III is under construction against a Q1 2027 operating target, with its four-line marine geometry published but installed quantities still absent. Rabigh 4 has passed its EPC performance test without a located owner commercial-operation notice or final marine handover. Ras Mohaisen is in developer-classified construction, and Hawar has opened bids without an award. Taweelah RO is already operating, but its final as-built marine route is unpublished. The five-IWP programme is still screening developers, and Taweelah C lacks a defined physical marine package. Treating all ten as equivalent tender opportunities would misstate both timing and scope.

FINDING 02

Port activity is centred on delivery and readiness

Aqaba's existing-asset concession has moved from a 2025 BOT expression of interest to formal Tender 27/A/2026, with clarifications due 20 July and proposals due 17 August. The closed document-request gate and scheduled site-visit window do not identify bidders, prove attendance, disclose condition, or establish an award. At Grand Faw, five berths are handed over, the owner reports the 23 km channel complete to 19.8 m, all immersed-tunnel elements are seated, and the 62 km road has final certification, while terminal handover, tunnel commissioning, marine services, operating responsibility, and sustained throughput remain separate gates. Tartous has crossed four evidenced states from memorandum to signed BOT, formal operating handover with harbour-tug service, and first-crane arrival; none yet proves planned dredging, achieved design depths, quay acceptance, all-crane commissioning, or realised capacity gains. At Khalifa Port, 2019 Capesize access is an operating baseline for a separate AED 84 million Newcastlemax berth programme, not evidence that the new scope is complete. Hamad Port's 2022 equipment-vessel call likewise remains distinct from the terminal's owner-reported 98% whole-project position in June 2026 and its still-open system handover.

FINDING 03

One record still needs marine scope confirmation

Fifteen of the sixteen records have Confirmed support. Taweelah C stays at Reported because its power-project contract chain and owner-side cooling-water review are evidenced while the cooling basis, seawater route, physical marine scope and any dedicated procurement path remain unidentified.

FINDING 04

Ruwais LNG separates energy demand from marine acceptance

The Ruwais LNG access package brings a different Middle East interface into the set. NMDC Group's marine award defines approximately 15 million cubic metres over a 5-kilometre, 245-metre-wide channel plus navigation aids. The February 2025 port notice establishes phased 24-hour dredging, two offshore disposal sites and environmental controls. The USD 5.5 billion plant EPC and 90% offtake cover do not establish final channel depth, accepted hydrography, disposal close-out, permanent navigation aids, jetty handover or marine operating approval.

FINDING 05

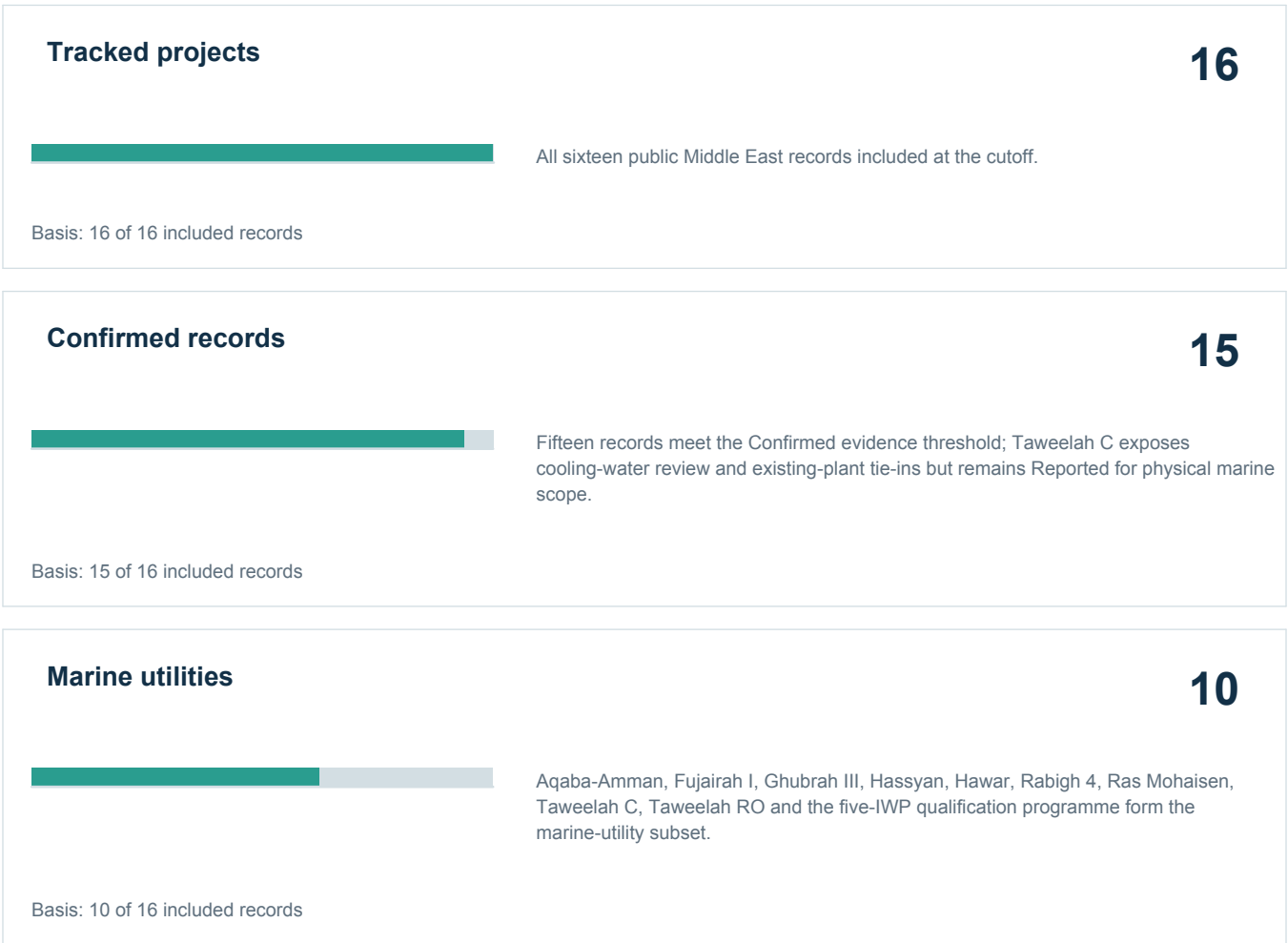
Sequence is the common commercial variable

Marine work depends on a wider system in every record. Aqaba's bulk terminal carries concession condition risk, and Aqaba-Amman depends on financing and conveyance. Grand Faw depends on navigation access; Fujairah I on approved marine geometry and consortium procurement; Ghubrah III on four offshore lines, screening and hydraulic commissioning; Hassyan on staged commissioning; Hawar on three EPC interfaces; and Rabigh 4 on commercial operation and marine handover. Ras Mohaisen still needs intake-outfall acceptance, Taweelah RO needs operating-condition evidence, and Ruwais LNG needs channel, navigation-aid and jetty acceptance. The five-IWP programme still needs individual RFPs. Tartous, Taweelah C, Khalifa Port and Hamad Port each carry separate access, utility, berth or handover dependencies.

CALCULATED SNAPSHOT

What the included records show

Every count uses the same sixteen-record denominator at the stated data cutoff. Bars show the share of the included evidence set, not a forecast or market-size estimate.



EVIDENCE TABLE

16 included project records

Sixteen public records form the complete denominator for this edition. Open any record to review its detailed scope and full project source list.

Project names link to the full public record, including scope, watchpoints, image credit, update history, and structured sources.

#	Project	Market	Phase / confidence	Current evidence state
1	Ras Mohaisen Independent Water Project and Marine Intake/Outfall	Saudi Arabia Middle East	construction Confirmed	Project agreements, the L&T-Lantania EPC award and December 2025 financial close are evidenced, and ACWA's 3 March 2026 year-end report classifies the full 300,000 m3/day capacity as under construction; offshore mobilisation, installed intake or outfall geometry, first water and accepted production are not dated
2	Aqaba Cement Terminal and Mut'ah berth rehabilitation concession	Jordan Middle East	tender Confirmed	DFBOT proposals due 17 August 2026
3	Aqaba-Amman National Water Carrier marine works	Jordan Middle East	financing Confirmed	Final technical and legal agreement signed; financial close still pending as of 7 July 2026
4	Grand Faw phase-one marine and port-access system	Iraq Middle East	construction Confirmed	Core marine assets built; terminal, tunnel, and commercial-operating interfaces remain under verification
5	Port of Tartous modernisation and marine access works	Syria Middle East	early works Confirmed	Operations active; modernisation equipment mobilising
6	Hassyan IWP seawater intake and outfall programme	UAE Middle East	commissioning Confirmed	Block A commissioned; remaining Phase 1 capacity in delivery
7	Taweelah C IPP coastal utility interface	UAE Middle East	award Reported	PPA and EPC signed; cooling-water review and existing-plant tie-ins exposed, marine route unconfirmed
8	Taweelah RO desalination intake and outfall system	UAE Middle East	completed Confirmed	ACWA lists commercial operations from Q1 2024; the 200 MIGD plant is operating, while final as-built intake and outfall geometry is not publicly disclosed
9	Khalifa Port EGA berth enhancement programme	UAE Middle East	award Confirmed	AED 84 million Newcastlemax upgrade agreed; design, package awards and delivery remain open
10	Hamad Port food security terminal and warehouses	Qatar Middle East	construction Confirmed	Owner reports 98% construction; full-system handover pending
11	Saudi Arabia five-IWP developer qualification programme	Saudi Arabia Middle East	prequalification Confirmed	Sharakat is qualifying developers across five planned seawater reverse-osmosis projects; no individual RFP, award or project-specific marine package is public
12	Hawar SWRO offshore intake and outfall tender	Bahrain Middle East	tender Confirmed	Two bids were opened for Hawar's separate offshore intake and outfall EPC package on 25 December 2025; EWA still lists the wider desalination scheme as a future project and no award is published
13	Ruwais LNG marine access and export terminal	UAE Middle East	construction Confirmed	Ruwais LNG remains under development for 2028 commercial operations; a February 2025 port notice placed the access-channel dredging in phased 24-hour execution, but no final marine acceptance record has been published
14	Rabigh 4 IWP intake, outfall and storage system	Saudi Arabia Middle East	commissioning Confirmed	EPC performance test completed on 19 February 2026; SWPC commercial-operation confirmation remains unpublished
15	Ghubrah III IWP desalination marine system	Oman Middle East	construction Confirmed	Under construction; Nama PWP targets commercial operation in Q1 2027
16	Fujairah I IWP seawater intake and outfall	UAE Middle East	award Confirmed	EPC agreement signed on 7 May 2026; no notice to proceed or marine mobilisation is published

METHOD AND BOUNDARIES

How this edition was assembled

For the July edition, the denominator is the sixteen public IMWO records classified as Middle East on 20 July 2026. Projects must have an identifiable marine or coastal works interface backed by an owner, developer, lender, contractor, consultant, operator or public authority. Where several milestones are visible, only the latest recorded phase and its confidence level enter the figures. The result is a published evidence set rather than an estimate of the total addressable MENA market.

Confidence rule

Confirmed and Reported records are counted separately; Watching signals are excluded.

Limitations

Coverage reflects what project parties and public authorities have disclosed, so it is not a complete inventory of MENA marine works. Package values, scope, dates and procurement routes may change after the cutoff. An overall project award does not prove that a separate marine package has been procured, and signals supported only at watch level remain outside the calculations.

EDITION RECORD

Publication and revision trail

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Current revision: Version 2.7. A sixteenth Middle East record adds Fujairah I IWP at EPC award. EtihadWE confirms the AED 1.046 billion agreement, while Lantania defines a submarine intake tower, two GRP intake pipelines and a GRP marine outfall under NMDC's civil and marine role. Notice to proceed, final geometry and installed quantities remain open. The web, PDF and CSV editions now align on 111 project-source citations.

Review cycle: Monthly evidence review; material corrections or project-stage changes can trigger an interim dated revision.

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Evidence access

The fixed project-level evidence table is available as CSV: <https://imwo.org/mena-marine-works-monitor-july-2026.csv>. The linked project pages carry the full source trail used for project-level verification.

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Developer-side construction classification, investment cost, project structure and Q4 2029 expected PCOD basis for Ras Mohaisen.
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