

**Linguistic Contact between Old Yemeni and the Southern Spoken
Language of Dhofar (Examples from Agricultural Vocabulary)**
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Since ancient times the land of Dhofar has been in contact with the Kingdom of Hadramout in Yemen due to its location on the Kingdom's Eastern border, as well as to its production of the finest quality frankincense , which was a backbone of the of the economy of Hadramout and the other Kingdoms of Yemen. The Kingdom of Hadramout controlled the areas of frankincense production in Dhofar, and many ancient Yemeni texts describe this relationship.

Archaeological discoveries and classical writings present a great deal of evidence showing the development of relations between the inhabitants of southern Oman (Dhofar) and the people of ancient Yemen, and hence the importance of this study which examines the issue of linguistic contact between old Yemeni and the modern Yemeni language found in many areas of Dhofar.