

Collection of Caspian Stories in the Iranian Caspian Provinces
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Objective of the project:

To collect fictions, tales, fables, forgotten historical events, folklores and traditions of the local people residing on the Iranian Coastal areas of the Caspian Sea

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Background and Problem Statement

The Folkloric stories are the connecting bridge between the current generation and the previous generations. These stories are generally passed on to the next generations verbally and some of them are available in written form. It is quite important to preserve these stories in order to protect and preserve the cultural identity of ethnic groups and nationalities. Therefore, the identification of Caspian folkloric stories is an endeavor for the protection of the Caspian cultural heritage.

Goals and Objectives

- Preservation of cultural heritage
- Familiarizing the children and the young generation with the Caspian stories
- Encouraging the protection of the Caspian Sea in children and youths
- Creating a link between different cultures of the Caspian Sea

Proposed Methodology

- A) Utilization of resources and previous researches available in the main libraries
- B) Collecting Caspian stories from local people

Implemented project activities:

- An extensive study of the fictions, tales and folkloric stories was conducted;
- A total of 30 fictions and fairy tales were collected from various sources and libraries;
- The search for collection of more materials was carried out;
- The best fictions for future publication were identified;

The project was completed in November 2005.