

Table 1 Statistics of annual SST off Muscat and Masirah during the study period

Parameter	Muscat	Masirah
Mean SST (1961–2010)	26.61	25.82
Standard Deviation (1961–2010)	0.25	0.37
Variance (1961–2010)	0.06	0.13
Mean SST (1961–1984)	26.45	25.55
Mean SST (1985–2010)	26.77	26.08
Standard Deviation (1961–1984)	0.18	0.21
Variance (1961–1984)	0.03	0.04
Standard Deviation( 1985–2010)	0.21	0.29
Variance (1985–2010)	0.04	0.09