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QUALIFICATION

SPECIALIZATION:

- **PhD in Horticultural Sciences:**

University of Florida, USA

- **Master's in Pomology:**

Cornell University, USA

HONORS & AWARDS:

- **Best Researcher Award**
- **Distinguished Service Award**

PROFILE

I am a Professor at Sultan Qaboos University and the Dean of the College of Agricultural and Marine Sciences. I am specializing in Horticultural Sciences with expertise in agriculture, food security for harsh environments, climate anomalies, rural & human development, and agri-ecosystems. My research focuses on agroecology, arid-land farming, fruit production, and postharvest technologies, strongly emphasising climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies within sustainable agroecosystems. Driven by a passion for nature and a deep respect for the environment, my work aims to develop agricultural practices that ensure global food security while remaining eco-friendly. I actively integrate agro-tech and data analysis into my research to advance theoretical knowledge and practical applications.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **2024 - Present**
Dean, College of Agricultural and Marine Sciences, SQU.
- **2021-Present**
Professor, Department of Plant Sciences, CAMS, SQU
- **2021-2023**
Visiting Scholar, University of Reading, UK
- **2013-2021**
Associate Professor, Department of Plant Sciences, CAMS, SQU
- **2015-2018**
Dean, College of Agricultural and Marine Sciences, SQU.
- **2010-2013**
Assistant Dean for Training and Community Service, College of Agricultural and Marine Sciences, SQU.
- **2005-2013**
Assistant Professor, Department of Plant Sciences, CAMS, SQU
- **2011-2019**
Member of the State Council of Oman

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- **Crop production with primary focus on fruit crops**
- **Postharvest physiology and technology**
- **Agroecology and Environmental Stress Physiology**