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2020 upsurge

Spring-bred swarms will spread to summer breeding areas

The unprecedented Desert Locust threat to food security and livelihoods continues in the Horn of Africa and is likely to spread to southwest Asia and perhaps West Africa.

EAST AFRICA & YEMEN

In East Africa, second-generation breeding is underway in northwest **Kenya** and numerous hopper bands have formed that will give rise to immature swarms from the second week of June until at least mid-July. A similar situation is underway in **Somalia** and **Ethiopia**. Control operations continue in all affected areas. Most of the new swarms will migrate northwards from **Kenya** to **Ethiopia** and traverse **South Sudan** to **Sudan** after mid-June while other swarms will move to northern **Ethiopia**. Swarms that reach northeast **Somalia** are likely to migrate across the northern **Indian** Ocean to the **Indo-Pakistan** border area. In **Yemen**, breeding is in progress along the southern coast and in the interior where swarms are likely to form, some of which could migrate to northern **Somalia** and northeast **Ethiopia**.

SOUTH-WEST ASIA

Control operations continue in spring breeding areas of **Iran** and **Pakistan**. Early migration of spring-bred swarms from southwest **Pakistan** to Rajasthan, **India** occurred in May before the monsoon and some swarms continued to northern states for the first time since 1962. The swarms will oscillate east and westwards before returning to lay eggs with the onset of the monsoon in Rajasthan where successive waves of swarms will arrive from southern **Iran** in June and the Horn of Africa in July. Control operations are underway.

WEST AFRICA

In **Sudan**, the seasonal rains commenced recently in the extreme south of the summer breeding area just north of **South Sudan**. If rains continue in the coming weeks, then conditions are likely to be favourable for any swarms that arrive from **Ethiopia** and **Kenya** and they would be more likely to settle, mature and lay eggs. If, on the other hand, rains are limited and conditions remain dry during June in **Sudan**, then swarms would continue to eastern **Chad** in the last week of June and migrate further west in the Sahel of West Africa ahead of the summer rains, reaching eastern **Niger** during the first week of July, eastern **Mali** in mid-July, southeast **Mauritania** in late July.

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