



DESERT LOCUST SITUATION UPDATE

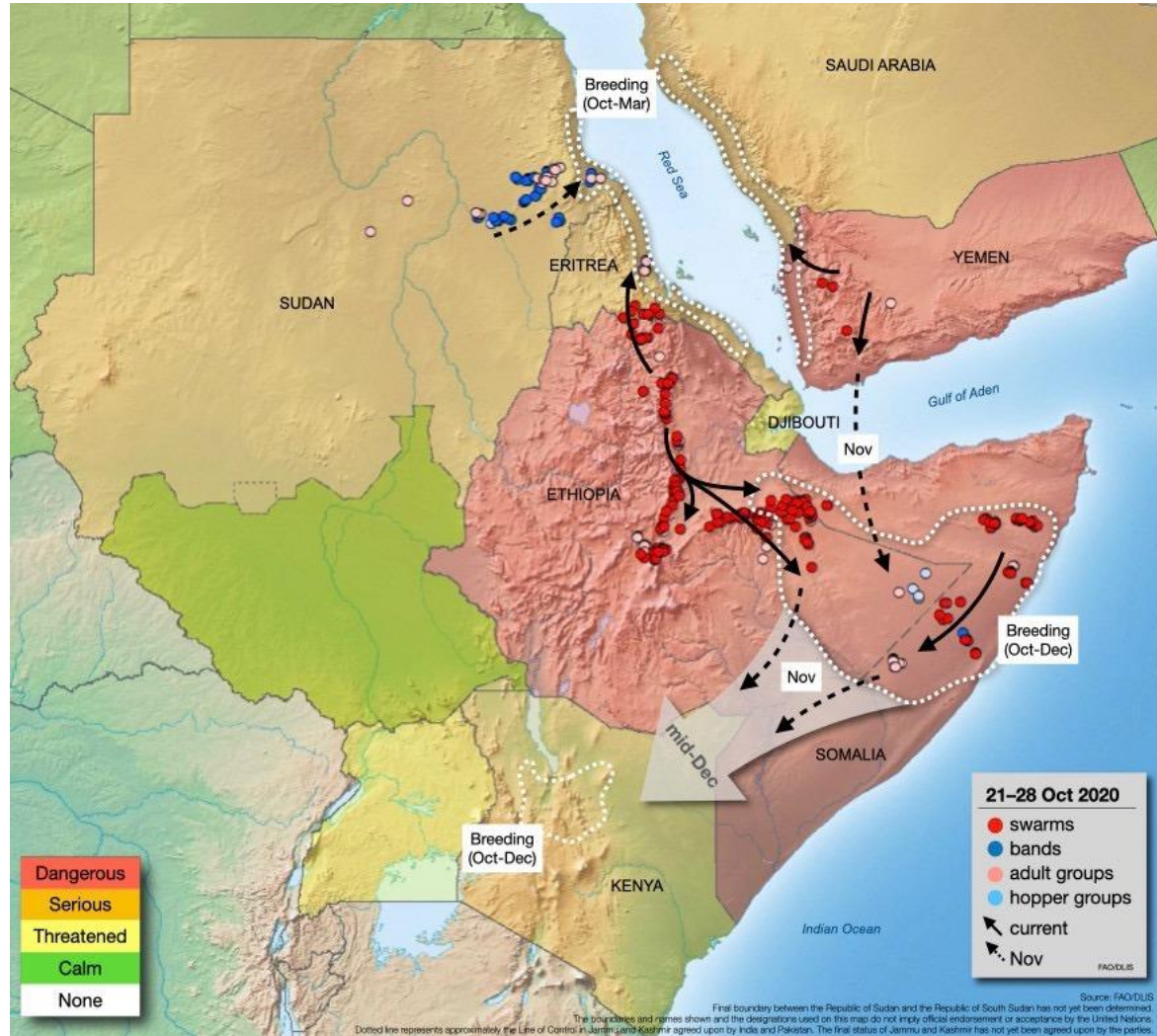
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CURRENT DESERT LOCUST SITUATION IN KENYA



- ❖ The DL situation in Kenya currently is calm as there are no present swarms
- ❖ Active monitoring and reporting ongoing for timely control
- ❖ Forecast of a possible second invasion in Nov-Dec 2020 from Somalia and Ethiopia (Figure 1)

Figure 1: Weekly Desert Locust situation & latest forecast by FAO DLIS for 21-28 October 2020

ONGOING DESERT LOCUST ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Active surveillance and reporting
 - ✓ Ground and aerial
- ❖ Capacity building and community sensitization on DL management
- ❖ Planning for safe disposal of pesticide containers
- ❖ **Livelihood restoration**
- ❖ Establishment of a DL information centre



SITUATION PREPAREDNESS

- ❖ A command centre and 6 control bases have been equipped and operationalized
- ❖ A well equipped DL information office is being set up at PPSD in Nairobi
- ❖ Sufficient pesticides and control equipment are in store
- ❖ Coordination between the National and County Governments has been greatly enhanced
- ❖ A rich local capacity on DL has been built



SITUATION PREPAREDNESS

- ❖ Ongoing capacity building on surveillance and reporting operations
 - ✓ Scouts (extension staff, local youths etc.) trained on the use of eLocust 3m, eLocust 3w and eLocust 3g
- ❖ Continuous awareness creation
 - ✓ Locals communities
 - ✓ Stakeholders



EMPOWERMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- A total of 240 extension officers from the affected Counties have so far been trained.
- 500 National Youth Servicemen have been identified, trained and deployed for locust ground control operation.
- 70 youth from Garissa and Mandera for locust control mission trained and deployed to aid in locust surveillance operations.
- Awareness meeting for CoG, CECs, County Commissioners, Senate Agriculture Committee and National Assembly Agriculture Committee
- 30 Master of trainers (drawn from Extension staff) from affected Counties for training Local control Teams.
- Training of local control teams/scouts spearheaded by Master of Trainers is ongoing in various affected Counties. Samburu, Isiolo, Meru, Embu, Tharaka nithi, Kitui, Machakos, Marsabit, Baringo ,Elgeyo Marakwe, Turkana, Laikipia and West Pokot Counties have trained a total no. of 688 persons. The team will be responsible for the actual ground surveillance, control activities as well as providing data to the control bases.
- 11 drivers for the vehicles mounted with sprayers were trained and deployed to various action sites for surveillance and control.

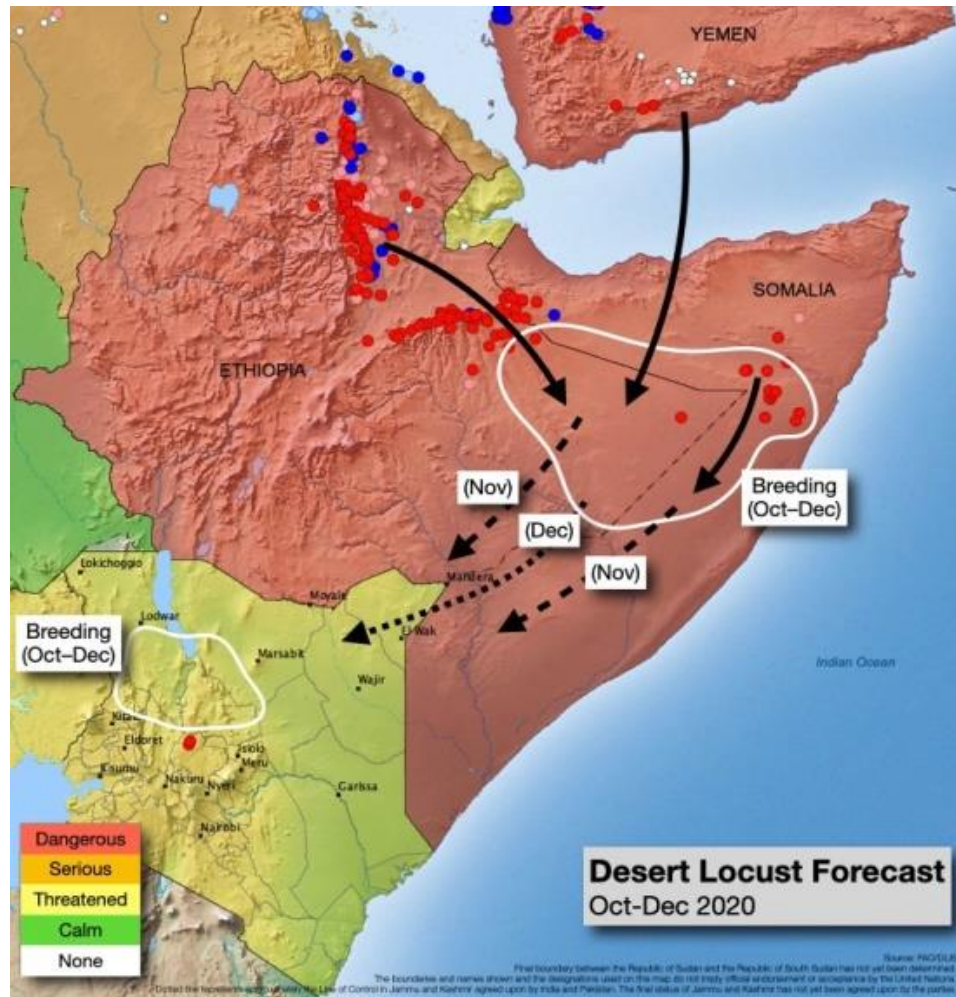


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The country is monitoring the regional on desert locustst and prepearing for any secong invisasion.



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