

PROCEEDING OF THE FIFTH BORDER MEETING OF THE LOCUST OFFICERS OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN HELD AT MUNABAO/ KHOKHROPAR BORDER POINT ON 26th NOVEMBER, 2015

The Fifth and last border meeting of the year 2015 between the Locust Officers of India and Pakistan has been held on 26th November, 2015 at Munabao/ Khokhropar border point at 0900 hours (IST)/ 0830 hours (PST) on India side. The following officers participated in the meeting:-

INDIA*

- 1. Dr. V.K.Singh, Deputy Director (Ento), Dte of PPQS, Hqrs. Faridabad
- 2. Dr. Rajendra Singh, Asstt. Director (PP), LWO Jodhpur
- 3. Mr. Charat Lal Meena, Plant Protection Officer (E), LCO, Barmer
- 4. Mr. Pramod Kumar Gour, Scientific Assistant / DLIO, LWO Jodhpur
- 5. Mr. Jai Bhagwan, W/S, Dte of PPQS, Hqrs, Faridabad

PAKISTAN **

- 1. Mr. Ghulam Qadir Lund, Assistant Entomologist (Locust), Mirpur Khas
- 2. Mr. Abdul Sattar, Assistant Entomologist (Locust), Mirpur Khas
- 3. Mr. Dharam Pal, Assistant Entomologist (Locust), Mirpur Khas
- 4 Mr. M. Shahbaz, Assistant Entomologist (Locust) /DLIO, Karachi

DESERT LOCUST SITUATION (27th October to 25th November, 2015)

Distant, Cross Country and Special Border locust surveys were conducted by the survey teams in the Scheduled Desert Area (SDA) of India. Based on the survey reports, it has been established that India remained free from solitary and gregarious locust population. However the routine desert locust surveys in Pakistan have been concluded from 15th October 2015 onward. After the said date no survey was carried out.

ECOLOGY AND WEATHER

Dry weather prevailed in almost every part of Scheduled Desert Area of India and summer-monsoon locust breeding areas of Pakistan during the period under report. No rainfall was reported from anywhere in both the countries during above said period. On India side, vegetation was green in Jaisalmer, Barmer and Bikaner districts near the Indo-Pak border whereas it is drying in other parts of SDA. Soil moisture was not suitable for locust breeding in any part of summer breeding areas of India. On Pakistan side, vegetation was found green in some localities of Rahimyar Khan.

FORECAST

The existing ecological conditions are likely to become unfavaourable due to onset of winter season. Keeping in view the ecological condition of the field, there is least chances of any further development of locust activity in the summer-monsoon breeding areas of both the countries.

MISCELLANEOUS

Fortnightly desert locust situation bulletins, recent FAO locust bulletin, RAMSES maps showing locust situation, green vegetation and rainfall estimation for the reporting period of both the countries were exchanged and discussed during the meeting.

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VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It is proposed to hold the 1st Indo-Pak border meeting of the year 2016 between the Locust officers of both the countries at Khokhropar/ Munabao border point on Tuesday, 7th June, 2016 at 0830 hours (IST) / 0800 hours (PST) on Pakistan side.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Locust Officers of both the countries expressed their deep and sincere thanks to the Border Security Force of India and Pakistan Rangers for extending their full cooperation and support in arranging this meeting at Munabao Meeting Hall, India side. Delegates from Pakistan thanked the Indian counterparts for their cordial welcome, hospitality and courteous dealing during the course of meeting.

Place: Munabao Meeting Hall, India side

Date: 26th November, 2015

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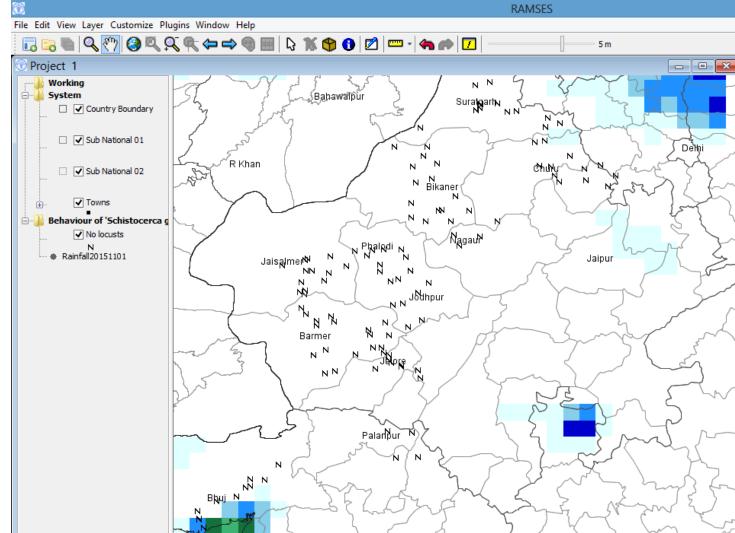
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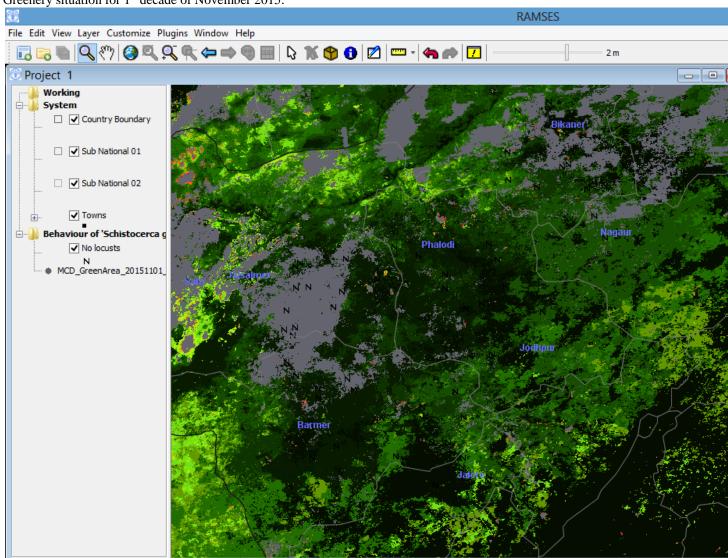
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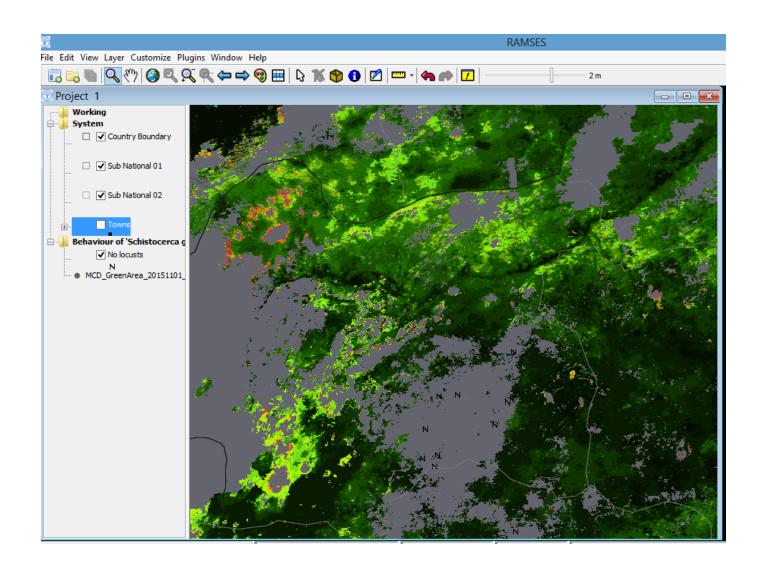
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Locust situation Map showing locust situation for 1st Fortnight of November 2015 and rainfall for 1 decade of November 2015







Green vegetation status during 16 to 31/10 2015.

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