

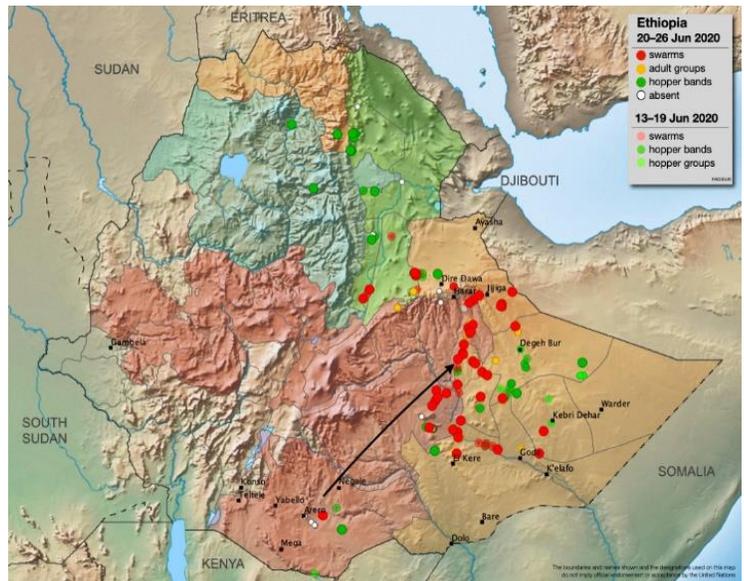


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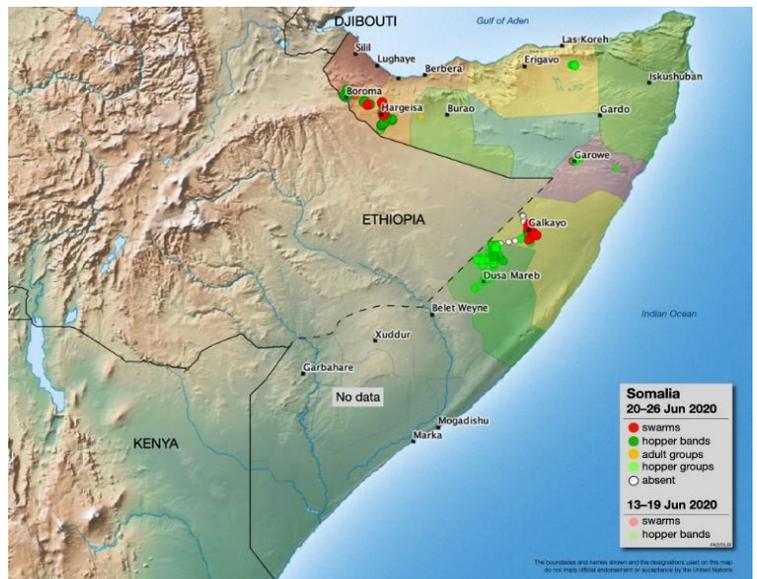
More swarms form and appear in Ethiopia

During the past week, an increased number of immature swarms were reported in eastern Ethiopia between ElKere and Jijiga, most likely arising from local breeding as hopper bands persist in many areas. This may have also been supplemented by some swarms arriving from northern Kenya. Swarms are also present in the northern Rift Valley and an increasing number of hopper bands have been found in the highlands of Amhara and Tigray.



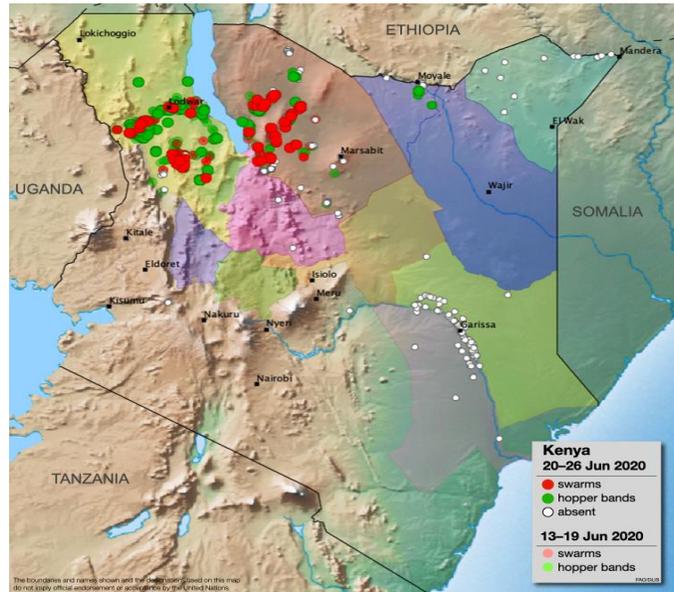
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Somalia. Hopper bands and an increasing number of swarms are present in the northwest between Boroma and Hargeisa and in central areas near Galkayo.



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Kenya. More swarms continued to form and were seen flying in the northwest. Although control operations continue, a general northerly movement of swarms will occur in the three countries. Some of the swarms in northwest **Kenya** are expected to transit through **South Sudan** to reach the summer breeding areas of **Sudan** where some rains have already fallen. If these rains are not enough, there is a risk that swarms could continue to eastern **Chad** and spread westwards across the northern Sahel of West Africa. Swarms that accumulate in northern **Somalia** are likely to migrate across the **Indian Ocean** to the summer breeding areas along the **Indo-Pakistan** border.



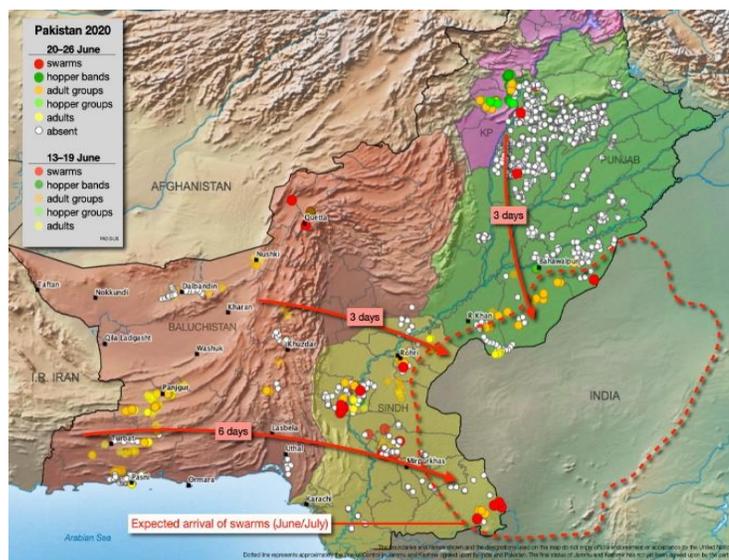
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Yemen. More immature and mature swarms were reported during this past week in the interior between Marib and Hadhramaut. As control operations are not possible, farmers were resorting to digging trenches to bury locusts. Some swarms are likely to reinvade northern **Somalia** and northeast **Ethiopia**.

Saudi Arabia. A few immature swarms have been seen in the southwest and hopper bands are present near Najran. Control operations are underway.

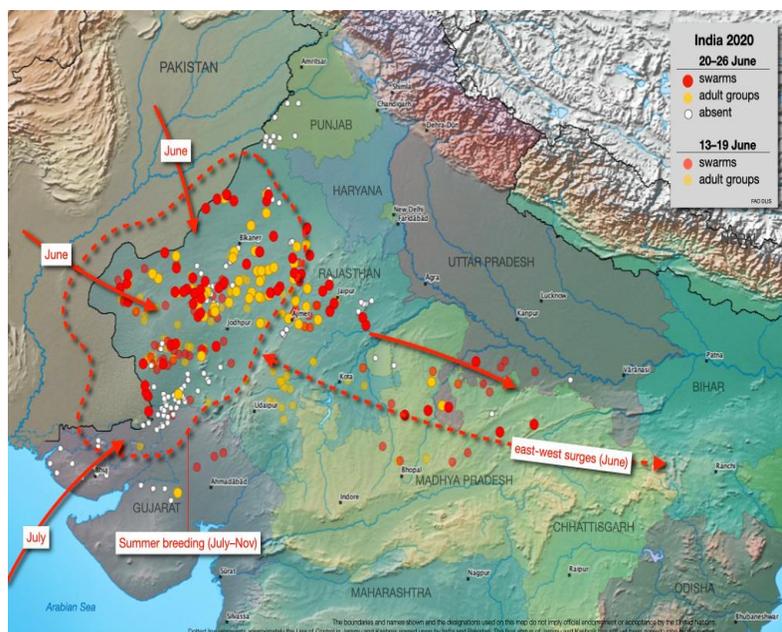
In **Southwest Asia**, spring-bred swarms are present along both sides of the **Indo-Pakistan** border where they are awaiting the onset of the monsoon rains that will start in the coming days and allow the swarms to mature and lay eggs. Control operations continue.

Pakistan. Some swarms have already started laying eggs in Nagaparkar of southeast Sindh near the **Indian** border while swarms are present in the Indus Valley and are starting to form from hopper bands in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



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India. Swarms and adult groups are mainly present in Rajasthan west of Jaipur but some infestations continue to be reported in parts of Madhya Pradesh and southern Uttar Pradesh. A few immature adults may have been sighted in **Nepal** although the nearest Desert Locust infestations are more than 300 km to the south in **India**.



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Iran. Locust infestations declined further in the south. Only adult groups remain along the **Pakistan** border in the interior of Sistan-Baluchistan and hopper groups are present in South Khorasan. Control operations continue.

Sudan, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Somalia, Pakistan, and India should remain on high alert during the next four weeks. West Africa should continue to take anticipatory measures and preparatory steps.