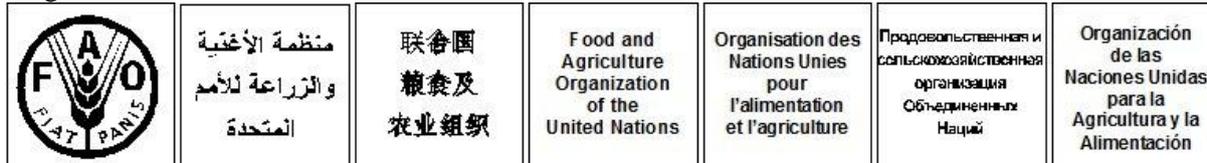


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Budgets of the Desert Locust Commissions for 2012-2013

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- There are three Desert Locust Commissions currently operated by FAO:
 - The Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in Southwest Asia (Eastern Region);
 - The Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Central Region;
 - The Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Western Region.
- The Budgets submitted in document FC 140/INF/7 are those approved by the three Commissions as follows: in January 2011 for Southwest Asia (Eastern Region), in September 2010 for the Central Region and in June 2009 for the Western Region.
- According to the “Basic Texts for the Agreement of the Establishment” of each Commission [*Article IV, section 4 Administrative Matters (b)*] for the South-West Asia Commission and the Central Region Commission, and *Article VII, section 4 “Functioning (c) of the Desert Locust Control Commission for the Western Region*], the Budget of each Commission should be submitted to the Council (delegated to the Finance Committee) for information prior to implementation.
- In addition, taking note that the Legal Counsel confirmed at the 102nd Session of the Finance Committee in May 2003 that the budgets required reporting to the Finance Committee, in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.7 and the relevant provisions of the agreements concerned concluded under Article XIV of the FAO Constitution, the Finance Committee is requested to take note of the three Commission budgets

GUIDANCE SOUGHT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- The Finance Committee is invited to take note of the three Commission budgets as presented.

Draft Advice

- **The Finance Committee takes note of the budgets of the three Desert Locust Commissions.**

1. There are three Desert Locust Commissions currently operated by FAO: the Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in Southwest Asia -Eastern Region (SWAC), the Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Central Region (CRC) and the Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Western Region (CLCPRO – *Commission de lutte contre le Criquet pèlerin dans la Région occidentale*).
2. The Budgets of the Commissions draw on the funds available in the Trust Fund of each Commission. The source of these funds is the contributions made by the Member Countries of the Commission. The Budgets are decided upon at each Commission Session by participating countries and the level is generally agreed according to a standard budget, with additional amounts sometimes included that draw on unspent balances from previous years. Normally the Session approves the budget for the current year and for the subsequent year.
3. The Budgets submitted here are the budgets approved by the Commission Sessions held in January 2011 for Southwest Asia (Eastern Region), in September 2010 for the Central Region and in June 2009 for the Western Region.
4. Where the budget is shown as “indicative”, it represents the standard budget applicable to the individual Commission, related to the level of annual contributions. The next Session of each Commission will prepare a more precise budget for these years, in which some unused balances may or may not be employed.
5. The 27th session of the SWAC, held in January 2011, approved the budget as presented in Appendix A. The primary activity of the Commission is an annual 30-day joint survey on both sides of the Iran-Pakistan border in the spring breeding areas of the Desert Locust. The survey results are used for planning the summer campaign along the Indo-Pakistan border. The remaining activities concentrate on strengthening the national capacities of the countries in early warning and early reaction. The activities include improving the means of recording and transmitting data from the field during survey and control operations by using the eLocust2 system. The improvements to data management, analysis and reporting are achieved through an annual inter-regional SWAC/CRC workshop for national locust information officers along with expert visits and continual backstopping of the Desert Locust Information Service (DLIS) of the Plant Production and Protection Division (AGPM) at Headquarters. Improving the skills of field officers is emphasized through national training courses organized by National Master Trainers and translation of training materials into local languages. The procurement of small quantities of equipment to maintain a basic level of preparedness and make use of appropriate technologies is also planned. A specific website for the Commission will be established and online self-learning training modules on Desert Locust survey, control, reporting and planning will be developed for Member Countries.
6. For the CRC, the budget presented in Appendix B was endorsed at the 27th Session, in September 2010. The Secretary of the Commission, in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission, was authorized to cover the cost of implementing the Commission’s recommendations when these are not reflected in the Commission budget workplan. The Commission will continue implementing the preventive Desert Locust control strategy advocated by the Emergency Prevention System for Transboundary Animal and Plant Pests and Diseases (EMPRES) in the Central Region. In particular, assistance will be provided to the following key sectors of Desert Locust management:
 - Early detection: development of Desert Locust survey and forecasting capacities.
 - Early reaction: technical assistance provided to countries for increasing their early intervention capacity and ensuring effective and environmentally safer control operations.
 - Capacity building support: national and regional training courses, publications and exchange scientific visits (based on requests submitted by the member countries).
 - Research: a platform for joint research programmes (national and international) on improved Desert Locust control strategies and tactics is being provided (based on research proposals submitted by the member countries)
 - Contingency planning to improve preparedness for Desert Locust interventions so that necessary resources can be mobilized early enough when an emergency situation arises.

7. The fifth session of the CLCPRO, held in June 2009, approved the budget as presented in Appendix C. The CLCPRO intends to further develop the preventive control strategy in the framework of the Programme EMPRES.

As concluded by the Evaluation Mission, Phase I of the Programme in the Western Region (2006-2010) made substantial progress, in particular in the four frontline countries, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger, in terms of: institutional building (creation of autonomous National Locust Control Units); strengthening of the locust control capacities and infrastructure; enhancement of the early warning system and rapid interventions, listing of environmental requirements and better preparedness to deal with Desert Locust crises. The effective improvement of locust preventive control was demonstrated when locust outbreaks occurred in Mauritania (2006, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011) and in Niger (2009). The study entitled "To review the institutional roles and responsibilities of Desert Locust Commissions established under Article XIV of the Constitution of FAO and prepare a comprehensive framework of governance and sustainable financing of locust control", which is currently carried out by the CLCPRO, will contribute to achieve the objectives of the Programme EMPRES. The objective of Phase II (2011-2014) of the Programme EMPRES in the Western Region is to consolidate the achievements of Phase I and to ensure the sustainability of the Desert Locust preventive control in the region. To that end, the CLCPRO intends to provide further technical support to its member countries, in particular concerning training, research, monitoring of the National Locust Control Units, communication, contingency planning and implementation of the environmental requirements ("*Cahiers des charges environnementales*"). Regarding the sustainability of the preventive control strategy, the CLCPRO will encourage its member countries to fully support their running costs; the Commission will also further promote intra-regional cooperation and implement funding mechanisms involving technical and financial partners in the long term. And finally, the role of the Commission will be reinforced. As decided by the Commission during its fifth Session in June 2009, the total annual contribution from the member countries will be increased from USD 227,000 to USD 639,000 per year, from 2011 onwards.

APPENDIX A
FAO COMMISSION FOR CONTROLLING THE DESERT LOCUST
IN SOUTHWEST ASIA (EASTERN REGION)

TRUST FUND BUDGET

Account	Description	2011 (approved)	2012 (approved)	2013 (indicative)
5013	Consultants	14,000	14,873	14,873
5014	Contracts	1,000	0	0
5021	Travel	50,000	60,000	60,000
5023	Training	10,000	10,000	10,000
5024	Expendable Procurement	0	0	0
5025	Non Expendable Procurement	20,000	25,000	25,000
5028	General Operating Expenses	20,000	25,000	25,000
5029	Support Costs(*)	13,350	15,533	15,533
	TOTAL	128,350	150,406	150,406

*SC 5% on accounts 5024 and 5025

SC 13% on all other accounts

APPENDIX B
FAO COMMISSION FOR CONTROLLING THE DESERT LOCUST
IN THE CENTRAL REGION

TRUST FUND BUDGET

Account	Description	2011 (approved)	2012 (indicative)	2013 (indicative)
5011	Prof.(NPO Yemen)	0	0	0
5012	Salaries General Service	63,996	63,996	63,996
5013	Consultants	10,000	10,000	10,000
5014	Contracts	81,000	81,000	81,000
5020	Overtime	1,000	1,000	1,000
5021	Travel	15,000	15,000	15,000
5023	Training	70,000	70,000	70,000
5024	Expendable Equipment	13,000	13,000	13,000
5025	Non Expendable Equipment	35,000	35,000	35,000
5028	General Operating Expenses	20,000	20,000	20,000
5029	Support Costs(*)	36,329	36,329	36,329
	TOTAL	345,325	345,325	345,325

*SC 5% on accounts 5024 and 5025

SC 13% on all other accounts

APPENDIX C

FAO COMMISSION FOR CONTROLLING THE DESERT LOCUST IN THE WESTERN REGION

TRUST FUND BUDGET

Account	Description	2011 (approved)	2012 (indicative)	2013 (indicative)
5013	Consultants	35,000	60,000	60,000
5014	Contracts	25,000	35,000	35,000
5021	Travel	102,000	90,000	90,000
5023	Training	35,000	70,000	70,000
5024	Expendable Procurement	0	10,000	10,000
5025	Non Expendable Procurement	15,000	91,991	91,991
5028	General Operating Expenses	100,000	120,000	120,000
5029	Support Costs(*)	40,560	62,009	62,009
	TOTAL	352,560	539,000**	539,000**

*SC 13% on all accounts

**In addition, 100,000 USD/year to be set aside in case of a Desert Locust emergency.