

**PROCEEDING OF FIFTH BORDER MEETING OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN LOCUST OFFICERS HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER, 2009 AT 0830 HRS (IST) / 0900 HRS (PST) AT MUNABAO / KHOKHROPAR BORDER MEETING POINT**

The Fifth border meeting of the year 2009 between the Locust Officers of India and Pakistan was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2009 at Munabao / Khokhropar border meeting point at 0830 hrs (IST) / 0900 hrs (PST). Following officers attended the meeting.

**INDIA**

1. Dr. S. P. Gupta, Deputy Director (Ento.), LWO, JODHPUR
2. Mr. K.P.Singh, Deputy Director (Ingg), LWO, JODHPUR
3. Mr. Pramod Kumar Gour, Technical Officer-I, LWO, JODHPUR

**PAKISTAN**

1. Mr. M. Azam Khan, Deputy Director (Locust), Hqs KARACHI
2. Mr. Ghulam Qadir Lund, Assistant Entomologist (Locust), MIRPUR KHAS
3. Mr. Abdul Sattar, Assistant Entomologist (Locust), MIRPUR KHAS

**LOCUST SITUATION IN INDIA:- (1<sup>st</sup> October to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009)**

Scheduled distant and cross country Desert Locust surveys in the Scheduled Desert Area of India and adjacent Indo-Pak border were conducted by the officers and staffs of Locust Warning Organization which revealed that India continued to remain free from solitary/gregarious Desert Locust activity.

**WEATHER**

**Rainfall:** Nil

**Wind direction:** Wind direction at 300 m remained SW to NE during the month of September, 2009.

**LOCUST SITUATION IN PAKISTAN (1<sup>st</sup> October, 2009 to 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2009)**

Pakistan remained free from gregarious locust activity. Also no solitary adult population was reported from entire summer monsoon breeding zone during the period.

**WEATHER**

The range of day/night temperature fluctuation is high. Days are hot while the night temperature has become quite low in the deep deserts of the summer monsoon breeding areas. No rainfall occurred in the area after 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Soil moisture is deep.

**FORECAST:**

Due to no rainfall and reduction in humidity on both sides, the vegetation is drying. Soil moisture is deep. Temperature is going low especially in the deep deserts during night time. The prevailing conditions are therefore not suitable for further increase in the locust population. However normal vigilance on locust activity in the Scheduled Desert Areas of both countries may be continued.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Fortnightly Desert Locust Bulletins for the reporting period of both countries were exchanged.

**VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The sixth border meeting of the year 2009 would be held at Khokropur / Munabao border point (Pakistan side) on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 at 0800 hours (PST) / 0830 hours (IST)

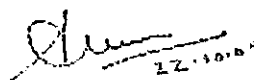
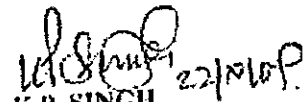
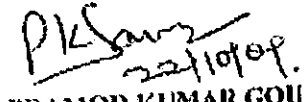
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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 on Indian side. The Pakistan delegates thanked to Indian delegates for cordial welcome, hospitality and courteous dealing during the course of meeting.




PLACE: Munabao (India) Meeting Hall

DATE: 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2009.

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