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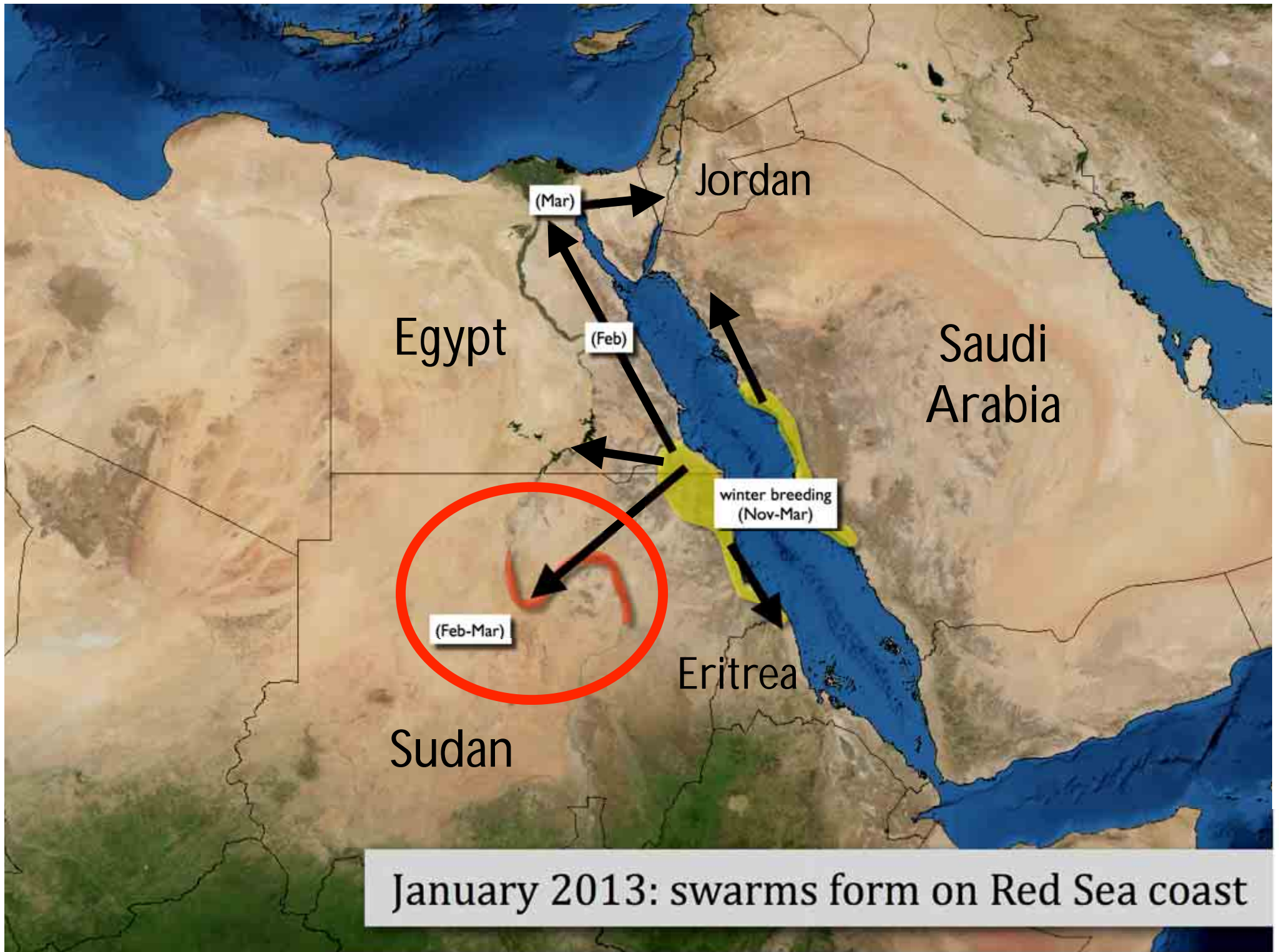
Sudan 14-18 March 2013

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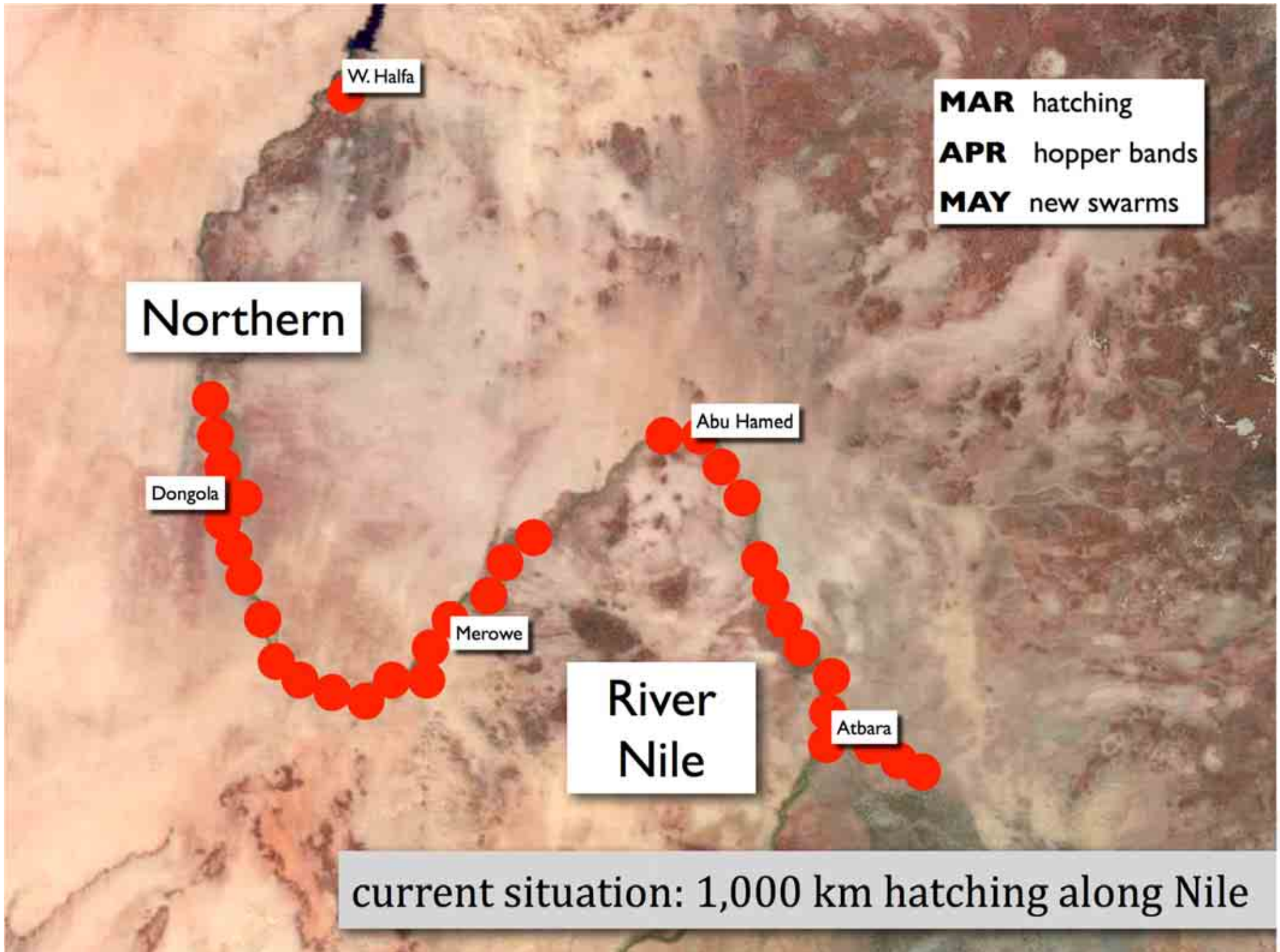
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January 2013: swarms form on Red Sea coast



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MAR hatching
APR hopper bands
MAY new swarms

Northern

Dongola

Abu Hamed

Merowe

River Nile

Atbara

current situation: 1,000 km hatching along Nile



control operations against swarm invasion (Dongola)



swarm in Rajhi scheme, Berbera (16 Mar)



eggs laid by invading swarms (Feb-Mar)



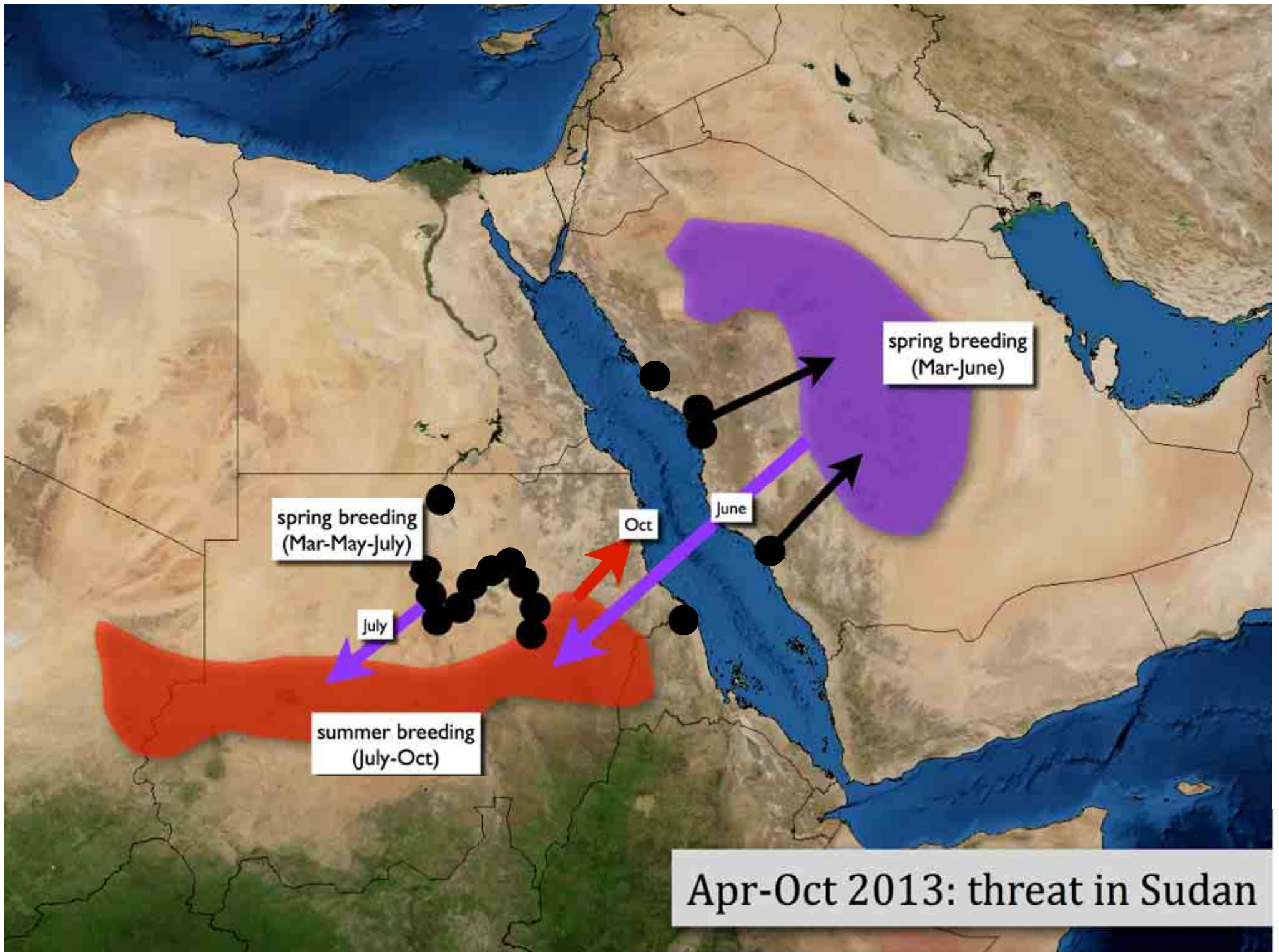
hatching started on 13 Mar



onion fields, Dongola (16 Mar)



tomato in Amari Ag Scheme, Merowe (16 Mar)





Findings

1. substantial survey and control efforts achieved
2. first generation hatching now in Nile Valley
3. potential for a second generation (May-July)
4. threat to spring and summer crops
5. shortage of resources



Recommendations

1. prepare for spring and summer campaigns
2. urgently restock and resupply equipment
3. train additional staff
4. regional collaboration
5. reactivate national FAO/MOA Steering Committee



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