

FAO Desert Locust Control Committee (AGP-713)

(Article VI-2 of the Constitution)

Origin

Established in January 1955 by the Director-General on the recommendation of the Working Party on Desert Locust Control (1954) as an expansion of the previous Coordinating Committee for the Control of the Desert Locust in the Arabian Peninsula. The Conference at its Eighth Session (1955) endorsed the establishment of the Committee and approved its terms of reference.

Purpose

As amended by the Council at its Fifty-first Session (1968, Resolution 3/51):

- a. To keep the Desert Locust situation under review;
- b. to coordinate the Desert Locust control campaign in the Arabian Peninsula and other affected areas;
- c. to promote the overall coordination of work by various national and regional anti-locust organizations and commissions;
- d. to promote the coordination of national and international policies and preventive measures in Desert Locust control and research;
- e. to provide the Director-General with technical and scientific advice on the Desert Locust situation and on the measures required to keep it under control. For this purpose, whenever there are scientific and technical matters to be discussed at the future sessions of the FAO Desert Locust Control Committee, they should be preceded by meetings of a small number of locust experts to study and report to the Committee on all relevant technical and scientific matters designed to improve and rationalize control of the Desert Locust;
- f. to give general policy guidance and to provide technical advice to the Director-General on, and review of, the work programme financed under the International Desert Locust Trust Fund No. 9161, and to review the annual and financial reports for the work performed under the above-mentioned Trust Fund.

First Session

April 1955.

Membership

Member Nations and Associate Members affected by the Desert Locust and other interested Governments.

The present Membership is:

Afghanistan	European	Kenya	Spain
Algeria	Community	Kuwait	Sudan
Australia	(Member	Lebanon	Sweden
Bahrain	Organization)	Libya	Switzerland

Belgium	Finland	Mali	Syria
Benin	France	Mauritania	Tanzania, United
Bulgaria	Gambia	Morocco	Republic of
Burkina Faso	Germany	Netherlands	Togo
Cameroon	Ghana	Niger	Tunisia
Canada	Greece	Norway	Uganda
Cape Verde	Guinea	Oman	United Arab Emirates
Central African	India	Pakistan	United Kingdom
Republic	Iran, Islamic	Portugal	United States
Chad	Republic of	Qatar	of America
Côte d'Ivoire	Iraq	Saudi Arabia,	Yemen
Djibouti	Israel	Kingdom of	
Egypt	Italy	Senegal	
Eritrea	Japan	Sierra Leone	
Ethiopia	Jordan	Somalia	

Working Languages - Arabic, English, French.

Rules of Procedure - General Rules of the Organization.

Pattern of Sessions - Annual to 1982; 1988, 1989. Biennial: 1984, 1986, 1990, 1992.

Subsidiary Body

DLCC Desert Locust Technical Group (AGP-727) (English, French) (1)

- Small number of locust experts of the highest technical standing nominated by DLCC for a two-year period.

Achievement 2000-01

The Thirty-sixth Session of the Committee was held in Rome from 24 to 28 September 2001. It was attended by representatives of 29 countries and of one regional locust organization. The most important recommendations made were: a) that FAO should give consideration to expanding the staff of the Locust Group so that better service could be provided to locust-affected countries; b) to adopt, as standard, DGPS/flow meter equipment for all aircraft involved in Desert Locust spraying, in the interests of reduced use of pesticides and improved management of operations; c) to promote the use of the biopesticide *Metarhizium* through largescale operational trials and harmonized registration procedures, and d) that the extension of the EMPRES (Desert Locust) Programme to all Regions should be supported. The Session was also presented with the newly-completed updated version of the Desert Locust Guidelines, prepared by the Locust Group with some consultancy help, which constitute a landmark in improved information on Desert Locust management.

A meeting of the DLCC Technical Group was held in Rome from 12-15 June 2000.