



# LIBYA

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## NOTE ON OPERATIONS AGAINST THE DESERT LOCUST

### **1. Funding and state of execution of the ECLLO programme**

- Four regional Desert Locust control projects provided assistance to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. These projects, funded by Australia, the Czech Republic, Ireland and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), were all completed in 2005 and 2006.
- The total budget allocation for these projects amounted to US\$161 368. Out of this amount, an assistance worth US\$154 539 was provided to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (96% of the total amount).

### **2. Assistance provided by FAO in 2004, 2005 and 2006**

- **Equipment:** 50 Global Positioning Systems (GPS), 6 mobile radios and 1 fixed radio have been provided at a value of US\$53 891, as well as oil-sensitive and water-sensitive papers (US\$4034.8), Cholinesterase kits (US\$23 876) and survey/entomological equipment (US\$9 511). Data processing equipment including PCs, digital cameras, projectors and printers (US\$ 30 345) have been ordered but some of these items have not been received yet.

### **3. Pesticides management**

- As part of the FAO-sponsored pesticide management programme, one participant from Libya attended a regional workshop, held in Mauritania from 2 to 5 August 2005, to the benefit of 14 countries. Information was exchanged on the impact of pesticides and the dangers of domestic use of empty pesticide containers on human health and the environment. A demonstration was made on the use of a drum-crusher for washing and crushing empty pesticide containers to allow recycling of drums. A regional strategy was established to ensure better management of pesticide stocks and empty pesticide containers.
- In addition, a representative from Libya attended the Regional Workshop for the Development of a Strategy to Avoid the Creation of Obsolete Pesticides Stocks held in Bamako on 15-18 May 2006.