



LIBYA

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NOTE ON OPERATIONS AGAINST THE DESERT LOCUST

1. Funding and state of execution of the ECLO programme

- There are four regional Desert Locust control projects that are providing assistance to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. These projects are funded by Australia, the Czech Republic, Ireland and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB).
- The budget allocation for the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya through these projects amounts to US\$155 291 of which, as of 5 December 2005, an assistance worth US\$94 425 is being provided to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.
- The remaining funds, US\$60 866, are envisaged to be used for further strengthening national capacities for Desert Locust control and for environment-related issues, subject to approval by the donors of the extension of the projects.

2. Assistance provided by FAO in 2004 and 2005

- **Equipment:** 40 Global Positioning Systems (GPS), 5 mobile radios and 1 fixed radio have been provided at a value of US\$50 605, and the supply of oil-sensitive and water-sensitive paper, Cholinesterase testing/monitoring kits (with reagents) and survey/entomological equipment (including magnifiers, microscope, tachometer, etc.) amount to a value of US\$37 421.

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, in which participants from 14 countries attended. 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 drum crusher was demonstrated 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.