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The Procurement and Supply of Pesticides for Locust Control*

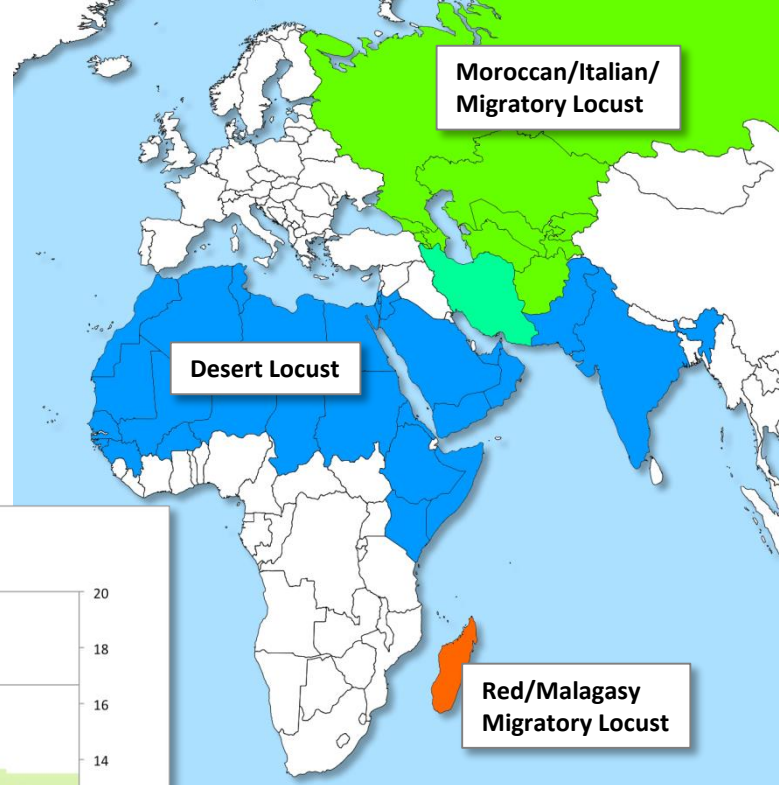
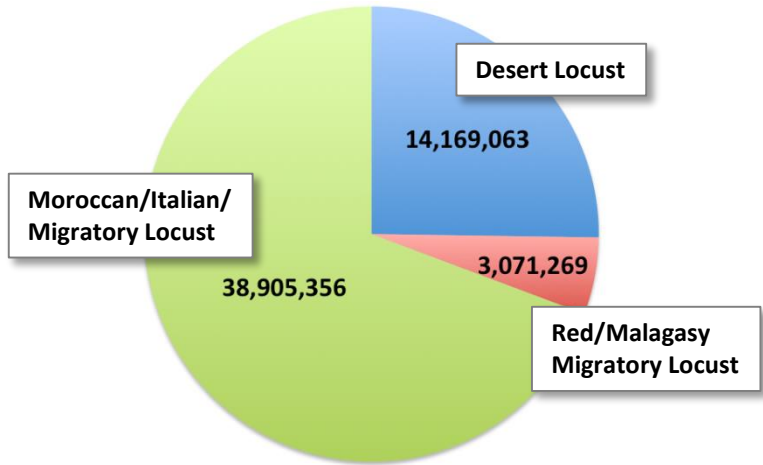
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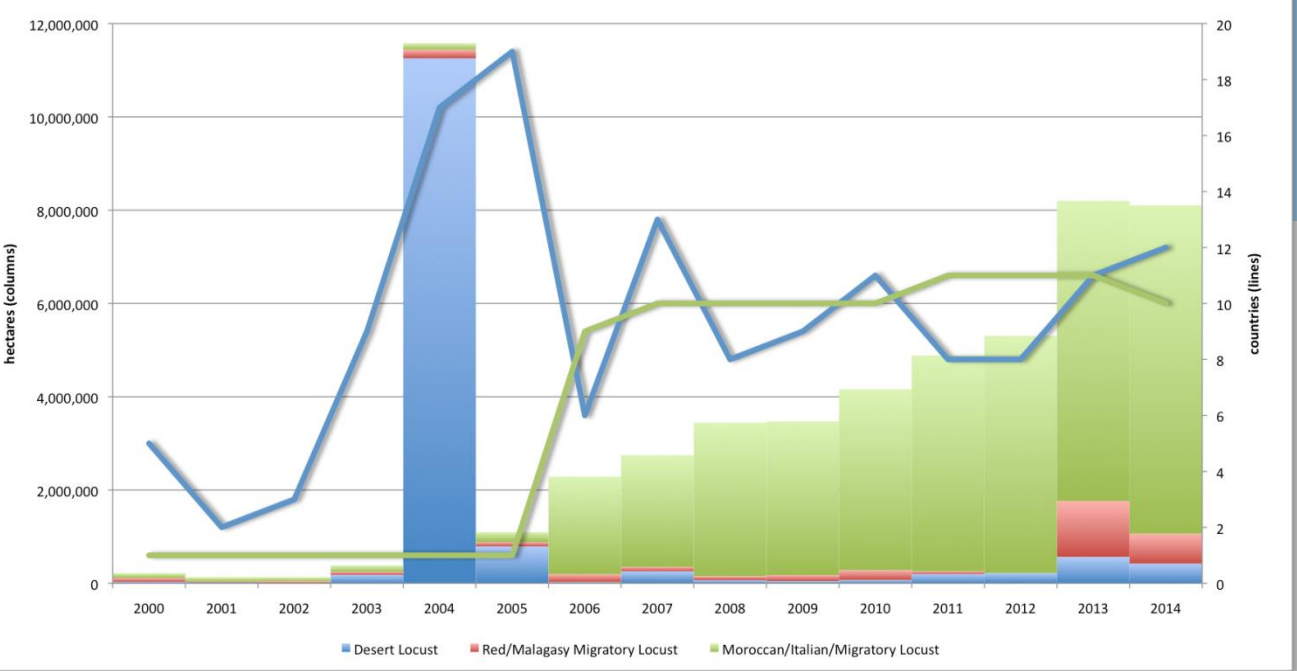


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56 million ha of locusts treated (2000-2014)

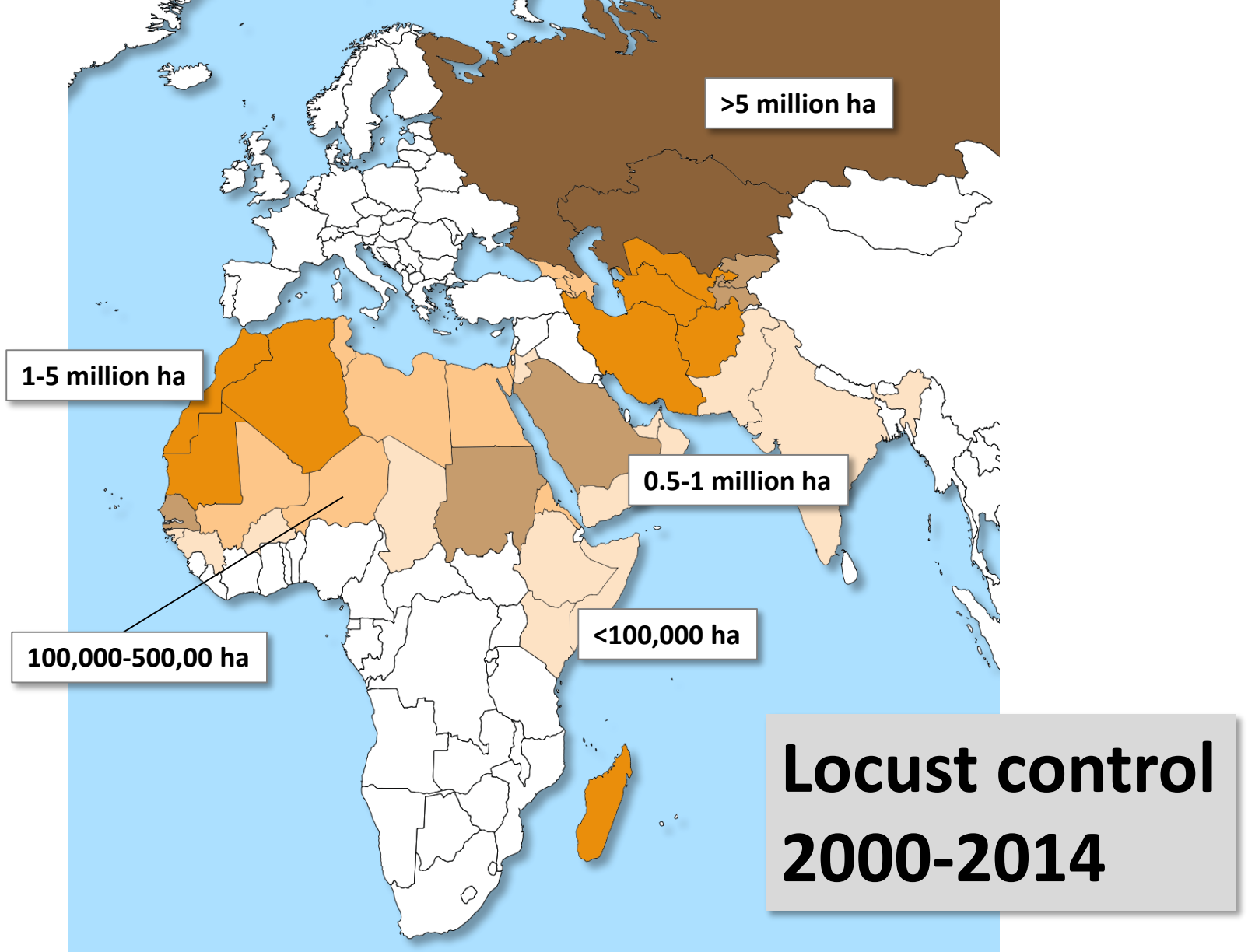


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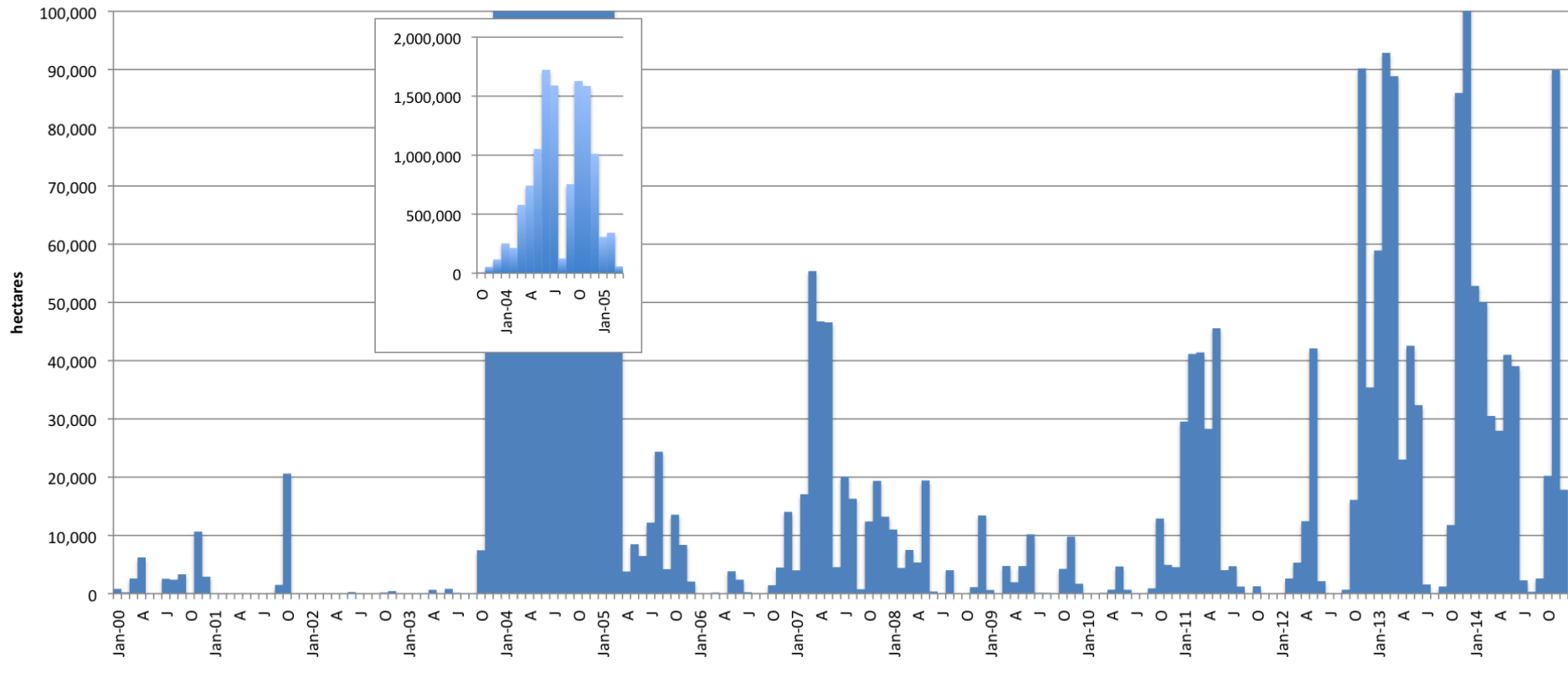




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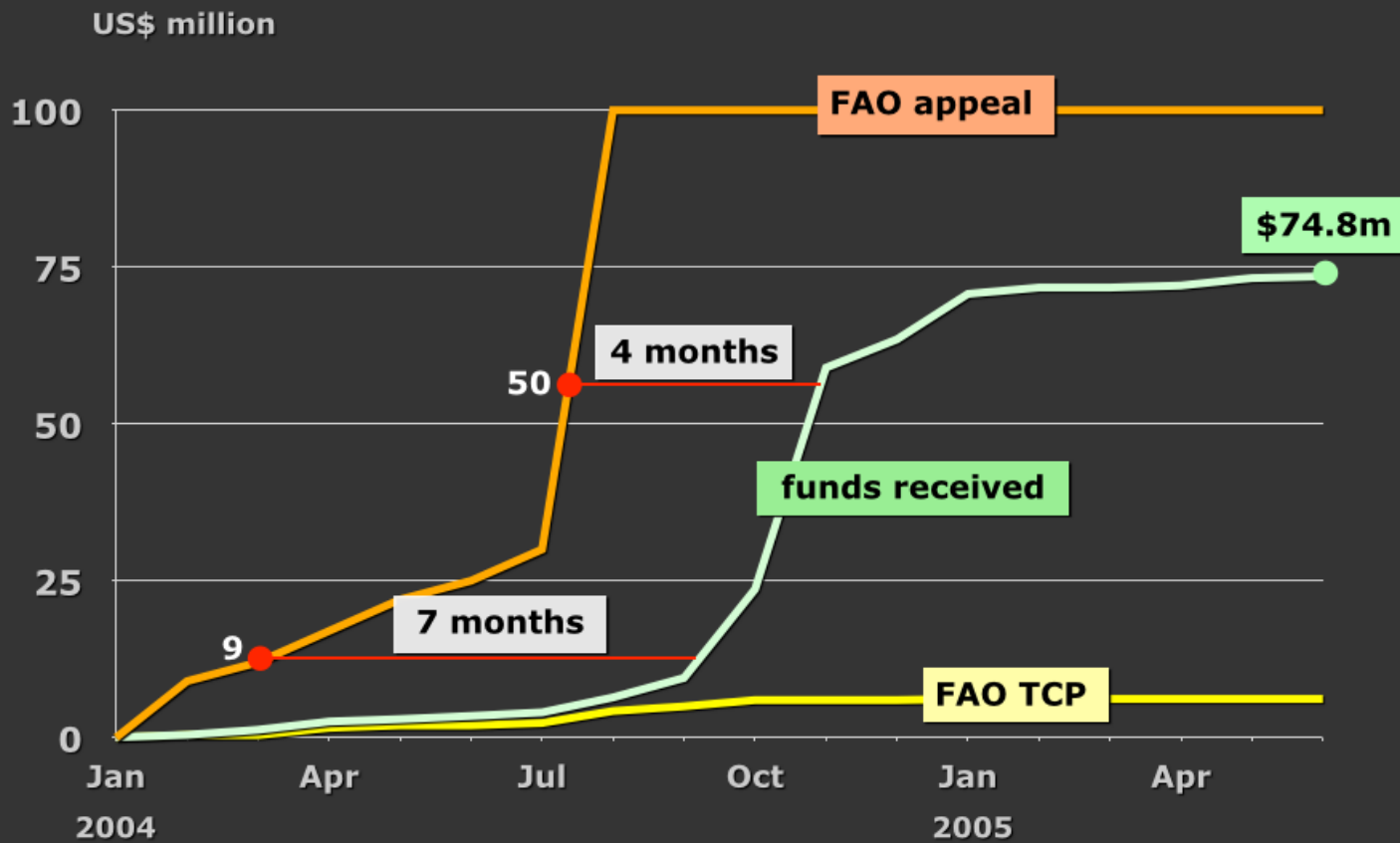
## Desert Locust control operations are highly variable (2000-2014)



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# Emergency funding delay



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# Stakeholder workshop on the procurement and supply of pesticides for locust control

## Procurement requirements





# Insecticides for locust control

- FAO has been, and will be, procuring insecticides for locust control
- Both the insecticide and its packaging should be of high quality, given the difficult conditions of use
  - Rough terrain
  - Temporary storage under sometimes sub-optimal conditions
- Strict efficacy & toxicological standards need to be adhered to



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# FAO requirements for bids for pesticides

- General terms and conditions for goods (revised April 2015)
- General bid requirements & special requirements and conditions (*commercial*)
  - Annex 1 – Technical specifications and compliance format for pesticides (**under review**)



# Specifications and certification – requirements likely to be stepped-up

## Present requirements

- If a JMPS specification exists: Bidders should certify that the product is in compliance with FAO/WHO published specification of *product X*.
- If a JMPS specification does not exist: The manufacturer/bidder must provide specifications that cover the requirements for the product specified in the *Manual on development and use of FAO and WHO specifications for pesticides*.
- Compliance must be shown by laboratory analysis.



# Specifications and certification

## Updated requirements:

- The commercial pesticide product should have a specification approved and published by the FAO/WHO Joint Meeting of Pesticide Specifications (JMPS)
- Alternatively, a specification by a reputable national or regional authority, which follows the methodology described in the *Manual on development and use of FAO and WHO specifications for pesticides*, may be acceptable.
- Compliance with the specification must be shown by analysis by a GLP certified laboratory.



# Specifications and certification

## Procedures

- 1) JMPS specification exists AND bidding company is “holder” of specification
  - Bidder shows compliance through analysis by GLP certified laboratory
  
- 2) JMPS specification exists AND bidding company is not the “holder” of specification BUT insecticide technical material (TC) is sourced from specification holder
  - Bidder submits physico-chemical specifications of formulation only
  - Bidder shows compliance of TC through analysis by GLP certified laboratory
  - FAO requests JMPS to review equivalence of the formulation (time line: ~1 month)



# Specifications and certification

3. Bidder claims equivalence with published specification of other specification holder
  - Bidder submits dossier for equivalence determination for TC & formulation
  - FAO requests JMPS to establish equivalence (if dossier complete: time line = ~6-12 months)
  
4. Bidder wishes to establish JMPS specification
  - Bidder submits dossier for establishment of a full JMPS specification
  - FAO requests JMPS to establish a specification (if dossier complete: time line = ~1-2 years)



# Specifications and certification

5. A relevant national specification is available
  - Bidder submits relevant national specification
  - FAO requests JMPS to review the national specification (expected time line: ~1 month)
  - Bidder shows compliance through analysis by GLP certified laboratory

Transition period and process will need to be defined



# Registration – requirements slightly modified

## Present requirements

- The product must be registered in the country of delivery,  
OR
- An application for temporary registration should be sought

## Updated requirements

- The product must be registered for locust control in the  
country of delivery,  
OR
- An emergency authorization of the product for use in locust  
control should have been issued by the national responsible  
authority



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# Packing – requirements slightly modified

## Present requirements

- UN certified metal drums
- *Hannells* technical specifications or equivalent

## Updated requirements

- UN certified metal drums
  - Technical specifications spelled out
- OR
- UN certified plastic containers
  - Technical specifications spelled out (*to be finalized*)



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# Labelling – requirements slightly modified

## Present requirements

- Label in language of country of delivery
- Labelling according to International Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management
- Specific marking of containers

## Updated requirements

- Label in language of country of delivery
- Labelling according to FAO/WHO Guidelines on good labelling practice for pesticides (*2015 update*)
- Specific marking of containers



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# Safety Data Sheet – new requirement

- Copy of most recent SDS to be provided as part of bidding document
- XX copies of most recent SDS to be provided to consignee



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# Empty containers – optional requirement

A requirements for the take-back and recycling/disposal of empty containers may be included



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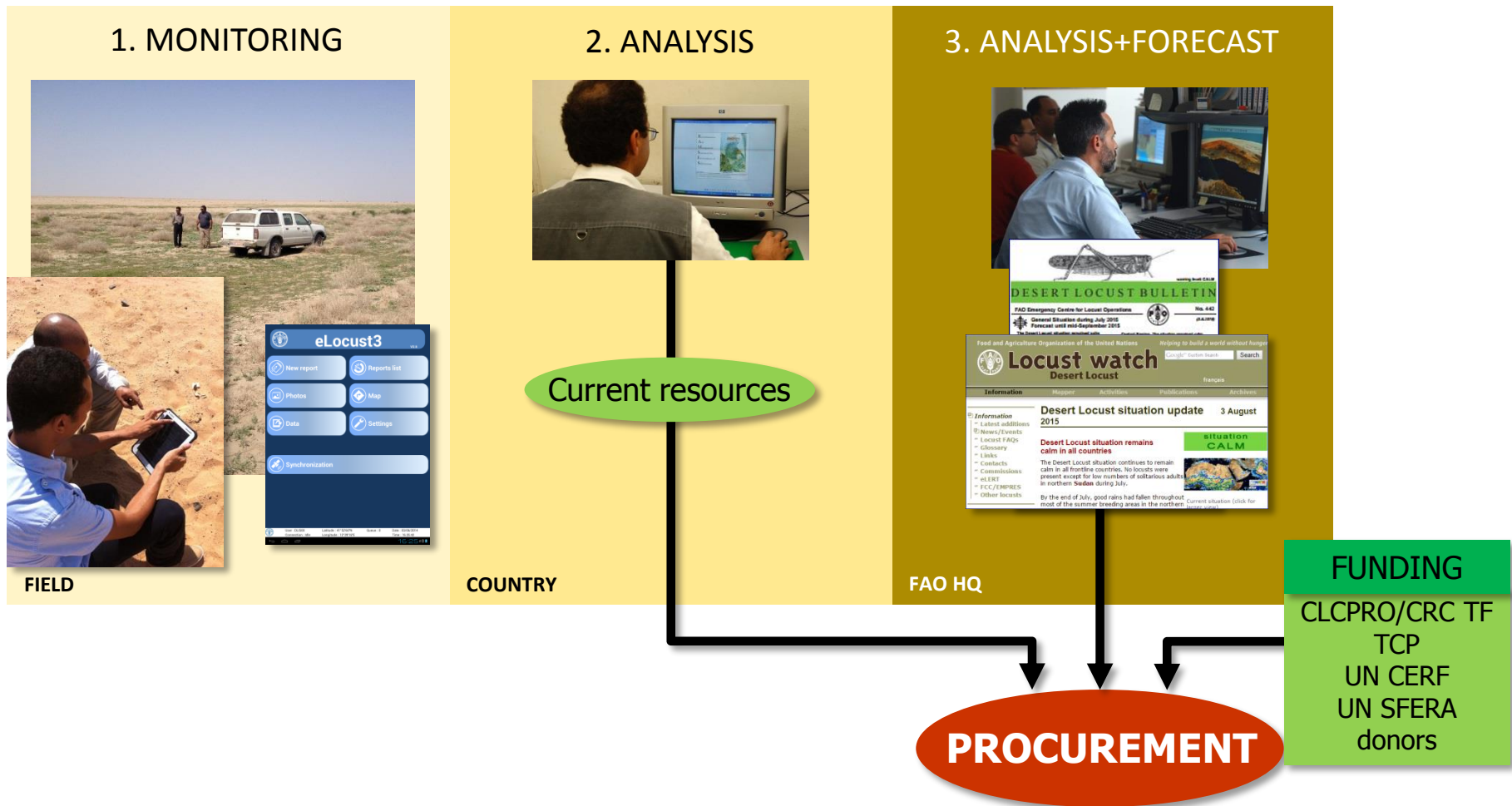
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# Processes that determine emergency pesticide needs



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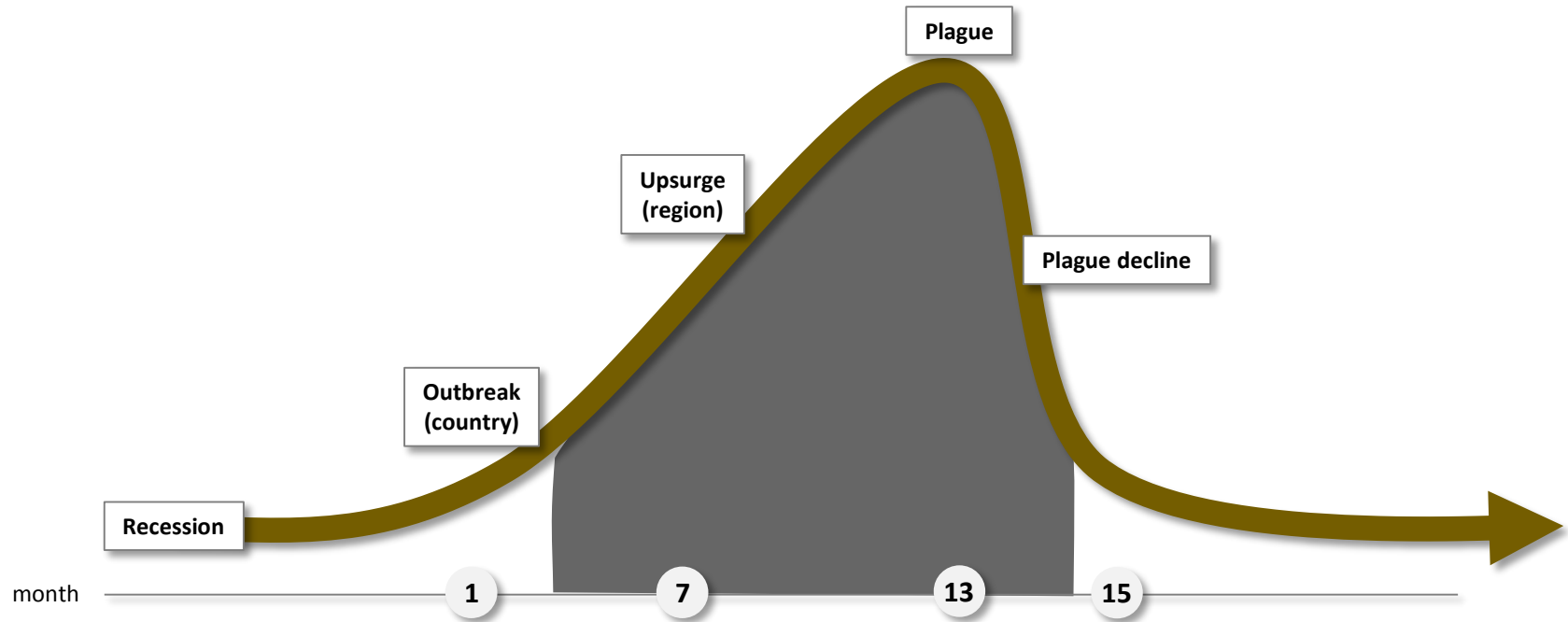


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# CSAP



# Plagues do not develop overnight



Lead time:	<1 mos	3 mos	6 mos
Reliability:	low-med	low	med-high
Scale:	<50,000 ha	1m ha	10+m ha



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# 2003–2005 Desert Locust campaign in West and North Africa

- 12.9 million ha's sprayed, using over 13 million litres of insecticides
- Total cost of the control operations was at least US\$ 280 million
- Total cost of the locust upsurge, including food assistance and rehabilitation was approx. US\$ 400 million



Source: Multilateral evaluation, 2006



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## 2003–2005 Desert Locust campaign in West and North Africa

- Over 6.3 million litres of insecticides were left at the end of the campaign
- Leftover stocks have been:
  - Locally used for locust & grasshopper control
  - Moved to other locust-affect countries (“triangulation”)
  - Kept in stock: either as obsolete or still usable product



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# 2003–2005 Desert Locust campaign in West and North Africa

**Present situation** (estimate, including previous stocks) – 10 countries

- Triangulated: 546 000 litres
- Obsolete: 2 370 000 litres
- Usable: 2 850 000 litres

*however, some is likely to become obsolete soon!*



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# Costs of management of left-over pesticide stocks

- Storage, monitoring cost: ??
- Collection, repackaging, disposal, project management

Approx. US\$ 5000/ton

- Costs of disposal of possible obsolete stocks from 2003-2005 campaign (~ 4000 tons)

➔ approx. 7% of total control costs of the campaign!



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# Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Procurement of ULV pesticides for  
Locust Control:

Process and key data Overview 2013-15





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# FAO Procurement Objectives

- FAO procurement is based on the fundamental principles of **Best Value for Money**, fairness, transparency, economy and effectiveness.
- **Promote use of Framework Agreements.**



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# FAO and Vendors

- Formal contract award procedure following a competitive process.
- Participation to the solicitation process based on invitation to registered, pre-identified Vendors.
- FAO intends to build sustainable relationships with Vendors and relies on input from Vendors to improve its procurement activities.

**FAO relies on its Vendors to meet its mandate**



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# Vendor Registration

- Carefully identify the products or services your firm supplies and accurately indicate them during the registration process.
- Submission of a completed application through the UNGM does not guarantee invitation to tender.
- Details of the Vendor registration can be found on the FAO Procurement Internet: [www.fao.org/unfao/procurement/general-information/en/](http://www.fao.org/unfao/procurement/general-information/en/).





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# Solicitation Process

Submit by secure facsimile, courier or electronic tendering (In-tend).

## Submission Deadlines\*:

- **2 weeks - ITBs for goods**
- **4 weeks - ITBs for services**
- **6 weeks – RFPs**

**Validity of bids: minimum 2 months**

**IMPORTANT:** Follow the instructions when submitting offer as non compliance may result in an invalid offer.

**\* For emergencies these deadlines may be significantly reduced.**



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# Incoterms

FAO requests Vendors to provide for delivery to final destination.

DAP (final destination – incoterms 2010)

DAT (final destination incoterms 2010)

On exceptional basis, for some destinations FAO organizes the transport (FCA incoterms 2010).



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# Payment Terms

FAO is a reliable payer – 30 days from receipt of required documentation

## Purchase Orders:

- No advance payment or letters of credit accepted

## Contracts:

- Payment is determined by the type of services provided with possibility of 20% advance payment upon receipt of bank guarantee



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# Inspection: loading/unloading

- Inspection is contracted by FAO with 3<sup>rd</sup> party independent superintendency companies
- Inspections are carried out at loading to verify the quality, quantity, bagging, marking, etc. and at unloading to identify damage/loss during transport.
- Due meet tight deadlines and avoid delays FAO instructs Vendors to dispatch goods without waiting for inspections results.
- Vendors should inform if they choose not to accept this condition.





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# Ethics

- FAO has a strict “No-gifts, no-hospitality” policy which is applicable to all Vendors. Vendors wishing to do business with FAO may not offer gifts or hospitality to any FAO staff member.
- Vendors must adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct.



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## Major constraints encountered with procurement of ULV pesticides over the past three years(2013-15)

- Low participation rate to tenders.
- Low responsive rate due to certifications/registration requirements and/or delivery requirements.
- Delayed delivery.
- Non-compliance with packaging requirements (quality of drums).
- Abnormal Corrosion of spraying equipment.



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## Most Frequently Procured ULV pesticides (2013-15)

		Quantities (liters/kg)			
Country	Pesticide	Chlorpyrifos	Teflubenzuron	Bio-pesticide (Green Muscle)	Fenitrothion
	Madagascar	318,000	278,000	1,500	-
	Eritrea	-	-	-	7,300
	Malawi	-	-	320	3,500
	Yemen	25,000	-	180	-
	Kyrgyz Rep	8,900	-	-	-
	Tajikistan	6,400	-	-	-
	Mauritania	-	-	45	-
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>358,300</b>	<b>278,000</b>	<b>2,045</b>	<b>10,800</b>
	<b>AVERAGE PER YEAR</b>	<b>119,433</b>	<b>92,667</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>3,600</b>



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## ULV pesticides triangulated by FAO (2013-15)

Quantities (liters/kg)					
From - to	Pesticide	Chlorpyrifos	Teflubenzuron	Bio-pesticide (Green Muscle)	Fenitrothion
	From Morocco to Madagascar	321,600	-	-	-
	From Algeria to Madagascar	30,000	-	-	-
	From Algeria to Kenya	7,000	-	-	-
	From Mauritania to Madagascar	30,000	-	-	-
	From Malawi to Yemen	-	-	180	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>388,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>AVERAGE PER YEAR</b>		<b>129,533</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-</b>





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## Procurement and Delivery Lead time (month) (2013-15)

Pesticide type	Average duration of procurement process (from PR to final award)	Average delivery time to final destination (from PO issuance to receipt of goods)*	Total Average lead time
Chlorpyrifos	2	3	5
Teflubenzuron	2	4	6
Bio-pesticide (Green Muscle)	1	7	8
Fenitrothion	2	5	7

\* NB-This is not necessarily in line with  
FAO requested delivery time



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# Pesticide Supply chain



# What do countries want to buy?

- Security to avoid impacts of locusts
- Minimal environmental damage from spraying
- Minimal costs of storage and Q/C
- Minimal costs of disposal of obsolete pesticides
- Minimal environmental damage from obsolete

**The Right pesticides** at Right time, in the Right quantities

**ALL at a fair cost**



# Issues with current procurement process

- Long lead time to supply
  - Ultimate quantities needed are greater
  - Damage from locusts is worse
  - Environmental damage is worse
- Left-over stock that needs to be managed
  - Eventually disposed of at a significant cost
- Irregularity and low value of tenders
  - Discourages manufacturers
    - Fewer suppliers



# Exploring other supply chain mechanisms

1. Pesticide Bank (Framework Contract)
  - a) AI or Formulated products stored by supplier and delivered within guaranteed short time
2. Product Purchase and return
  - a) Supplier takes back unused stocks
3. Trust fund for removal and disposal of obsolete
4. Combinations of all 3
5. Other ideas?



# Breakout Groups

- Identify other supply options
- Explore each option
  - Use the pros and cons and questions in the working paper
- Assess each against criteria



# Potential criteria

- Encourages supplier to register products
- Shortness of Guaranteed delivery time
- Flexibility in quantity delivered
- Feasible for suppliers
- Confidence that the pesticides will be delivered on time
  - What happens if not delivered?
- Pesticide meets required specification
- Left-over stock minimised
- Empty containers managed
- Left-over stock managed, then disposed of
- Overall cost





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### **Equipment & formulation issues**



# ULV pesticide application

## Standards / technical requirements

- FAO minimum requirements & standards for pesticide application equipment
- Evaluations of application equipment for locust control

Any new equipment for ULV application, which meets standards?



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# Damage to application equipment by ULV insecticides

- Madagascar case – 2014 – use of a teflubenzuron formulation
- Damage to tanks/hoppers of spray aircraft
  - Ecureuil AS 350 helicopter: Simplex hopper in carbon fibreglass
  - Turbo Thrush aircraft: fibreglass/polyester resin hopper





# Damage to application equipment by ULV insecticides

Parts of aircraft hoppers “dissolved”



Turbo Thrush aircraft



Ecureuil helicopter

Photos: S. Lagnaoui



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# Teflubenzuron formulation was analysed

- Found to be “within specifications” (i.e. of supplier)
- Specification concerned a.i., free acid, pH (aqueous dilution), viscosity, density, water
- Specification did not concern co-formulations (e.g. solvents)
  - Note: Also if JMPS specification



# Composition of this teflubenzuron 5% UL formulation (SDS information)

- Benzamide, N-[[[(3,5-dichloro-2,4-difluorophenyl)amino]carbonyl]-2,6- difluoro- [5.2% (w/w)] = **TEFLUBENZURON**
- N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP); 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone [ $<45\%$ ]
- propan-2-ol; isopropyl alcohol; isopropanol [ $<10\%$ ]
- Rape oil [ $<50\%$ ]

- NMP is powerful solvent
- Commonly used in pesticide formulations
- Dissolves/affects e.g.: PVC, polyester, epoxy resins

## *LABEL:*

*Spray tanks/hoppers should be made out of polyethylene or polypropylene*



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# UL formulations for locust control

- How to avoid UL formulations for locust control that are incompatible with widely used spray equipment?
- Options (not exhaustive):
  - Establishment of list of co-formulants (in particular solvents) that are incompatible with specific spray equipment
  - Bidder to list all co-formulants (above a critical concentration) as part of FAO bidding document (can be treated as CBI)
  - FAO to indicate, in bidding requirements, the equipment/materials with which the insecticide should be compatible
  - ...other?



## Drum corrosion with another teflubenzuron formulation



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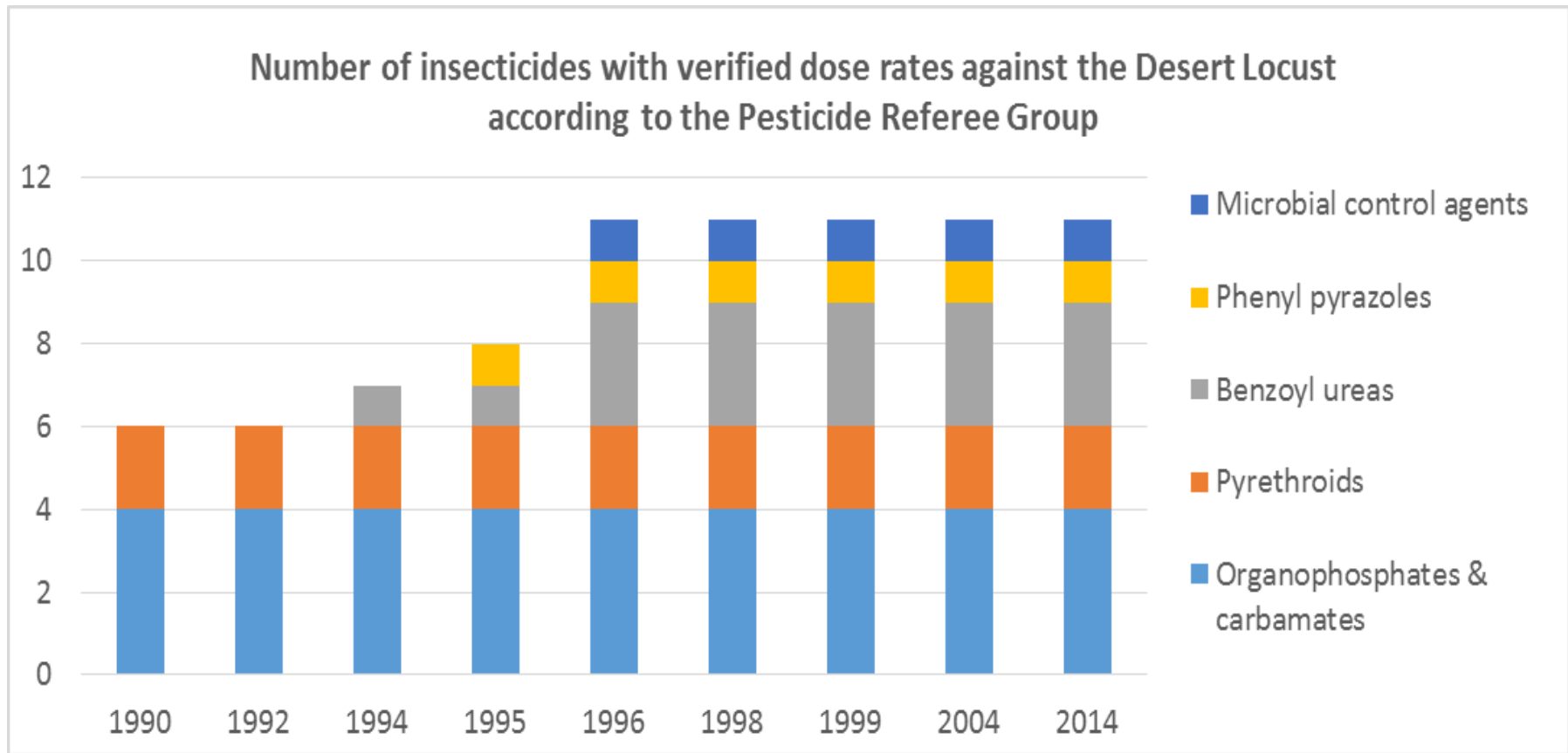
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## **Insecticides for locust control**



# Introduction

No new insecticides for Desert Locust have been endorsed by the Pesticide Referee Group (PRG) over the last 20 years



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# PRG verified insecticides (Desert Locust)

- Bendiocarb
- Chlorpyrifos, Fenitrothion, Malathion
- Deltamethrin, Lambda-cyhalothrin
- Fipronil (barrier)
- Diflubenzuron, Teflubenzuron, Triflumuron
- *Metarhizium acridum*



Some additional insecticides used in the  
Caucasus and Central Asia

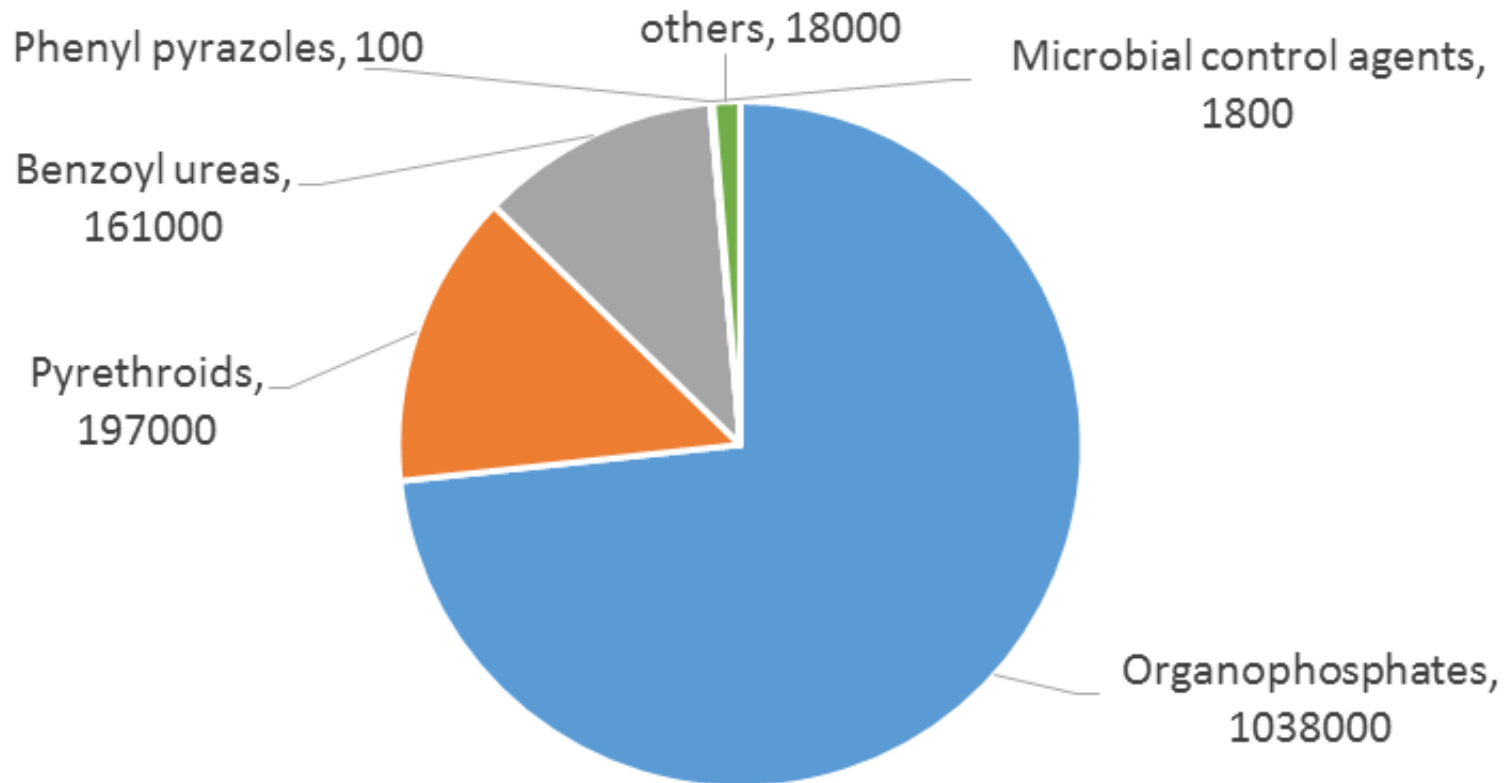


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# Present use of insecticides

Approximate volumes (litres or kg) of insecticides used for locust control in Africa and the Middle East (2010 - 2014)



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# Need for new insecticides

Each of the groups of insecticides has certain constraints, e.g.:

- Organophosphate pesticides have come under increased scrutiny because of human health concerns
- Pyrethroids may result in recovery after knockdown
- Benzoyl-urea IGRs limited to hopper band (larval) control
- Fipronil not available for locust control in Africa
- *Metarhizium* is slow acting and its use is more technically demanding

➔ Need for low risk insecticides having rapid mode of action.



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# “Ideal” locust control insecticide

- Depends on locust target to be controlled
- *Control of recession/outbreak populations, generally away from cultivated areas*
  - High oral and/or contact toxicity to locusts (to allow low volume application rates of approximately 1.0 L/ha)
  - Moderate persistence on vegetation
  - Low human health risk
  - Low environmental risk (particularly, but not limited to, birds, bees and aquatic organisms)



# “Ideal” locust control insecticide

- *Control of swarms and hopper bands, close to or in cultivated areas*
  - High contact toxicity to locusts (to allow low volume application rates of approximately 1.0 L/ha)
  - Low human health risk
  - Low environmental risk (particularly, but not limited to, birds, bees and aquatic organisms)
  - Rapid toxic action, to avoid damage to crops (i.e. knockdown of the insects within 1-2 hours after treatment, without recovery) or swarm movements
  - Low to moderate persistence on vegetation



# “Ideal” locust control insecticide

- *Control of hopper bands by barrier treatments, close to or away from cultivated areas*
  - High oral toxicity to locusts (to allow low volume application rates of approximately 1.0 L/ha)
  - Moderate to high persistence on vegetation, but low persistence in soil and water
  - Moderate to high persistence in the insect body, but low bioaccumulation potential in vertebrates
  - Low human health risk
  - Low environmental risk (particularly, but not limited to, birds, bees and aquatic organisms)





# Need for new insecticides

## Discussion points

- Are insecticides available, or in advanced stages of development, which respond to (part of) the characteristics listed above?
- Have entirely new insecticidal mechanisms been tested on locusts and shown promising results?
- What are constraints for pesticide industry to test the efficacy of new insecticides for locust control?
- What could be the role of FAO in testing new insecticides for locust control?
- What could be done to facilitate and increase the use of biological control agents such as *Metarhizium*?
- Could mixed formulation types (UL/EC  $\Rightarrow$  UF) be appropriate for locust control?

