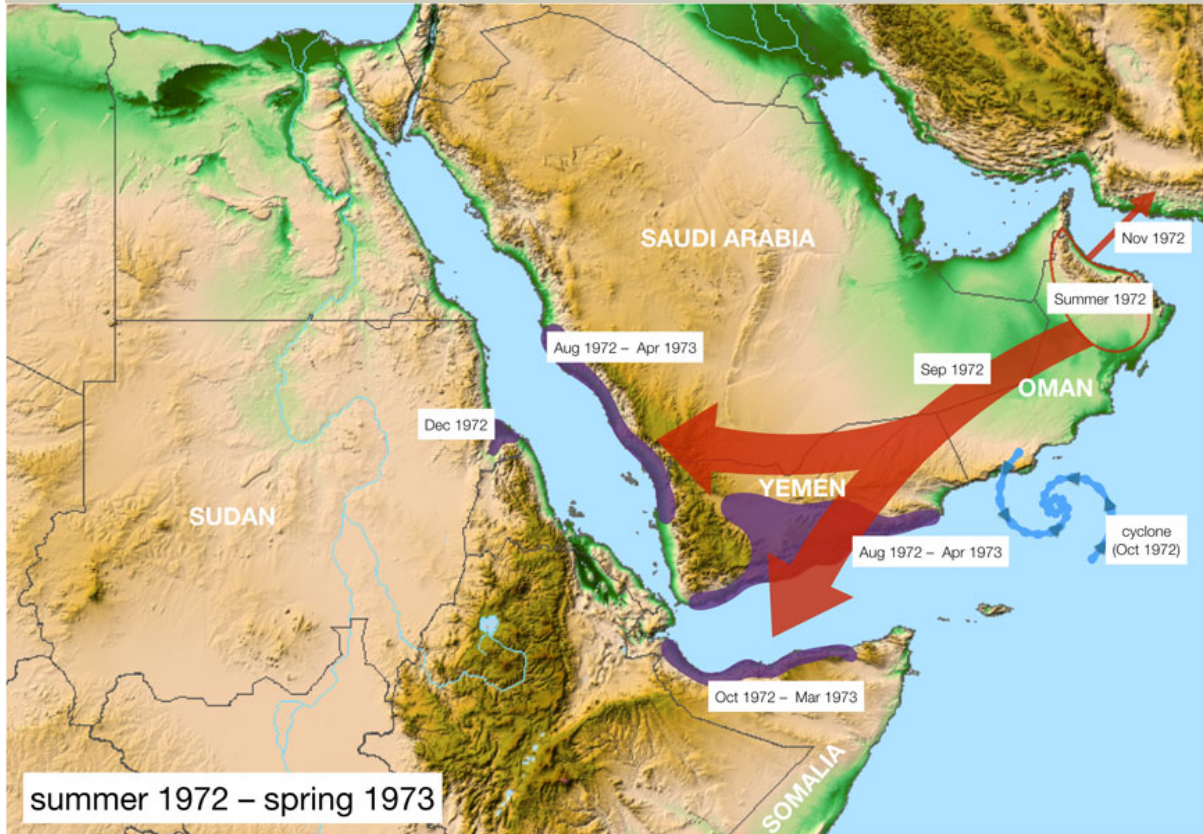


Desert Locust upsurge in 1972-1974

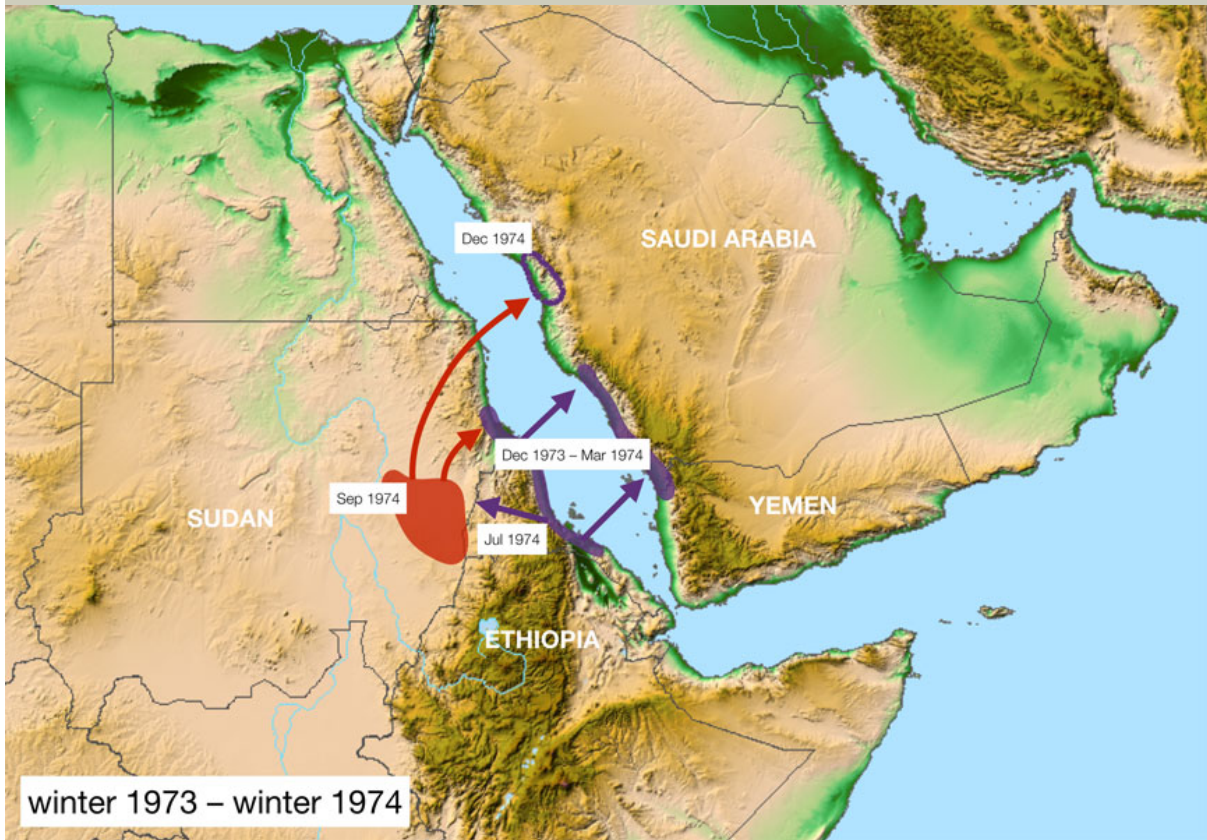
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Summer 1972 to Spring 1973

Breeding occurred during the summer of 1972 in northern Oman that produced swarms while limited breeding took place on the Red Sea coast of Saudi Arabia and southwest interior. As conditions dried out in Oman, some of the swarms moved southwest to Yemen, the Horn of Africa and the Red Sea coast in September while other swarms moved northeast to Iran in November. In October, a cyclone brought widespread heavy rains to the Horn of Africa and southern Yemen, allowing several generations of breeding that extended to the Red Sea coast of Yemen and Saudi Arabia and, to a lesser extent, Sudan until April 1973. The situation returned to normal as a result of ground and aerial control operations combined with a lack of rainfall during the spring of 1973.

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Winter 1973 to Winter 1974

During the spring and summer of 1973, there was very little Desert Locust activity reported. At the end of the year, breeding commenced along both sides of the Red Sea and continued until the end of March 1974, causing swarms to form. Some of the early swarms moved across the Red Sea to Saudi Arabia in January while later swarms moved into the interior of eastern Sudan in July. Good breeding occurred at the end of the summer in eastern Sudan, producing some swarms that moved to the northern Red Sea coast of Saudi Arabia and to the Tokar Delta in Sudan during December, followed by limited breeding in both areas during the winter. Successful control operations prevented further swarm production and migration to summer breeding areas in 1975.

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