



Agriculture

Impacts of Dubas Ommatissus Lybicus on

Dates and Palm trees



Among the insects that cause damage to date palm trees in the areas of their cultivation such as Hadramout, Socotra and other areas is Dubas Ommatissus Lybicus (DOL). DOL has moved for the first time in 2002 from Al-Mahara Governorate to the neighboring Hadramout due to the wind and weak agricultural quarantine. Additionally, the movement of DOL was a result of traditional agricultural conditions, severe crowding of palm trees and poor tree nursery (pollination - grading - easing ...), which helped in creation of an appropriate environment for reproduction of this insect and secretion of honey substance, which led to the following:

- Poor pollination, fertilization, poor production of dates, infestation where it spread to Wadi Hadramout, Al-Mahara, Shabwa, Socotra and other governorates.

- Threatening of planting palm trees as one of the most important crops for food security.

- Burning leaves and reduced crop productivity.

- The death of 8 % of the palm trees as they were severely harmed for several consecutive years in the absence of control measures.

There were many other harms to palm dates because of sticking the honey glue abundantly on the parts of the palm tree.

According to the seasonal calendar, insects are active throughout the year in the Eastern Plateau Region, and reports of GFUs appointed to the spread of this pest in the governorates of Coastal and Wadi Hadramout, Socotra, and the emergence of the honey glue to palm trees and matured insects that destroy the crops.

Introduction

The aim of this monthly SNAPSHOT is to provide a brief overview of the food security situation in Yemen in its various sectors and to provide all stakeholders with a view to highlighting the various issues related to food security to draw attention of stakeholders, officials and decision-makers. The topics in this SNAPSHOT are derived from various sources and sectors including Food Security Information System - Governorate Focal Unit (FSIS-GFUs), the FAO project Strengthening of the Food Security information and Early Warning System, sectoral ministries and local and international NGOs.

Water and Environment

Floods sweeps Marib Governorate



The Emergency Committee in Marib Governorate discussed with the humanitarian partners the initial report on the extent of the damage caused by the torrential rains and the flooding of the Marib Dam Lake and the urgent humanitarian interventions for the host community's population centers and the IDP camps in the various districts of the governorate, in addition to the urgent interventions by the local authority, and what humanitarian partners can provide in terms of interventions to meet the existing and increasing urgent needs with the continued flow of rains and the flooding of the dam.

The meeting reviewed the report prepared by the committee assigned by the governor to inventory the damages and assess the needs with the local authorities in the districts, and the most prominent damages that were monitored until August 6th, which resulted in the death of 19 people, including 17 children, and 16,885 families in seven districts were affected: (The Marib city, Sarwah, Madghul, Raghwan, Rahaba, and Harib), of which 3,666 families were totally affected and were dispersed in the open yards, while 13,219 families were partially affected, as the damage included the destruction of houses and buildings, the damage of shelters and non-food items, the destruction of water sources, tanks and sewage, and damage Food utilities.

The report indicated that the floods swept 6 km of asphalt and 8 km of paved roads, and destroyed and sank more than 43 public and private water wells owned by farmers with local networks in and around the Marib Dam Basin and destroyed 3 electrical transformers and 50 electricity grid columns in the Sirwah district only.

Additionally, sewage suction tanks, sidewalks and trees in the streets of Marib, the capital of the governorate were destroyed, and further damage reached the sewage station and Rawda water network in the Marib city, the destruction of the solid waste dump in the Wadi District, damage to the roads linking the villages of Al Rahaba District, and the destruction of most of the farms in Wadi al-Labb and the district center with existing wells and the water networks in it, in addition to damage to the main road leading to Murad district, the flooding of water drainage ferries and damage to public and private property, while the damage in the rest of the districts is still under the assessment by evaluation working committees.

The report pointed to the urgent interventions efforts made by the local authority, especially in the Sirwah district, which is considered the most affected due to the flow of torrential runoff to it from four governorates of Marib, Al-Bayda, Dhamar, and Sana'a, in addition to the filling and flooding of the Marib Dam basin, most notably: the transfer of the affected displaced people in the Al-Sawabin and Dhana Al-Hayal camps to areas of higher altitude and far from the dam basin, providing two permanent water tanks for the IDPs in the two camps, opening a road to the camps of Al Rack and Al Maraytec, located southwest of the dam, and paving a road to the camps of Al Rawda to facilitate movement and the transfer of humanitarian aid, in addition to providing cash assistance to 485 families in the dam basin camps to enable them in moving to higher places under the supervision of the Executive Unit for the Management of IDP Camps.

The report indicated that the affected people urgently need 3,666 shelters and 17,460 kits of non-food shelter assistance, as well as aid in the field of water and environmental sanitation, in addition to 15,324 urgent food baskets.

Fisheries

The General Authority for Fisheries (GAF) in the Red Sea has launched the issuance of ID cards and fishing licenses to practice the profession of fishing for fishermen at the fish-landing center in Al-Salif district.

The head of the authority has inspected the boat maintenance workshop in the Digno area and ice factory in Al-Jad area that had been ignored for years because of negligence, which resulted in the looting of most of its contents.

Furthermore, the head of the authority directed the specialists to accelerate the re-activation of these two facilities and return them to service due to the importance they have in the interest of fishermen. He also directed experts to construct a fish-landing yard in the Al-Jad area to serve the fishermen in Al-Salif District².

Trade and Industry

Yemeni Consumer Protection Guide

The Yemeni Society for Consumer Protection (YSCP), in cooperation with the Yemeni Organization for Standardization and Metrology (YOSM) and the Supreme Commission for Medicines (SCM), have issued the Yemeni Consumer Guide (YCG) - as the fruit of cooperation between the sectors of control over goods and services from the government side and the private associations concerned with the arrival of safe and sound goods and services to the hands of the Yemeni consumer in a manner that guarantees the promotion of competition and non-monopoly.

The guide contained six chapters that include the following:

Chapter One - Consumer Rights and Duties - (definition of Consumer - and his basic, digital and electronic rights).

Chapter Two - Consumable Food stuffs (consumer guidelines when purchasing a group of different food commodities).

Chapter Three - Consumer Rights when buying durable and luxury goods

Chapter Four - Consumer Rights when buying pharmaceutical goods

Chapter Five - General Warnings and Advices.

Chapter six included indications of symbols on consumer goods, general instructions and phone numbers of complaints.

This step comes in light of the spread of commercial fraud, counterfeit and expired goods, and materials that harm the health of the Yemeni consumer - the consumer guide is considered an awareness and informational guide, and it is a summary of efforts of three main agencies responsible for monitoring the quality and validity of basic goods and services.

Sources: 1 reports of GFUs, Seasonal Calendar and Agricultural research of Eastern Plateau Region .2The General Authority for Fisheries in the Red Sea <https://www.facebook.com/11112092024789/>

