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Agriculture

Coffee Berry Moth attacks Yemeni Governorates



The Governorates Field Units (GFUs) of food security monitoring in Yemen affiliated with the Food Security Technical Secretariat (FSTS) stated that most of the areas planted with coffee in Raymah - Sana'a - Taiz - Hajjah and other Governorates are exposed to infection by the insect of the Coffee Berry Moth (CBM) causing great losses in production and assets of Coffee-the most important strategic cash crop for Yemen.

The CBM is considered one of the most dangerous insect pests for the Yemeni coffee crop in most areas of coffee cultivation and production where its larvae feed on the coffee fruits and damage about 50% of crop in some seasons as the larvae pierce the fruits around the sides of the fruit to feed on its contents leaving it empty and dry and turning its color to brown and then dropping them off.

The insect begins its activity early when flower buds are formed, as it attacks these buds before flowering and defeats the small green fruits and fruits before yet hardened leading to damage the fruits on the branches.

In order to avoid infection with this dangerous insect pest and to initiate integrated control to eliminate it and protect the coffee crop, it is necessary to dispose of the crop residues and the leaves and burn or bury them.

In addition, Ethab branches can be used between the coffee bushes and smoke by igniting dry plant and animal waste to reduce the loss of the crop which affects the farmer's income and livelihoods.

Trade and Industry

Expanding the circle of importers and discussing a mechanism for determining food commodities that require control over their prices

A meeting was held at the Ministry of Industry and Trade in Sana'a with representatives of the General Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry to expand the circle of importers and the difficulties facing the private sector in the import process, how to coordinate with the concerned authorities and review laws and legislations that regulate the import process, especially food imports, to provide safe food commodities and the possibility and access to them smoothly. On the other hand, the discussion of identifying food, medicinal and agricultural commodities that require controlling their prices among the twenty commodities necessary for human life was discussed. This meeting comes in light of the difficulties that importers face and within the obstacles they face in light of the high costs of transport and double taxes in the internal outlets that directly affect the rise of basic food commodities, as well as the necessity to control the prices of food, agricultural and medicinal commodities related to the lives of individuals ... A small committee was formed from the concerned authorities to develop a joint mechanism to improve the control performance of food and medicine and a proposal was raised for the joint tasks assigned to the National Committee for Food and Drug Control ...

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 environmental

The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Yemen supports

Sustainable water and sanitation projects in Aden and Mukalla
Ms. Surayo Bozorukova, head of the Good Governance and Rule of Law team UNDP in Yemen, explained that the lack of adequate sanitation services has a serious impact on health and social development.

In return and especially in the potential situation of the spread of the Covid-19, the immediate interventions in improving the sanitation system and hygiene will reduce the risk of spread of Corona, Diarrhea and other diseases.



The international expert added, "the newly constructed latrines in Mukalla not only provide disadvantaged and vulnerable population groups with access to safe sanitation and hygiene facilities, but also contribute to the health of citizens in general."

On this basis, the implementation of the water, sanitation and hygiene project of the United Nations Development Program in addition to the rehabilitation of public toilets in Mukalla by providing access to adequate sanitation facilities for 250,000 people in the region and funded by the Japanese side will work to support individuals and institutions in both Aden and Mukalla. It will also contribute to preventing the spread of the Coronavirus in Yemen, as the main components of the wastewater project include the following:

- (A) Provision of equipment such as garbage trucks;
- (B) Supply and installation of sewage pumps.
- (C) Infrastructure repair and restoration; and
- (D) The capacity building and training for the staff of the Cleaning Fund and the Public Corporation for Water and Sanitation.

The project also contributes to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals No. 5, 6, 11 and 16.

Fisheries

The Ministry of Fisheries launches an investment program in the field of fish farming
The opening of the door to fish Aqua culture

The Minister of Fisheries announced in a workshop to promote investment in the fish sector organized by the Ministry in Fish Wealth in Sana'a on December 7, 2020, the opening of the gate to fish farming, whose profitable returns reach 90% within the first three years 3 years.

The minister said that the fishery sector is one of the promising sectors to achieve multi-source economic growth and increase the per capita share. He pointed out that the investment opportunities include all components of the fish activity such as fishing, transportation, distribution and industries associated with the promising fish sector.

The Ministry of Fisheries stated that Yemen possesses a stockpile of fish that allows catching approximately 400 thousand tons annually, and ranks fourth in the Arab world after Morocco, Mauritania and Egypt.

The Ministry indicated that the Yemeni waters are characterized by containing 150 species of marine life that are not found in other countries, and indicated that the Republic of Yemen has 15 sites in the Red and Arab Sea suitable for fish farming.

The Investment Opportunities Working Paper clarified that field studies and surveys, as well as reports and statistical indicators indicate that investment in the fishery sector is below its economic potential, and that what is being exploited from fish resources amounts to only (17%) of what Yemen possesses of fish resources, other than the accompanying activities. The fish sector abounds with many promising investment opportunities with high benefit and high profit, explaining more than twenty investment opportunities, the most important of which are: cultivating, raising and fattening fish and marine life, manufacturing fishing tools and equipment, preparing and exporting fish products, making boats, manufacturing and canning fish, and establishing model markets. Moreover, integrated complexes, processing and grinding of fish waste, in addition to fishing, transport, freezers and other opportunities available are opportunities for investment.

Meteorology

Meteorological Authority warns of an upcoming cold shock

The forecasting and observational data issued during the first half of December 2020 by the Yemeni Meteorology Center (YMC) of the Civil Aviation and Meteorological Authority (CAMA) warned that the mountainous governorates of Yemen and parts of deserts and interior plateaus were affected by a cold air mass coming from the north and northeast of the Arabian Peninsula.

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The YMC predicted that the weather will be cold to very cold on the mountainous uplands, especially on the governorates of Sadah, Amran, Sana'a, Dhamar, Al Bayda, Al Dhale'e, and the higher areas of the governorates Ibb - Taiz - Lahj - Abyan and Shabwa, and relatively cold to too cold on the deserts and the interior plateaus during the night, morning and early morning hours with the possibility of severe cold and frost formation during the next few days.

The YMC also warned the elderly citizens, children, patients, and personnel working during the night and early morning hours, as well as those traveling to these aforementioned governorates, to take the necessary precautions to prevent severe cold shocks.

The NMC also warned the farmers to take the necessary precautions to protect their agricultural crops, as well as livestock and bees, to protect them from the effects of extreme cold.

Sources: 1 Plant Protection, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation .2 Ministry of Industry and Trade website - Sana'a 3The website of the United Nations Development Program: www.ye.undp.org 4https://www.facebook.com/CAMAYMS/

