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Regional Alert System for Locusts in the Americas

Development of a locust management, monitoring and alert system

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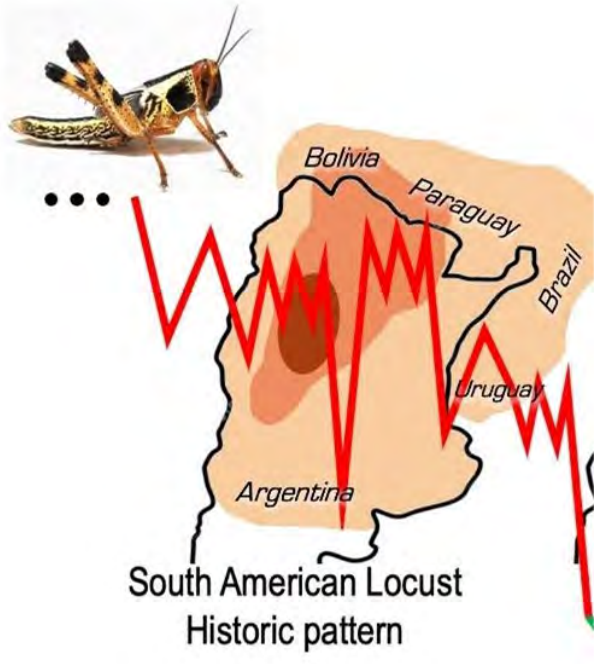
Cooperation project IICA - COSAVE: Phytosanitary Intelligence

Alert System for Locusts in the Cosave Region

Locusts can destroy crops in a few minutes, affecting crops and their export, and farmer´s livelihoods

Locusts of the American continent



Locust Potential Impact

Production at risk

USD 3.7

billion dollars

(Only in Argentina)

Consultoría Beneficio - Costo
(2020, IICA)

Objectives

General Objective:

Contribute with the response system and risk assessment to reduce locust damage.

Specific Objectives:

- Implement an Information System for the surveillance and alert responses in COSAVE Region.
- Develop a System for the management and assessment of data using GIS.

1) Mobile App at regional level

What for?

Collect data and information from the field

How?

- By the mobile APP (SIGAPP Senasa AR)

1) Mobile App at regional level

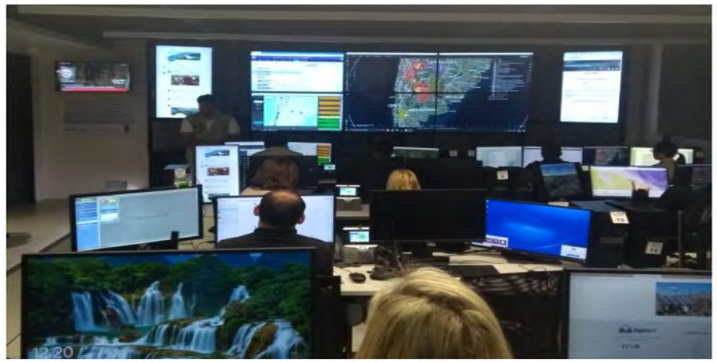
Advantages

- Harmonization of surveillance criteria
- Information in real time (it works offline)
- Information is centralized in the Locust GIS.

2) Locust Alert System

What for?

- Improve the communication between NPPOs and notify farmers about the locust location in real time.
- Improve the response capacities for locust outbreak.



How?

- Using the information from the Mobile App, through the Locust Alert System and the implementation of a website.

2) Locust Alert System

Advantages:

- Constant and synchronized communication between NPPOs
- Fast decision making
- Countries can increase anticipation capacity and response
- Communication with the stakeholders

3) GIS Locust

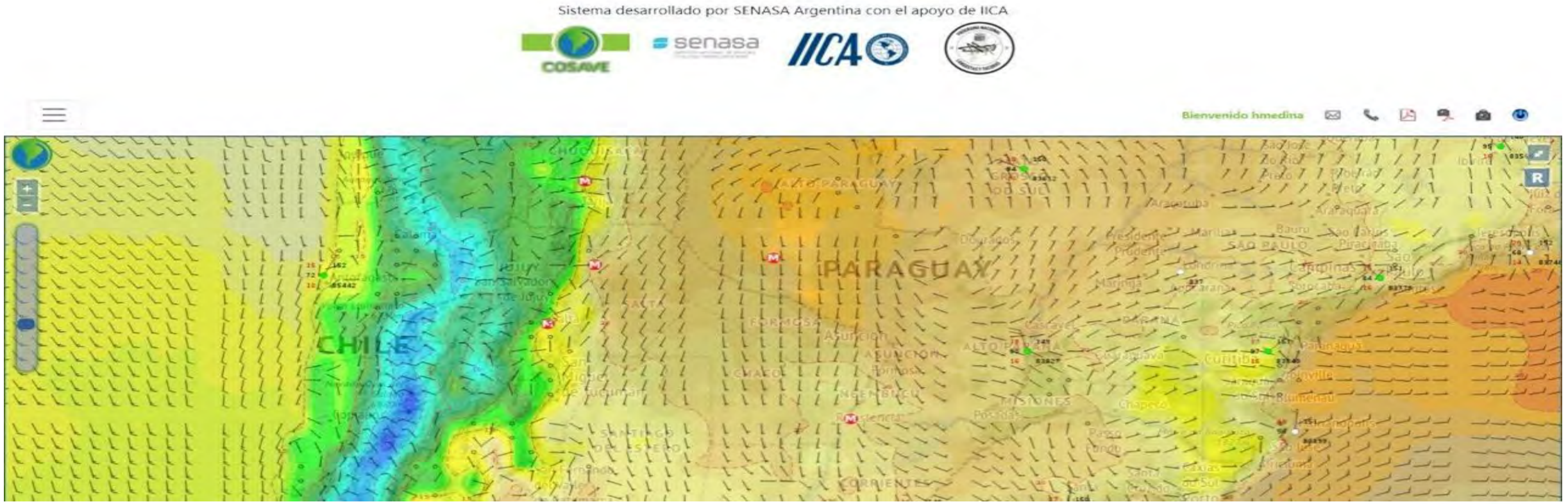
What for?

- To improve the management of the information, response capacities, risk assessment, decision making and pest control.

How?

- Use the system to analyze and manage surveillance data to facilitate decision making and pest control.

3) GIS Locust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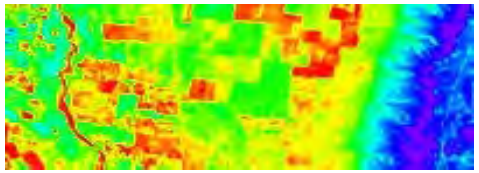
3) GIS Locust

Features:

- Integrated GIS System.
- Analyze, manage and download data.
- Upload layers in kml, csv, txt. formats.
- Share information and layers with users.
- Collect information from other systems.
- Incorporate information through WMS.



Conclusion

- System available for pest surveillance, management and alerts of Locust in South America
- Easy system to be used by experts of different countries
- Integrated System to Strengthen Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems

https://test.senasa.gov.ar/langostas

Next Steps

- Improve and develop the system, adding new features ($)
- Use the system for other pests, E.g HLB, *Lobesia botrana*, Fruit Fly in Argentina
- Implement this system at continental level (or similar system), through Inter American Coordinating Group in Plant Protection (GICSV)

GICSV
Grupo Interamericano de Coordinación en Sanidad Vegetal
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