

Locust swarms destroying India crops

Farmers fear extensive crop losses unless fast-spreading swarms of desert locusts are brought under control before the arrival of the monsoon rains spurs the sowing of rice and other summer crops

Locusts are devastating crops in India's heartland, already struggling with economic cost of coronavirus lockdown



● Swarms
May 13-26

Swarms expected to move east as far as Bihar and Orissa until July, then returning westwards on changing monsoon winds

Summer
breeding
(Jul-Nov)

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MADHYA
PRADESH

MAHARASHTRA

200km
125 miles

Bay of
Bengal

Swarms pulled eastward by strong westerly winds associated with Cyclone Amphan