

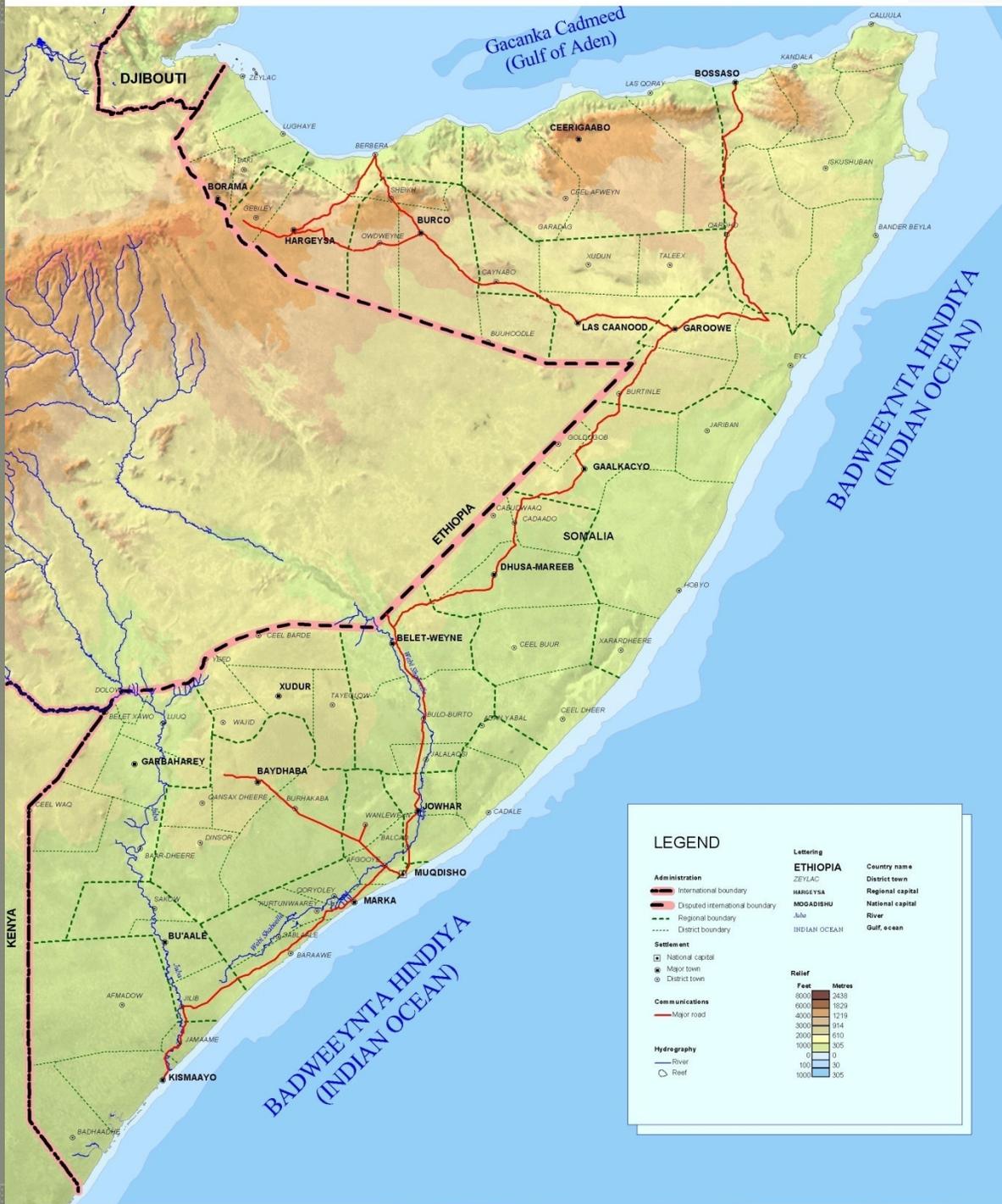


Rift Valley Fever



Country situation **SOMALIA**

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Somalia Livestock Population

Livestock species	Estimated numbers
Camel	6,294,230
Sheep	11,833,600
Goats	16,164,670
Cattle	4,609,430
Horse	1,000
Donkeys	24,000
Total	38,926,930

FSAU, Food Security Assessment Unit, Somalia 1990

Introduction

- Somali economy and livelihoods rely substantially on the export of live animals and meat to markets in the Arabian Peninsula being Somalia one of the world major exporter of live animals
- Livestock trade bans due to zoo-sanitary status in the Horn of Africa disrupted Somali livestock exports (1997/98, 2000/01, 2006/07) with great impact on people's livelihood



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- Targeted surveys in Southern Somalia following RVF outbreaks in Kenya 2007
 - Ongoing preparation of emergency preparedness and contingency plans for the Country
 - Only sporadic control measures in place in Somalia
 - Random cross-sectional surveys conducted in the Country for baseline data on RVF.