



**SECTION 2**  
**RAPID FERTILIZER USE ASSESSMENT**

## FERTILIZER USE AND CROP YIELD

To assess fertilizer use at the farm-gate level, a Rapid Fertilizer Use Assessment (RFUA) was carried out during 2015 in collaboration with the Provincial Agriculture Extension Department in twenty-four districts across Sindh. The data collected through RFUA is used to prepare fertilizer use maps for each of the major crops. The trends of average crop(s) yields under different fertilizer use scenarios obtained by the interviewed farmers are also described. The number of farmers interviewed in each district was 60 (sample size) and the total farmers / respondents were 1440. The selection of farmers reveals that the sample was skewed towards medium level to progressive farmers with whom the agriculture extension workers frequently interact. The use of potassium (K) and/or micronutrients (alone or with FYM) in addition to NP improved crop yields. However, FYM alone may not fulfil crop requirement. Use of K, micronutrients and FYM in appropriate combination(s) along with N and P is recommended for achieving optimal crop productivity and improving soil health.

### KEY INDICATORS

- Major crops grown by farmers
- Yield of major crops
- Farm size
- Crop-wise use of fertilizers (inorganic/chemical fertilizers)
  - Crop-wise use of Urea
  - Crop-wise use of Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP)
  - Crop-wise use of Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (CAN)
  - Crop-wise use of Sulphate of Potash (SOP) and Muriate of Potash (MOP)
- Crop-wise use of organic sources of nutrients/FYM
- Farmers availing soil and water test facilities

### KEY FINDINGS



91% Wheat



46% Cotton



44% Rice



33% Sugarcane



3% Maize

### Farm Size (Acres)

- < 5: 06%
- 5-10: 18%
- >10: 76%

### Percent Farmers

### Laboratory Analysis

- Soil Test: 17%
- Water Test: 09%

### Major Problems

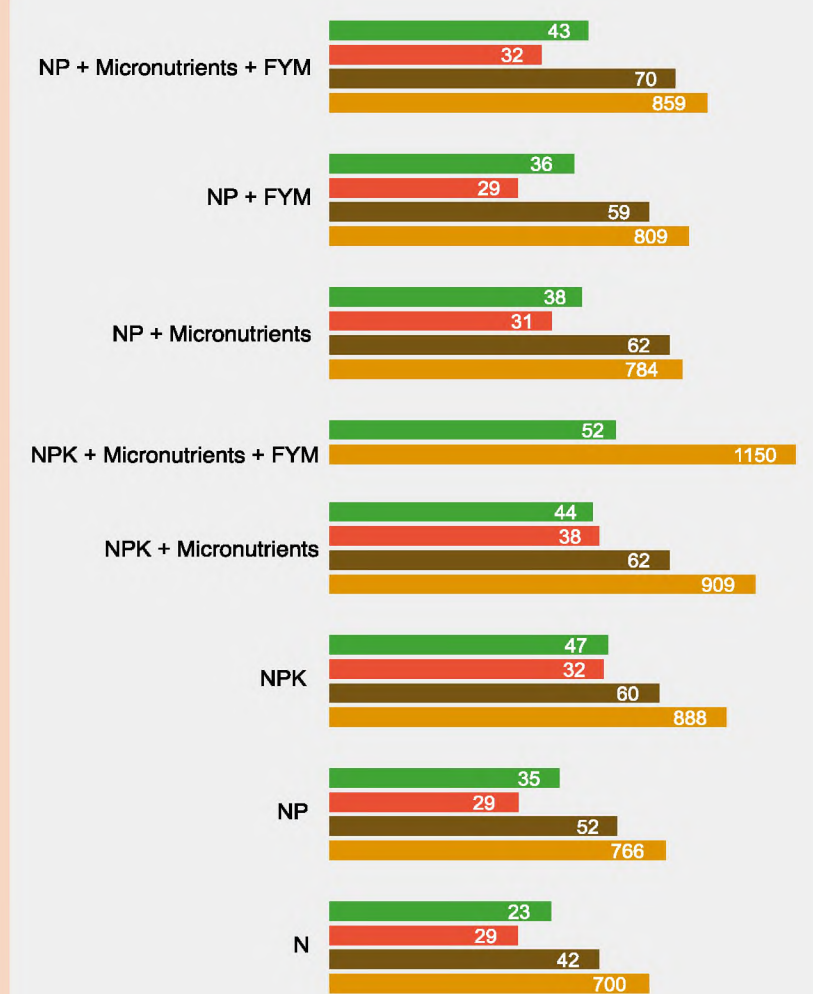
- Soil-related Constraints: ≈ 70%
- Salinity: 35%
- Water-logging: 36%
- Sodicity: 08%

### Others

- Canal water shortage: ≈ 30%
- Load shedding
- High prices of fertilizers
- Low commodity prices

### Use of Organic Sources

- Wheat: 17%
- Cotton: 04%
- Rice/Paddy: 03%
- Sugarcane: 03%
- Other Crops: 02%
- Maize: 0.3%



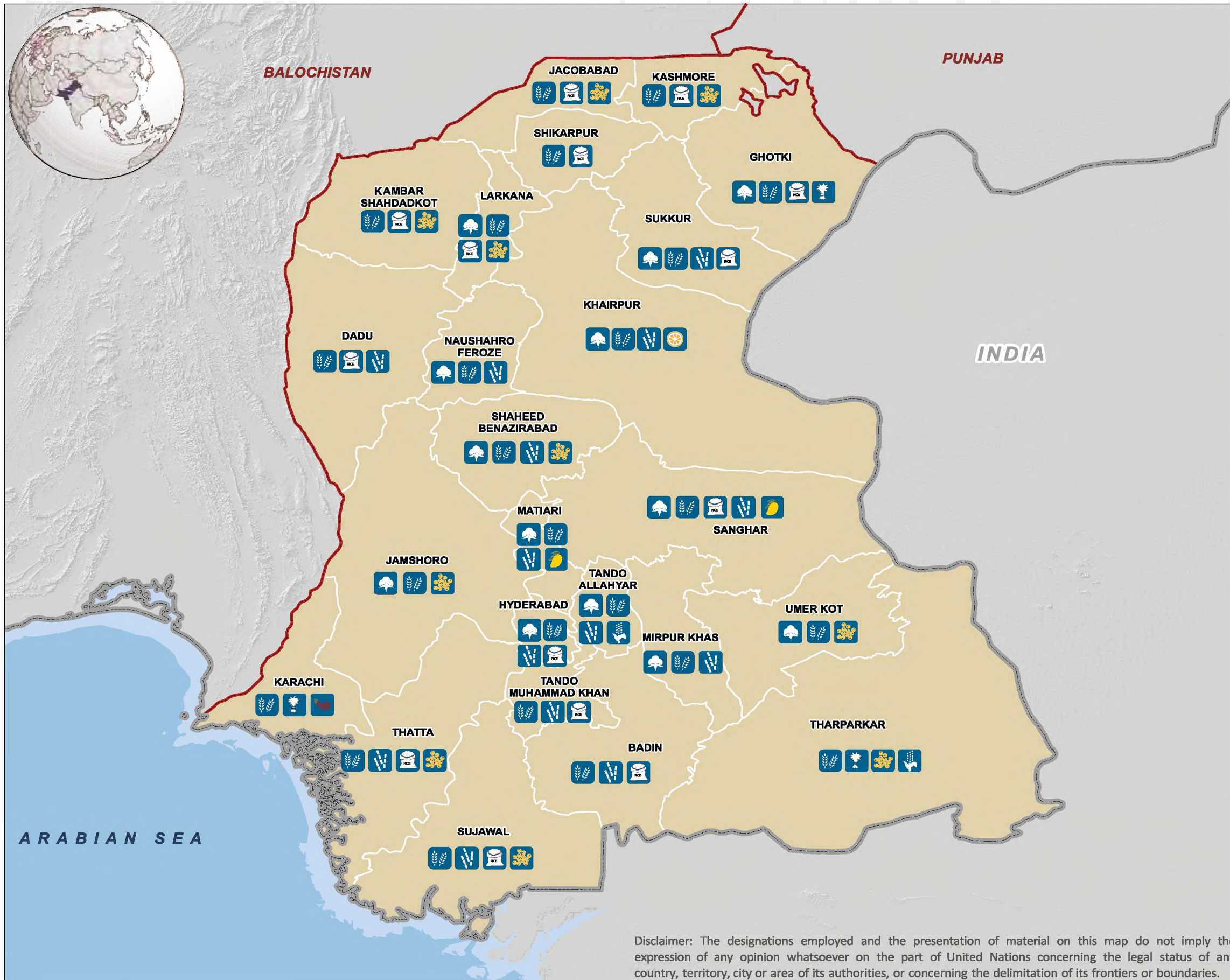
Yield (Maunds/acre)



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# MAJOR CROPS IN SINDH



## Map Legend

### Administrative limits

- Country
- Province
- District

### Major crops

- Wheat
- Rice
- Millet
- Cotton
- Sugarcane
- Vegetables
- Oilseeds and Pulses
- Fodder
- Mango
- Orchard

### About Map

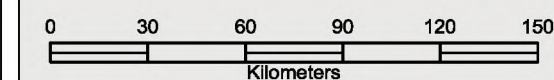
The map shows major crops grown in each district. The information is derived from the Development Statistics of Sindh (2013) by Sindh Bureau of Statistics.

### Data Sources

FAO, GAUL, Bureau of Statistics, Government of Sindh

### Map Scale and Datum

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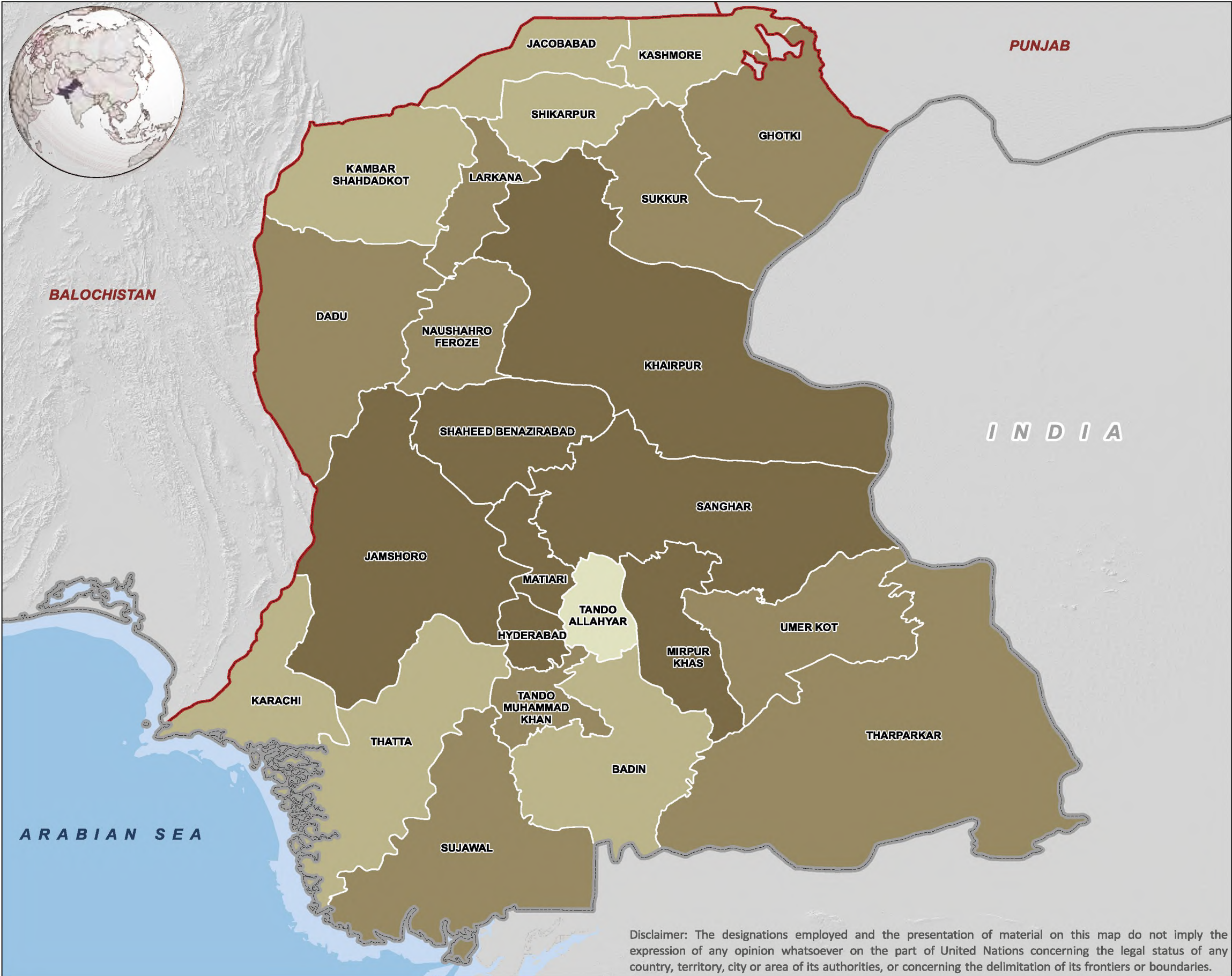
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# APPLICATION OF UREA TO WHEAT IN SINDH



**Map Legend**

**Administrative limits**

- Country
- Province
- District

**Application of Urea (kg/acre)**

- ≤ 50
- 51 - 100
- 101 - 150
- 151 - 200

**About Map**

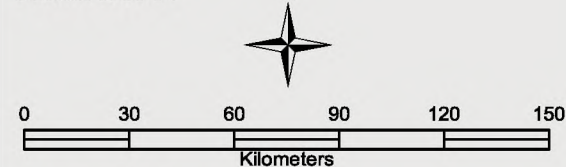
The map shows the use of Urea for Wheat in each district. The data indicates over use of Urea in central Sindh and lower use in upper rice growing districts as well as in coastal districts Badin and Thatta.

**Data Sources**

FAO, GAUL, The Government of Sindh, RFUA (2015)

**Map Scale and Datum**

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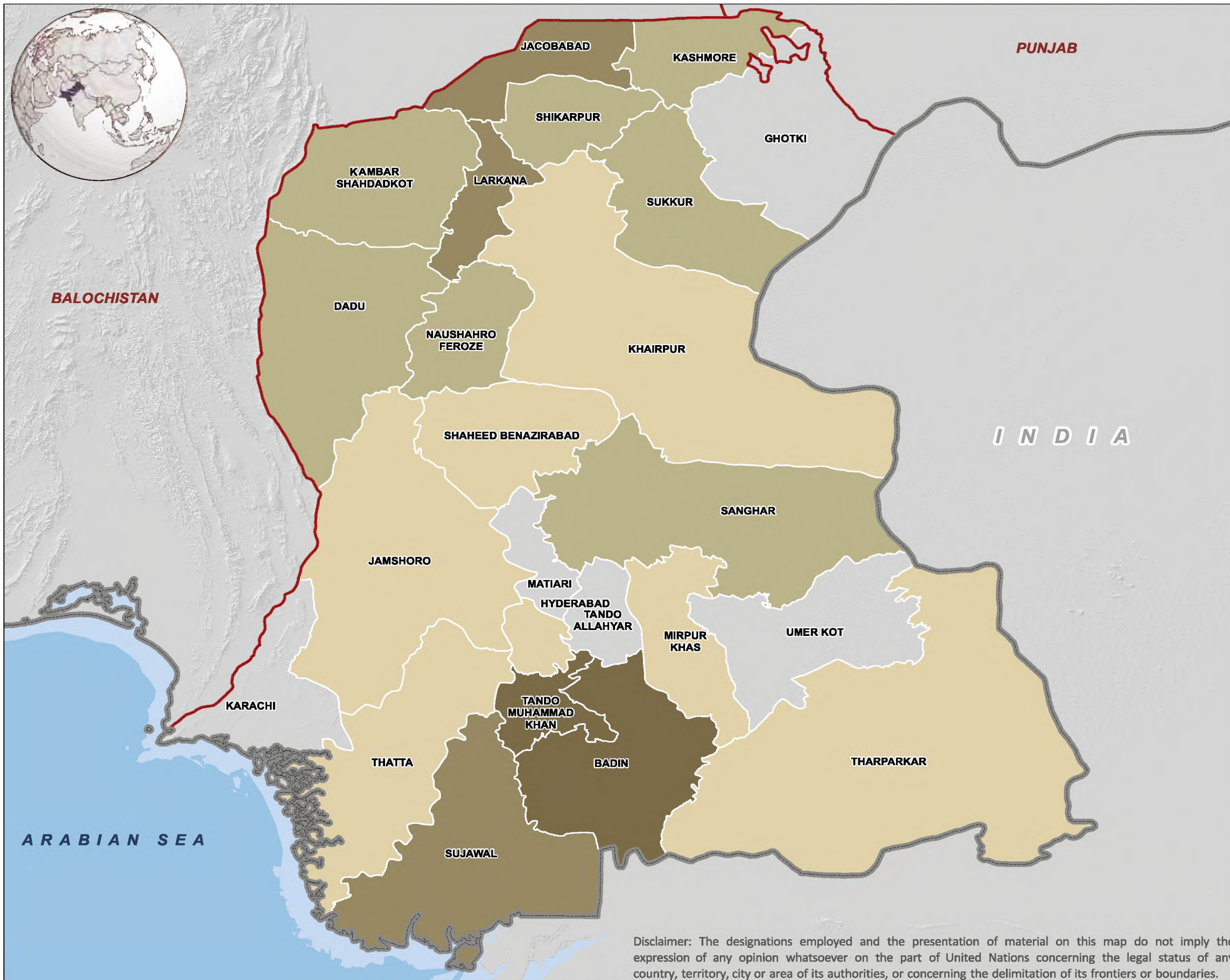
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# APPLICATION OF UREA TO RICE / PADDY IN SINDH



## Map Legend

- Administrative limits**
- Country
  - Province
  - District
- Application of Urea (kg/acre)**
- ≤ 50
  - 51 - 100
  - 101 - 150
  - 151 - 200
  - No significant data

## About Map

The map shows use of Urea for Rice in each district. The data indicates the higher use of Urea in two districts in each of rice growing areas in lower (Badin and Tando Muhammad Khan) and upper (Larkana and Jacobabad) Sindh. Urea usage in other rice growing districts is low.

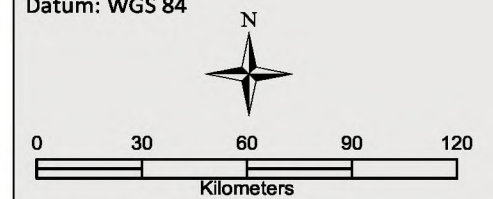
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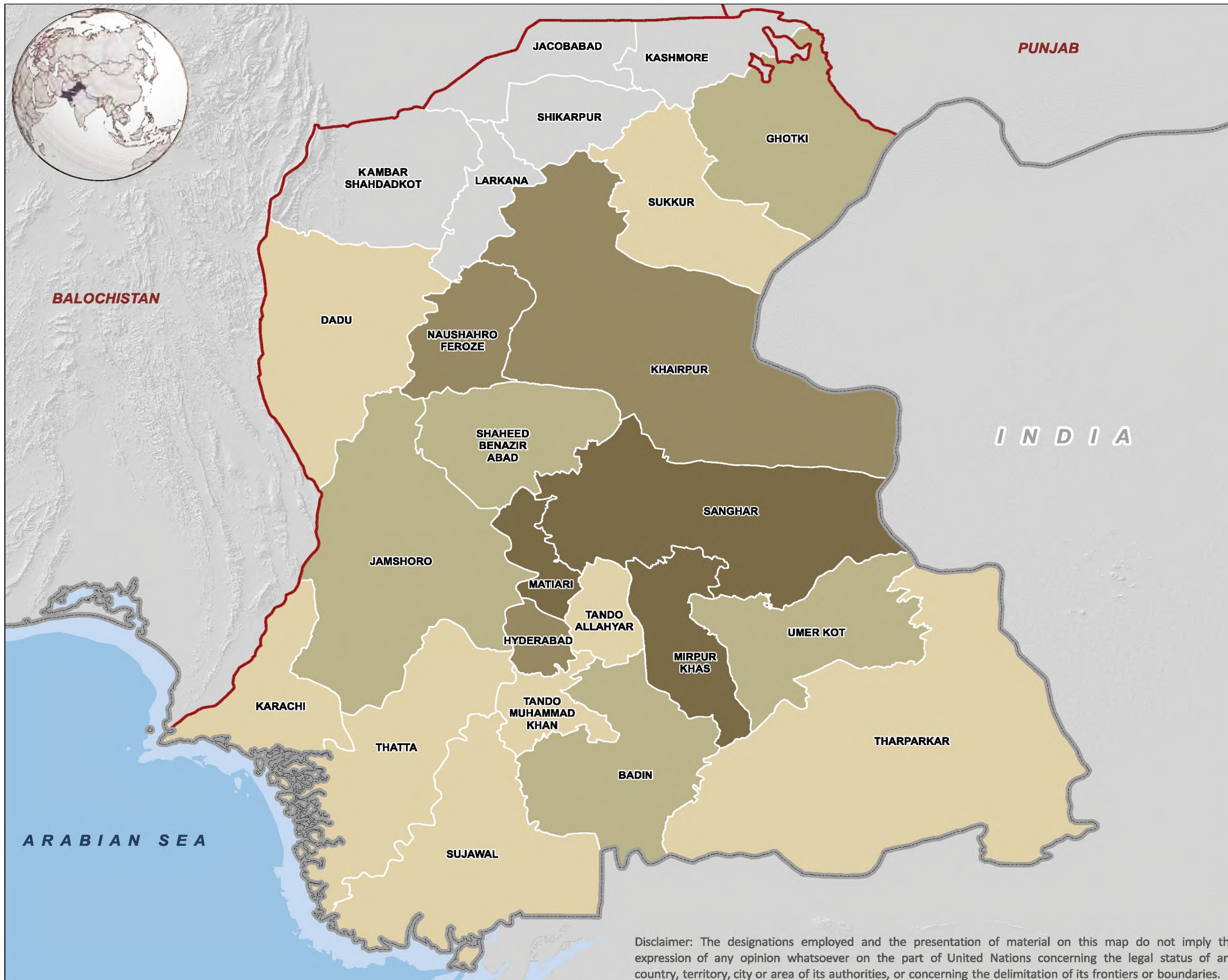
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# APPLICATION OF UREA TO COTTON IN SINDH



## Map Legend

### Administrative limits

- Country
- Province
- District

### Application of Urea (kg/acre)

- ≤ 100
- 101 - 150
- 151 - 200
- 201 - 250
- No significant data

## About Map

The map shows use of Urea for cotton in each district. Higher usage is obvious in most central districts in the main cotton growing areas.

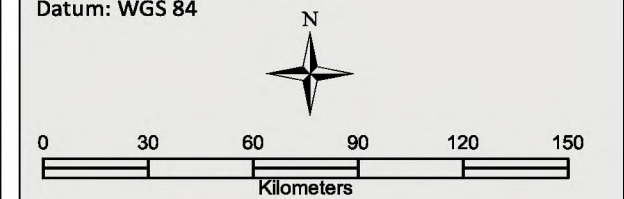
## Data Sources

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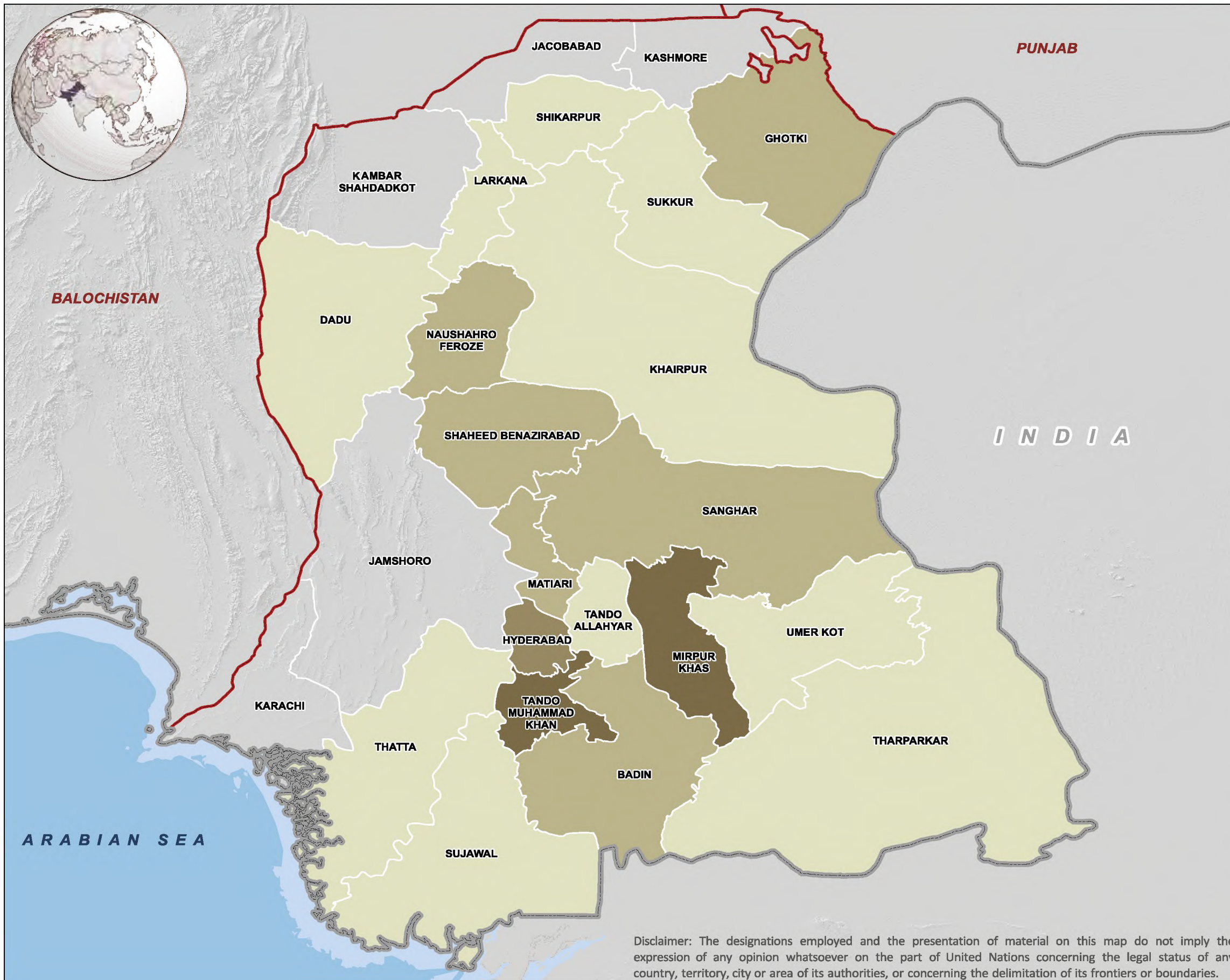
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# APPLICATION OF UREA TO SUGARCANE IN SINDH



## Map Legend

- Administrative limits**
- Country
  - Province
  - District
- Application of Urea (kg/acre)**
- ≤ 100
  - 101 - 150
  - 151 - 200
  - 201 - 250
  - No significant data

## About Map

The map shows the use of Urea for Sugarcane in each district. The data shows the higher usage of Urea in Mirpur Khas, Tando Muhammad Khan and Hyderabad followed by adjoining districts and Ghotki in upper Sindh. However, Urea use for Sugarcane is low in all other districts of the province.

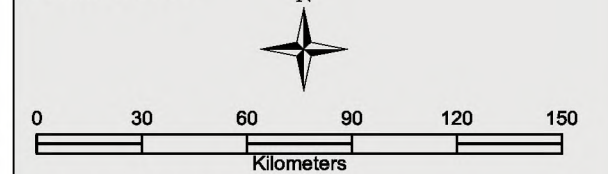
## Data Sources

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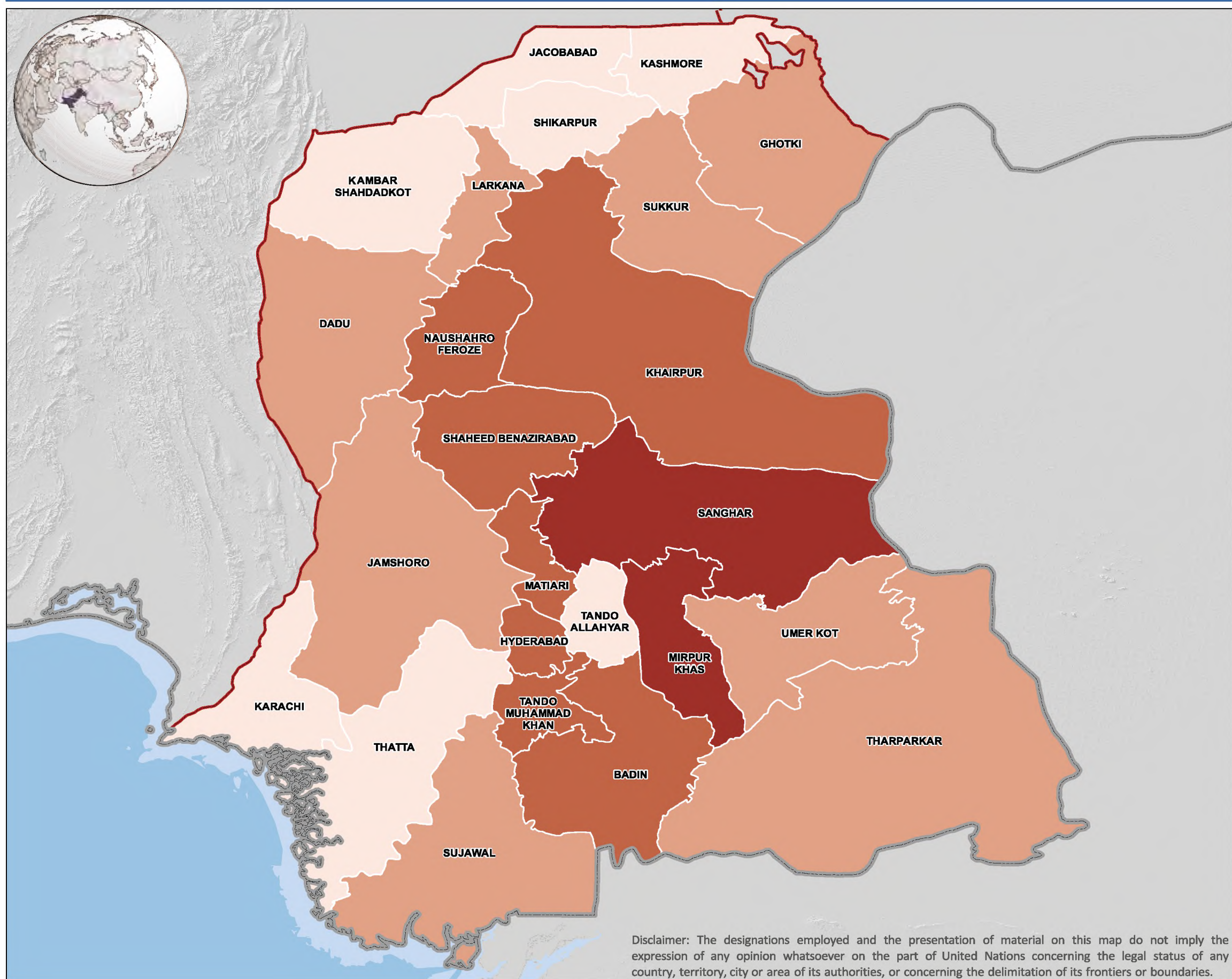
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# TOTAL USE OF UREA IN SINDH



**Map Legend**

**Administrative limits**

- Country
- Province
- District

**Total use of Urea per district (kg/acre)**

- <= 200
- 201 - 400
- 401 - 600
- 601 - 800

**About Map**

The map shows the total use of Urea for major crops: Wheat, Rice, Cotton and Sugarcane. Higher use of Urea is obvious in Sanghar and Mirpur Khas followed by cotton growing districts. Rice growing districts in southern parts consume more Urea than those in the upper Sindh. In remaining districts of mixed crops, Urea usage is less.

**Data Sources**

FAO, GAUL, The Government of Sindh, RFUA (2015)

**Map Scale and Datum**

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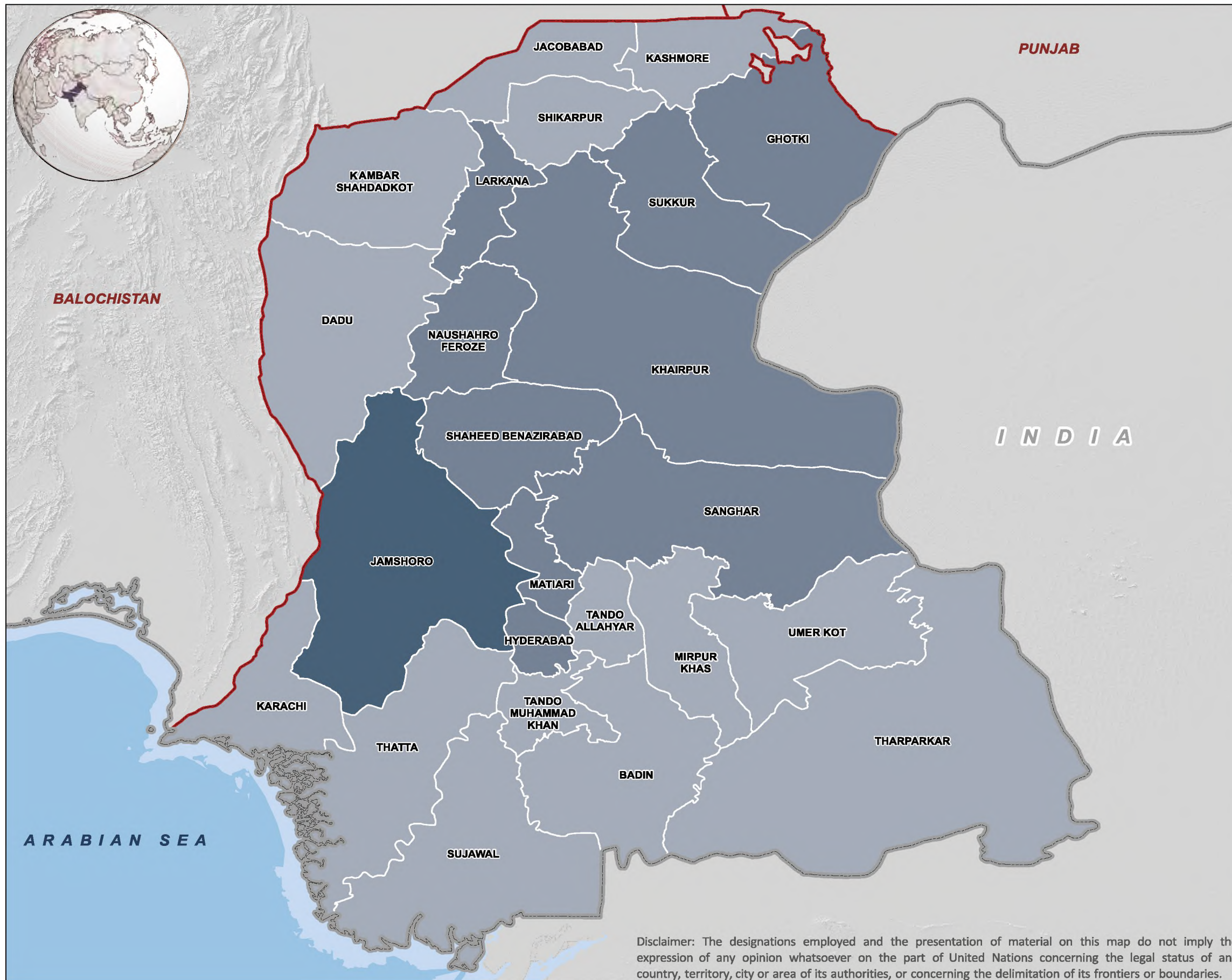
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# APPLICATION OF DI-AMMONIUM PHOSPHATE (DAP) TO WHEAT IN SINDH



**Map Legend**

**Administrative limits**

- Country
- Province
- District

**Application of DAP (kg/acre)**

- ≤ 50
- 51 - 75
- 76 - 100

**About Map**

The map shows use of DAP for Wheat in different districts. Higher usage of DAP is obvious in the wheat-cotton growing areas, being maximum in Jamshoro. Lower use of DAP is apparent in whole of southern and upper rice growing districts of Sindh.

**Data Sources**

FAO, GAUL, The Government of Sindh, RFUA (2015)

**Map Scale and Datum**

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Datum: WGS 84

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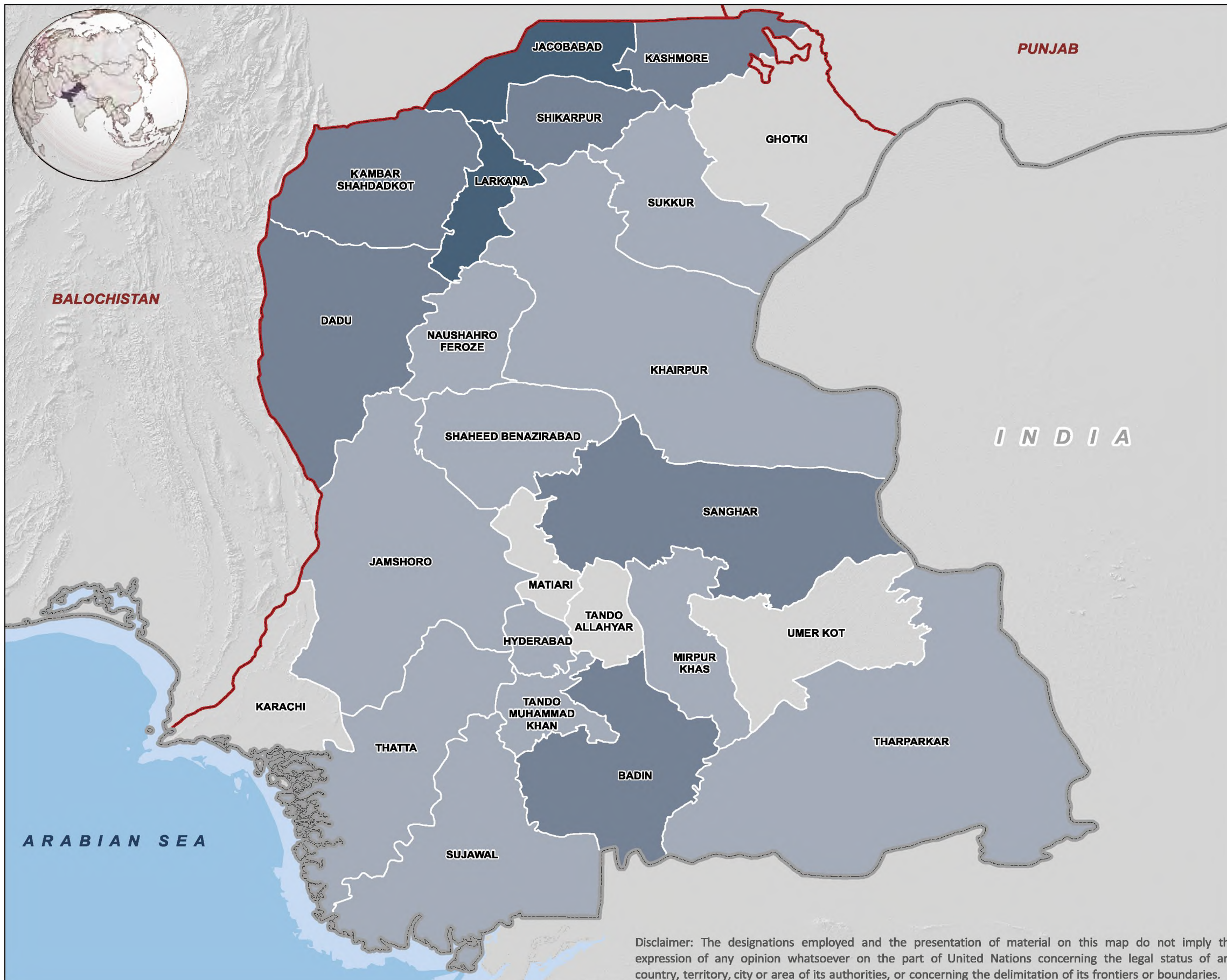
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# APPLICATION OF DI-AMMONIUM PHOSPHATE (DAP) TO RICE IN SINDH



## Map Legend

### Administrative limits

- Country
- Province
- District

### Application of DAP (kg/acre)

- ≤ 25
- 26 - 50
- 51 - 75
- No significant data

## About Map

The map shows use of DAP for Rice in different districts. Maximum use of DAP is seen in Jacobabad and Larkana followed by other rice growing districts in upper Sindh and also in Sanghar and Badin.

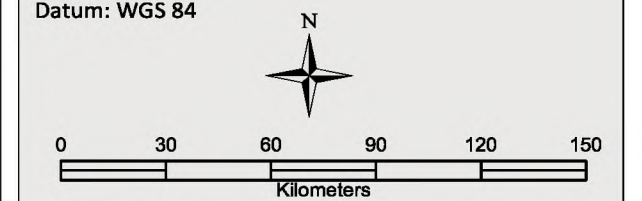
## Data Sources

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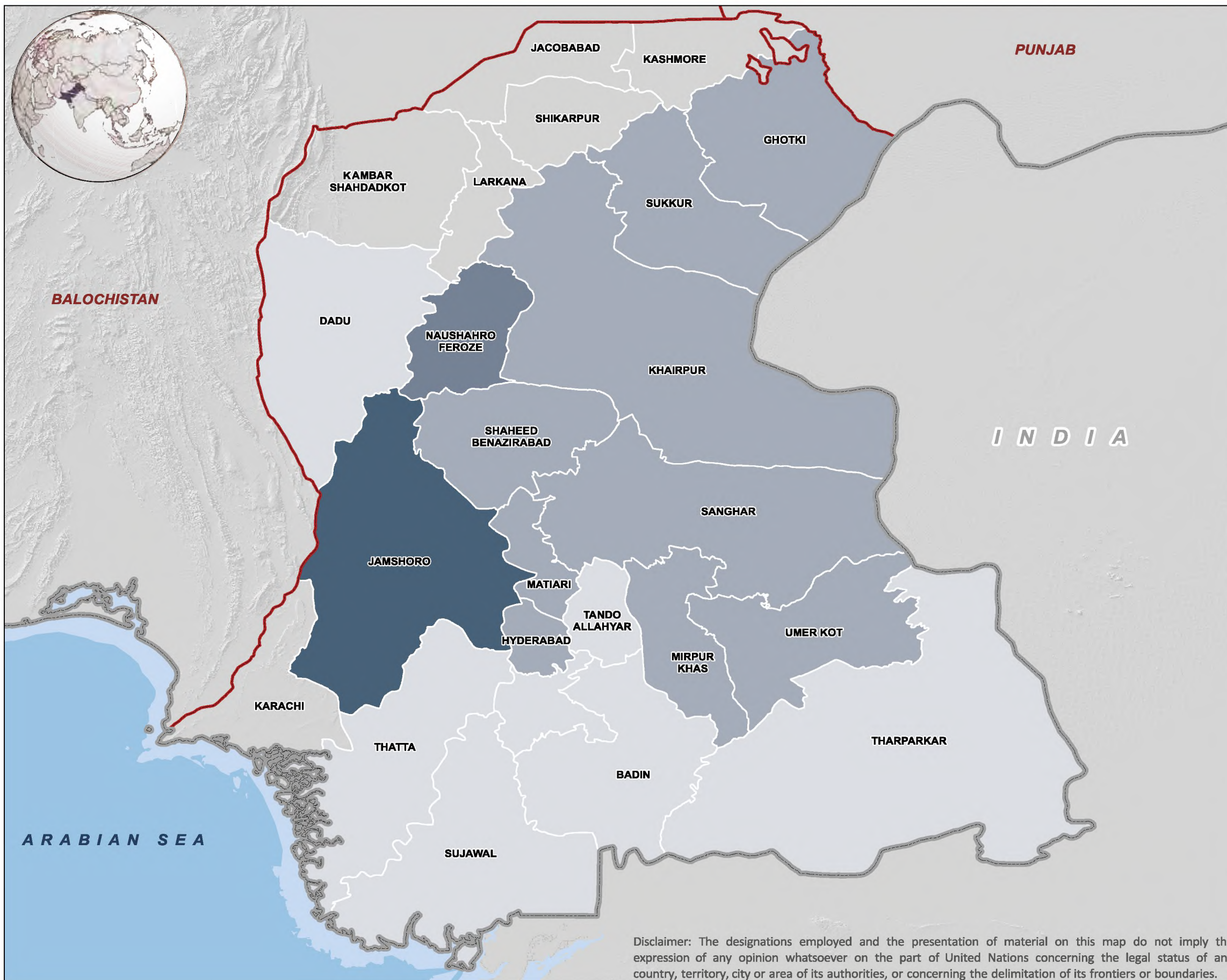
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# APPLICATION OF DI-AMMONIUM PHOSPHATE (DAP) TO COTTON IN SINDH



**Map Legend**

**Administrative limits**

- Country
- Province
- District

**Application of DAP (kg/acre)**

- ≤ 25
- 26 - 50
- 51 - 75
- 76 - 100
- No significant data

**About Map**

The map shows the use of DAP for cotton in each district. Overall DAP use is in the lower range in most of the cotton growing districts, except Naushahro Feroze and Jamshoro districts, respectively, with medium and higher DAP use.

**Data Sources**

FAO, GAUL, The Government of Sindh, RFUA (2015)

**Map Scale and Datum**

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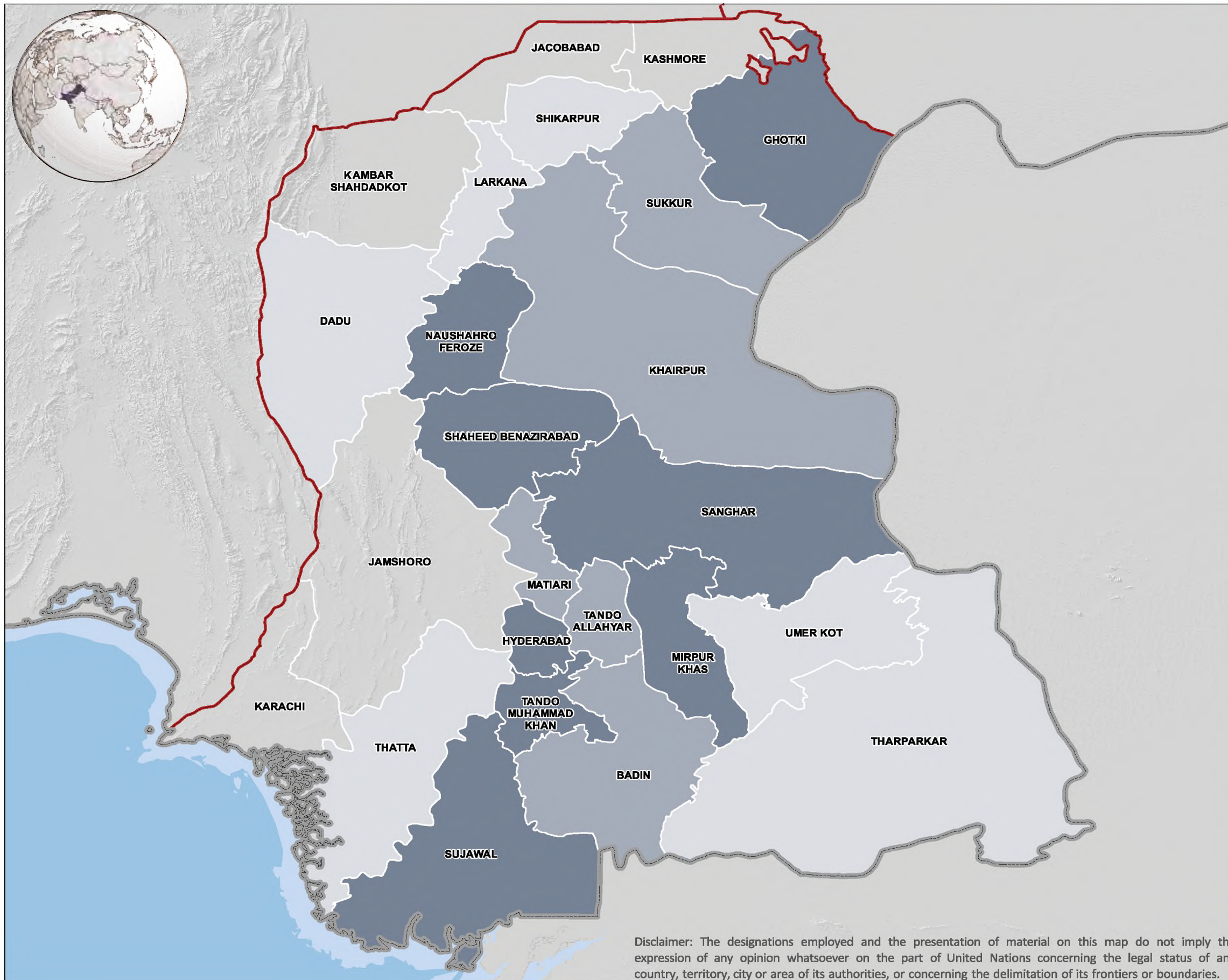
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# APPLICATION OF DI-AMMONIUM PHOSPHATE (DAP) TO SUGARCANE IN SINDH



**Map Legend**

**Administrative limits**

- Country
- Province
- District

**Application of DAP (kg/acre)**

- ≤ 50
- 51 - 75
- 76 - 100
- No significant data

**About Map**

The map shows use of DAP for Sugarcane in each district. The application of DAP in Cotton growing areas and a few Rice growing areas is predominantly high. In addition, more application rates are quite obvious in Mirpur Khas, Tando Allah Yar and Hyderabad districts.

**Data Sources**

FAO, GAUL, The Government of Sindh, RFUA (2015)

**Map Scale and Datum**

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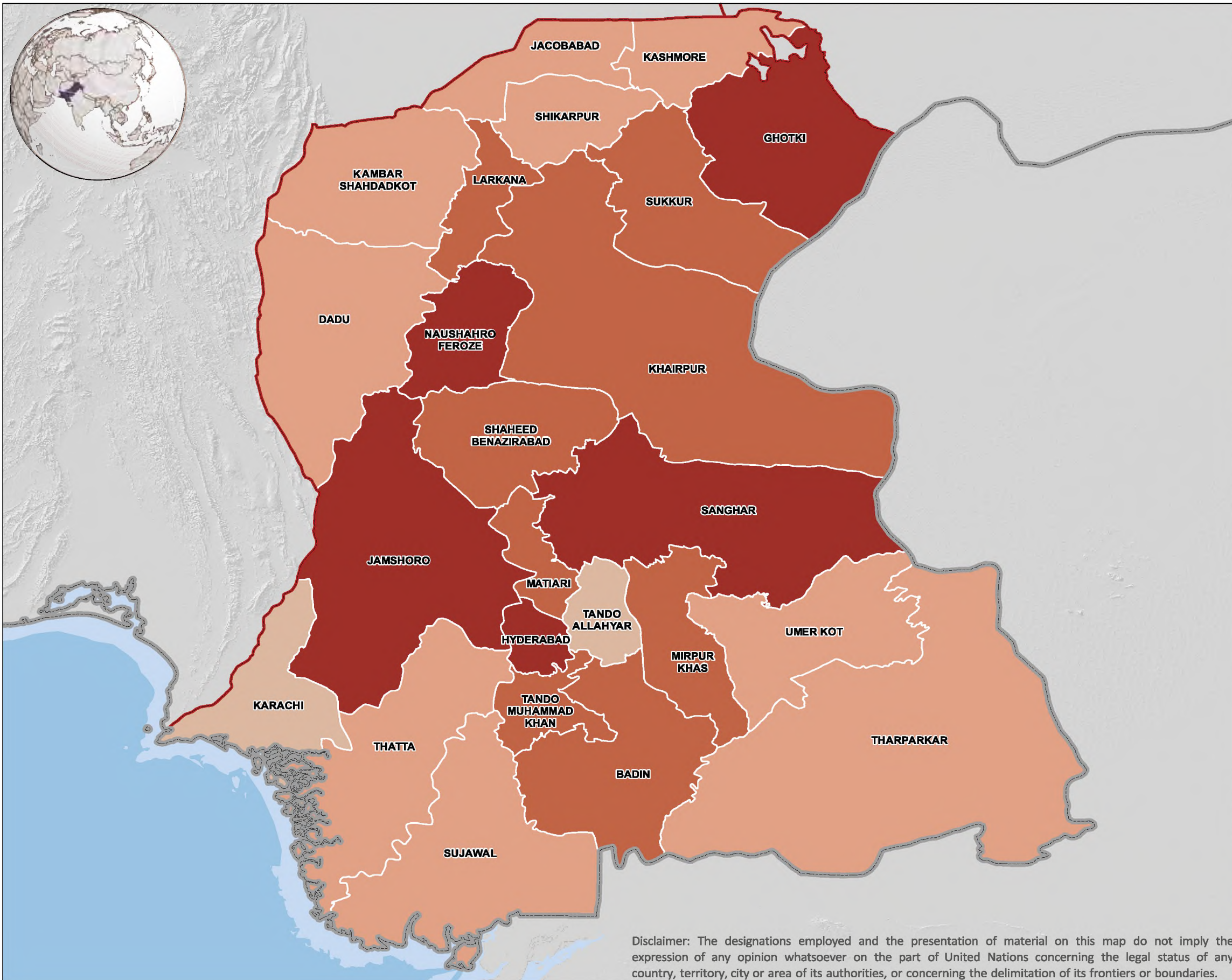
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# TOTAL USE OF DI-AMMONIUM PHOSPHATE (DAP) IN SINDH



**Map Legend**

**Administrative limits**

- Country
- Province
- District

**Total use of DAP per district (kg/acre)**

- <= 50
- 51 - 100
- 101 - 150
- 151 - 200

**About Map**

The map shows total DAP use for the four major crops: Wheat, Rice, Sugarcane and Cotton. The overall higher usage of DAP is obvious in the cotton growing districts. Further, the total usage did not appear to relate with percentage of cultivated area of different districts.

**Data Sources**

FAO, GAUL, The Government of Sindh, RFUA (2015)

**Map Scale and Datum**

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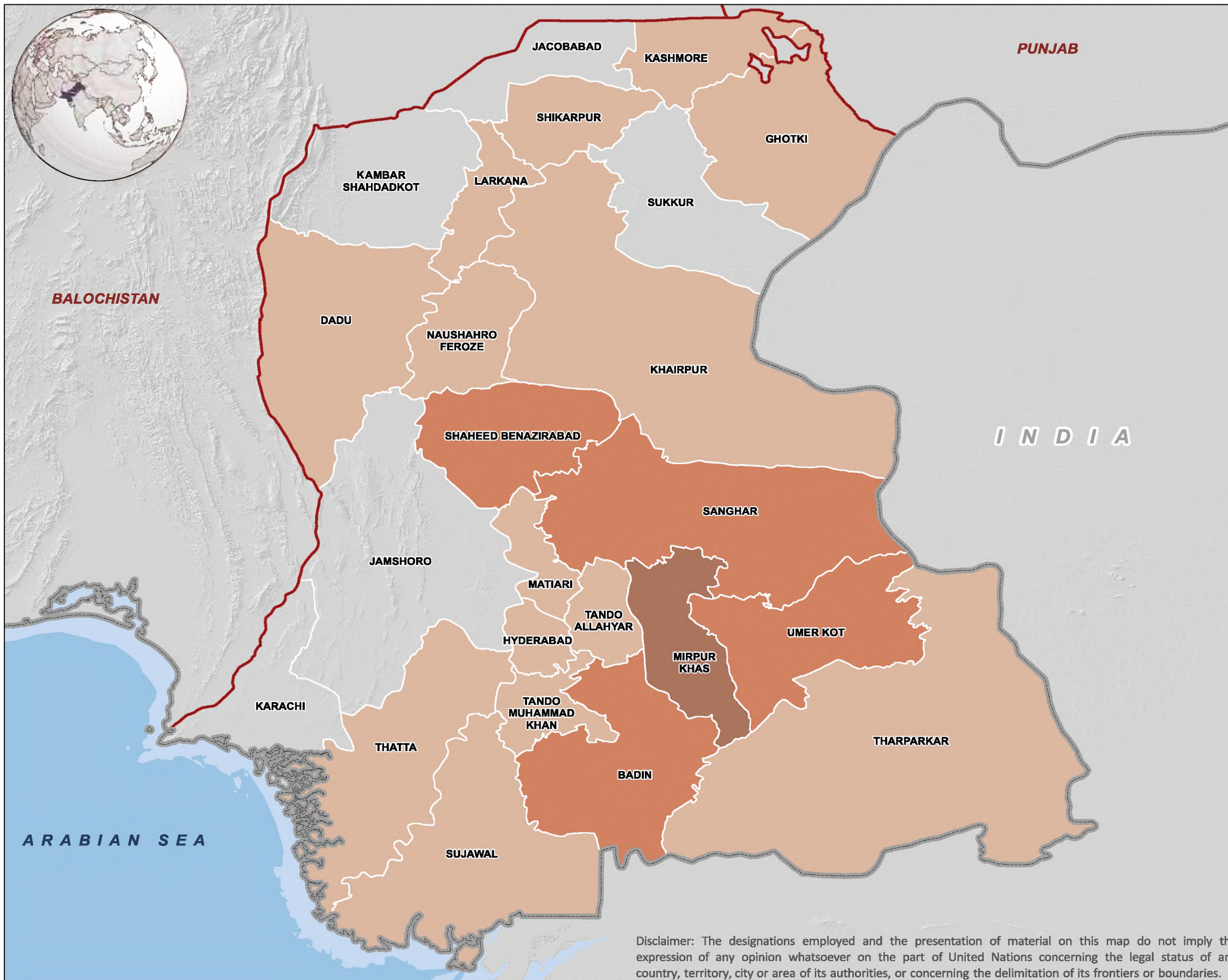
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# TOTAL USE OF CALCIUM AMMONIUM NITRATE (CAN) IN SINDH



## Map Legend

### Administrative limits

- Country
- Province
- District

### Total use of CAN per district (kg/acre)

- ≤ 50
- 51 - 100
- 101 - 150
- No significant data

## About Map

The map shows total use of CAN for major crops: Wheat, Rice, Cotton and Sugarcane. The use of CAN appears to be common throughout the province. Relatively higher use is indicated in Mirpur Khas with medium usage in four adjoining districts; whereas CAN use is low in all remaining districts irrespective of the crop regions.

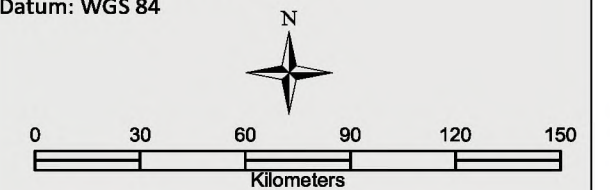
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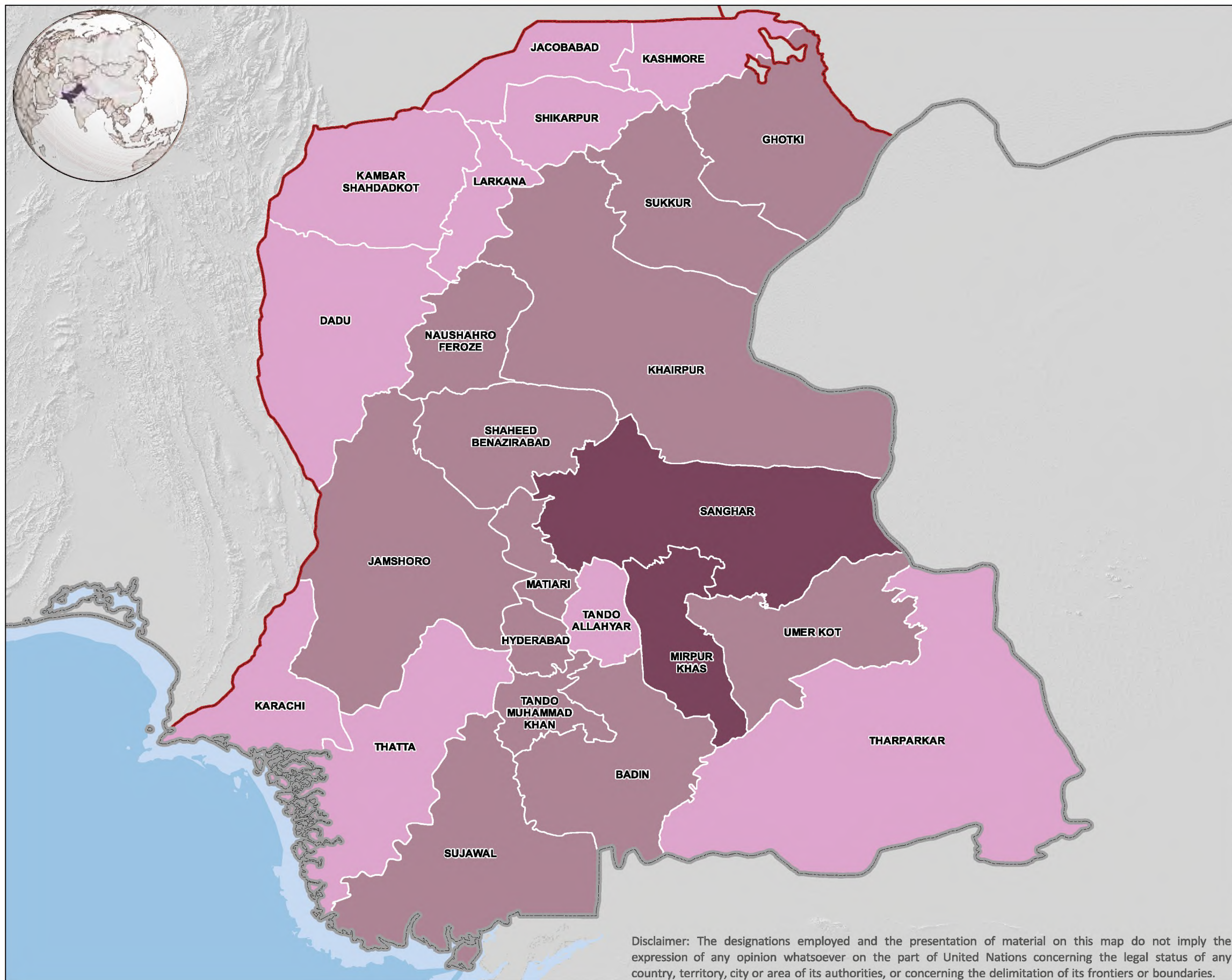
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# DISTRICT-WISE USE OF NITROGEN IN SINDH



## Map Legend

- Administrative limits**
- Country
  - Province
  - District
- Amount of Nitrogen [N] (Kg/acre)**
- < 50
  - 51 - 100
  - 101 - 150
  - No significant data

## About Map

The map shows the use of N derived from Urea, DAP and CAN applied in each district. The data shows comparatively higher use of N in Sanghar and Mirpur Khas followed by most of the cotton growing districts. The variations in use of Nitrogen compared to Urea application may be due to the consideration of different sources for Nitrogen.

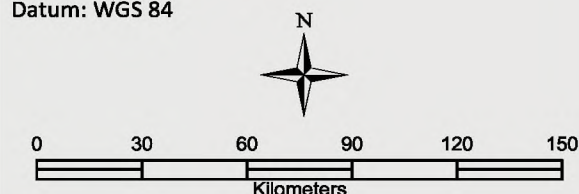
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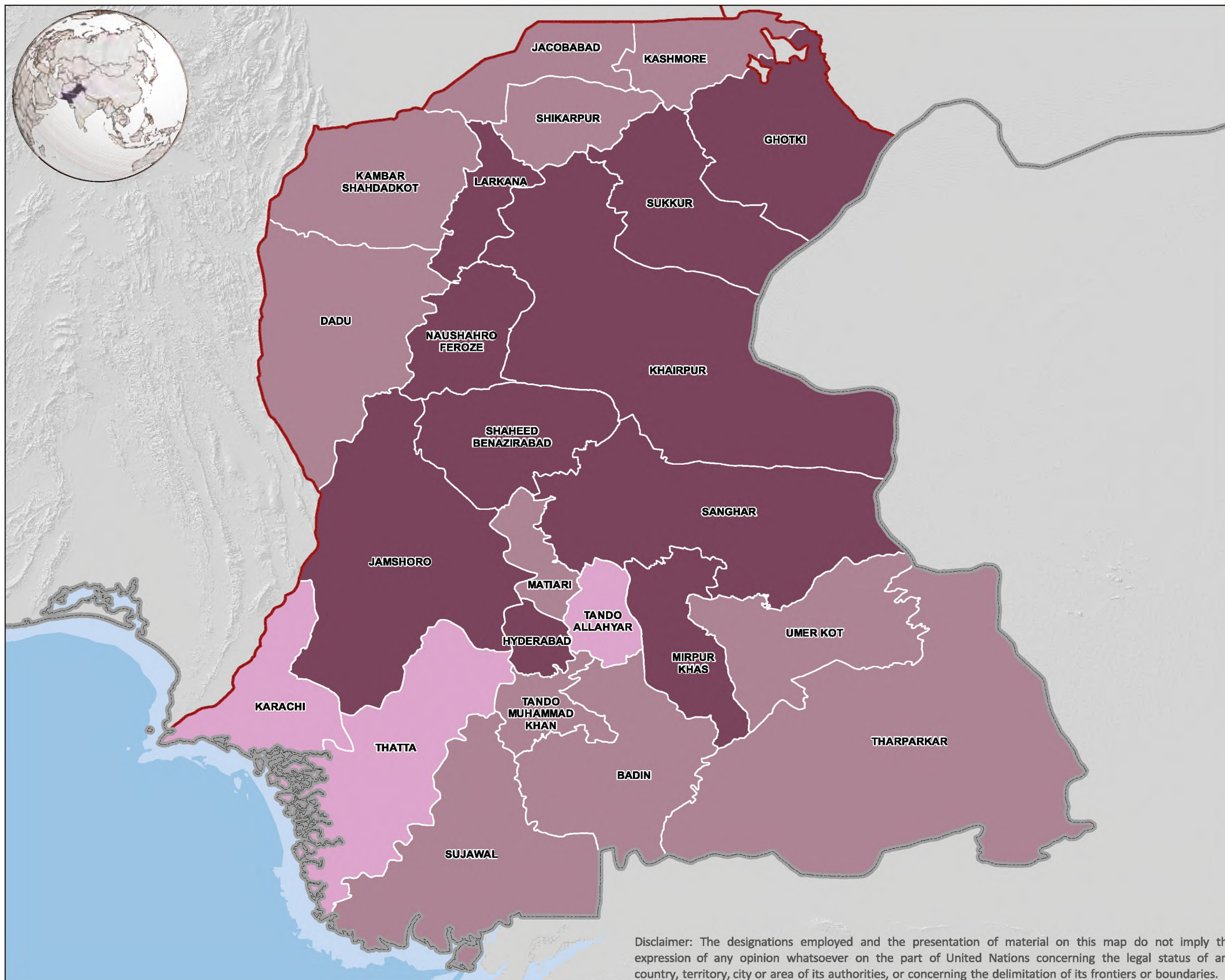
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# DISTRICT-WISE USE OF PHOSPHORUS IN SINDH



**Map Legend**

**Administrative limits**

- Country
- Province
- District

**Amount of Phosphorus  $P_2O_5$  (Kg/acre)**

- <math>< 25</math>
- <math>26 - 50</math>
- No significant data

**About Map**

The map shows overall use of Phosphorus irrespective of the source (fertilizer) applied in each district. Apparently, the total P applied is comparatively higher in most of the Cotton growing districts followed by Rice growing areas.

**Data Sources**

FAO, GAUL, The Government of Sindh, RFUA (2015)

**Map Scale and Datum**

Nominal scale: 1:2,036,900 at A3

Datum: WGS 84

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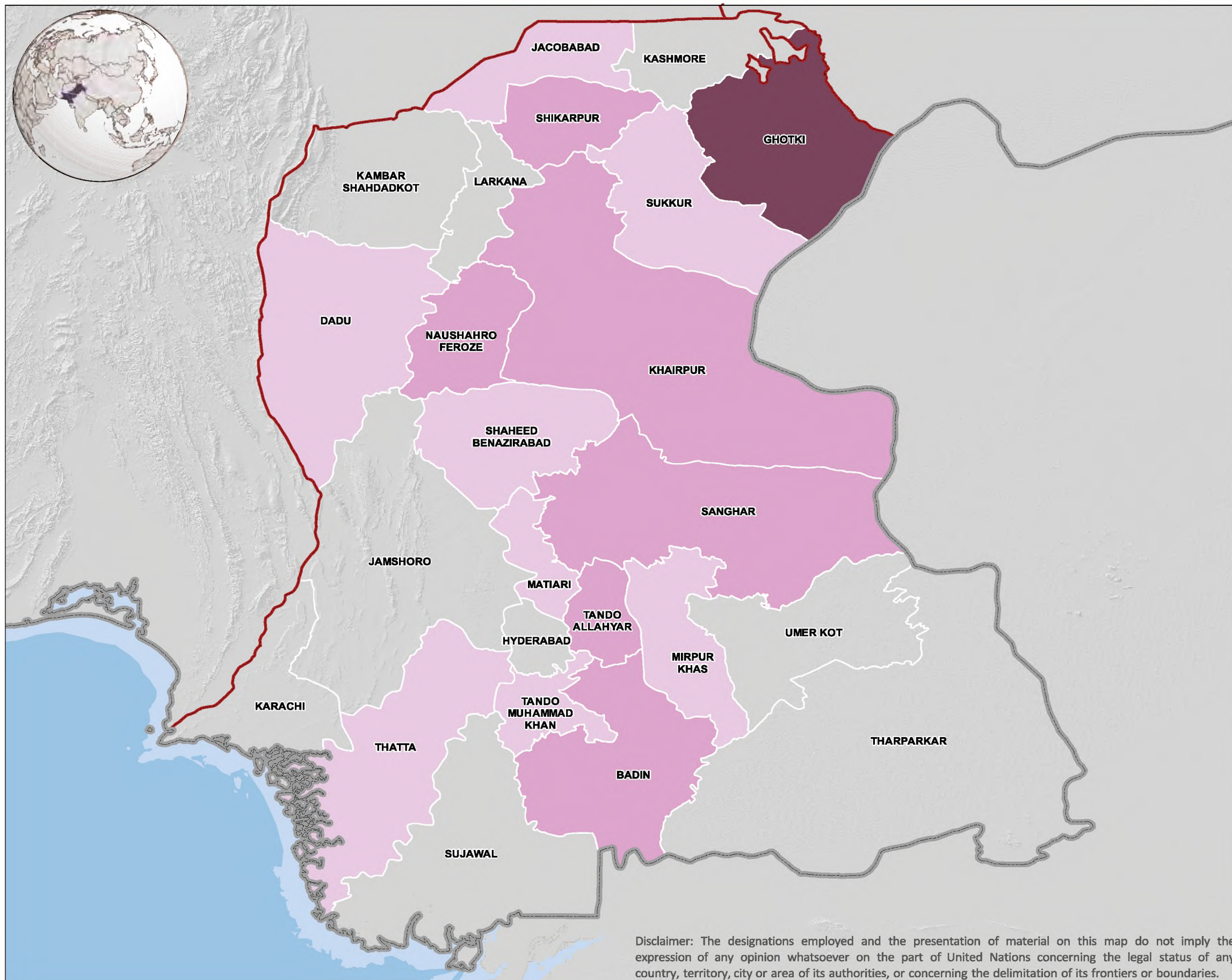
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# DISTRICT-WISE USE OF POTASSIUM IN SINDH



**Map Legend**

**Administrative limits**

- Country
- Province
- District

**Amount of Potassium K<sub>2</sub>O (Kg/acre)**

- < 50
- 51 - 100
- 101 - 150
- Data not available/ No significant data

**About Map**

The map shows the use of K derived from SOP and MOP applied in each district. Apparently higher application rates are obvious in most of the Cotton and Rice growing districts.

**Data Sources**

FAO, GAUL, The Government of Sindh, RFUA (2015)

**Map Scale and Datum**

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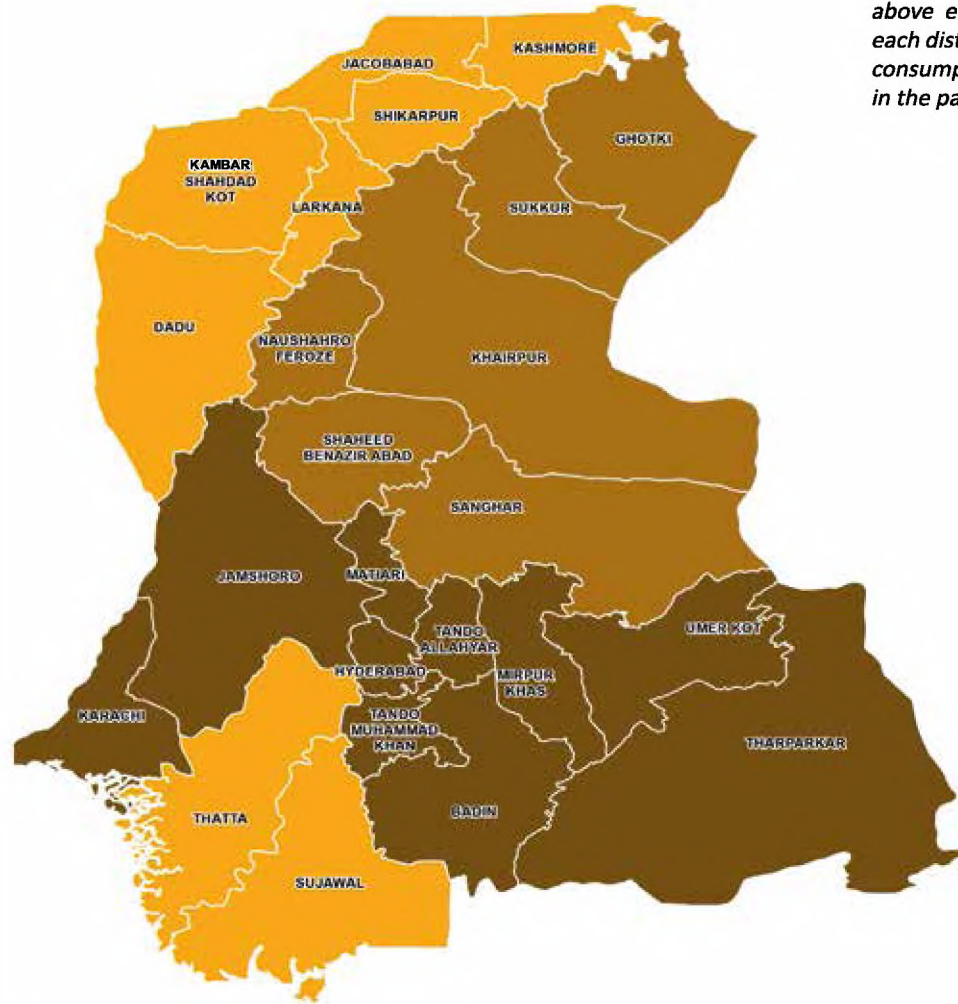
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# REGION-WISE COMPARATIVE FERTILIZER CONSUMPTION IN SINDH

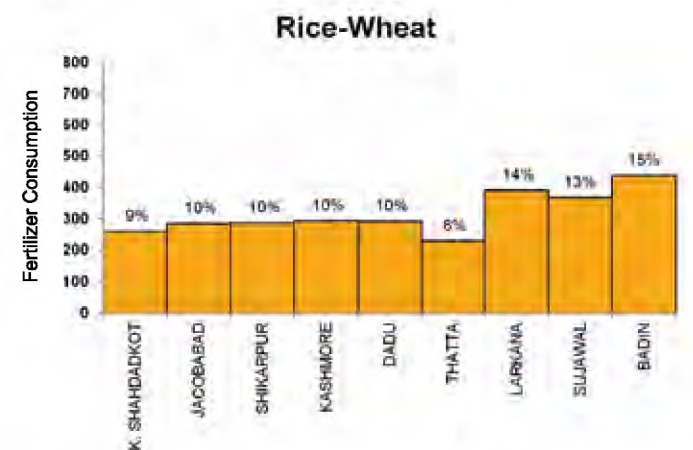
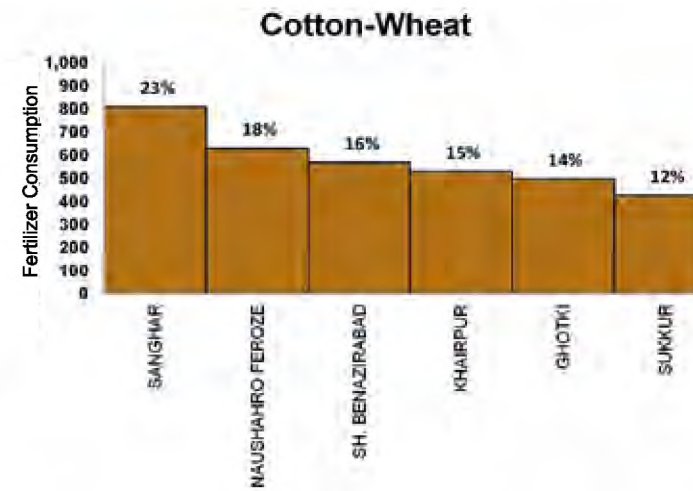
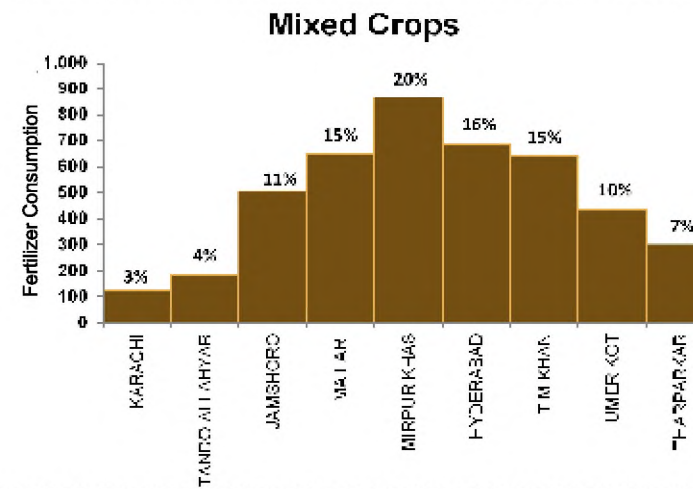


- Mixed Crops
- Cotton-Wheat
- Rice-Wheat

Note: The numbers in % above each bar represent each district's share in total consumption of fertilizer in the particular region



Region	Total consumption of fertilizer (kg/acre)	Respondents
Mixed Crops	4,673	540
Cotton-Wheat	3,476	360
Rice-Wheat	2,848	540



#### About Map

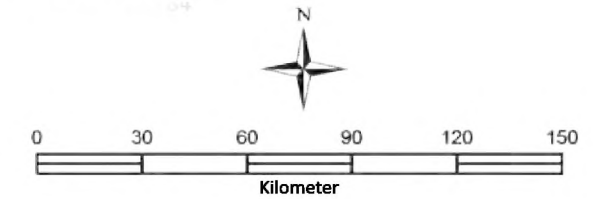
The map shows region-wise comparative fertilizer consumption in Sindh. The accumulated consumption was calculated for Wheat, Rice, Cotton and Sugarcane, if grown in the same field in a year. However, actual usage will vary depending on the crop(s) sown. This information is based on the Rapid Fertilizer Use Assessment. About 39% higher fertilizer use is evident from the Mixed Crops than the Rice-Wheat region. Moreover, the use of fertilizers in the Mixed Crops than the Cotton-Wheat region is about 26%. District-wise more fertilizers are being consumed in Mirpur Khas, Sanghar and Badin, respectively.

#### Data Source

The Government of Sindh, FAO, GAUL, RFUA (2015)

#### Map Scale and Datum

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