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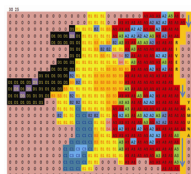
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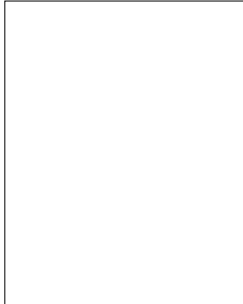
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◀ COVER. A flock of cranes during their flight in the mud bank (Chakara) region off Alappuzha, Kerala, India. Mud bank forms in several stretches of Kerala coast mostly during the Southwest Monsoon (June–September). Mud bank, being calm with smooth sea surface, acts mainly as launching/landing place and safe anchorage for fishing vessels to exploit the coastal upwelling-induced high fish stock available in the mud bank and its vicinity. See page 152.

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