

Trip Report

Country Visited: Ecuador

Dates of Travel: April 6th to 11th, 2010

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Purpose of Trip: To attend the IPM-CRPS-VT workshop on Gender analysis

Sites Visited: Guaranda, Culebrilla; Bola de Oro, Chillanes.

Description of Activities/Observations:

As part of the activities of the CRSP-IPM-LAC-VT project, a workshop on ‘Gender analysis and research participative methodologies’ was held on Guaranda, Ecuador, from April 7th to 10th. The activity was facilitated by Dr. María Elisa Christie, who is in charge of the gender analysis component in the project, and Ing. Elena Cruz, who works for the National Agricultural and Livestock Research Institute, INIAP, in Ecuador.

The main goal of the workshop was to discuss and agree the appropriate gender analysis approach to apply in the regional IPM-CRSP project. The workshop included lectures, field visits, practical and theoretical exercises, and dynamics among the attendees.

During the field visits the participants had the opportunity to interact with peasants and small farmers in the villages of Culebrillas (inhabited mainly by natives) and Bola de Oro (inhabited by mestizos). Two of the four dimensions of the gender analysis were tested in both of these two communities: a) Practice and participation, and b) Knowledge, beliefs and perceptions. Furthermore, the results obtained from the two communities were compared with each other.

Participants from Honduras, Ecuador and the Dominican Republic participating in the CRSP-IPM-LAC project attended the workshop, as well as technicians from other local institutions from Ecuador.

Participants from Honduras, the Dominican Republic and the person in charge of the gender in Ecuador, discussed and planned the activities of the gender component of the project to be executed in the rest of 2010 and the forthcoming years.

Training Activities Conducted

Program type (workshop, seminar, field day, short course, etc.)	Date	Audience	Number of Participants		Training Provider (US university, host country institution, etc.)	Training Objective
			Men	Women		
	7- 10/	22	9	13	IPM-CRPS/Virginia Tech	Provide knowledge

Workshop	April 2010				University	about gender

Suggestions, Recommendations, and/or Follow-up Items:

Less time should be devoted to the field visits to the two communities, mainly when they are very far away from the site where the workshop is being held. Too much time was consumed traveling. More time should be devoted to the discussions of the tools for the gender analysis and planning for 2010 in the Region.

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