

## IPM CRSP Trip Report

**Country Visited:** Philippines

**Dates of Travel:** July 28, 2011 to Sept 7, 2011

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**Purpose of Trip:** To attend the IPM CRSP Workshop for the Project “Ecologically-based Participatory IPM for Southeast Asia” and participate in preparing for further data collection for the impact assessment component of the project

**Sites Visited:** Univ. of the Philippines at Los Banos, Laguna, Philippines

### Description of Activities/Observations:

I attended the IPM CRSP Workshop for the project “Ecologically-based Participatory IPM for Southeast Asia.” I presented the results of the paper based on the data we collected in Nueva Ecija Province, Philippines. This presentation drew from the paper we published in the journal called “Agricultural Systems” that is titled “Insecticide use impacts of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Farmer Field Schools: Evidence from onion farmers in the Philippines.” I also contributed to the workshop discussions.

I also met with Dr. Jose M. Yorobe, Jr. at UPLB to plan out the next steps in collecting data for the impact assessment component of the project. We discussed the operational details of how to collect the new data and also finalizing the survey instrument. We also interfaced again with Dr. Au Baltazar to explore the feasibility of collecting data in their training sites in Laguna and Quezon province. In these discussions, concerns were raised regarding the feasibility of looking at the economic impact of IPM trainings in Laguna since these training are not “full-blown” FFS trainings. Hence, we are developing alternative plans that will likely look at economic impacts of FFS for tomato and eggplant in another location where PhilRice’s Dr. Hermie Rapusas conducted full FFS trainings.

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