

IPM CRSP Trip Report

Country Visited: Ethiopia

Dates of Travel: 19 December to 23 December 2009

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Purpose of Trip: Attend a Planning and training workshop on abating the damage from the weed *Parthenium* in eastern Africa

Sites Visited: Addis Ababa, Ambo

Description of Activities/Observations:

Attended a training and planning workshop in Ambo. At the workshop several presentations were given ranging from gender equality, to rearing biocontrol agents, and to the status of *Parthenium* in various eastern African countries. I myself gave a presentation on status of *Parthenium* and other invasive alien species in Tanzania. The workshop was very interactive with many debates and discussing on how each objective of the ‘Abating the damage from the weed *Parthenium*’ Project would be achieved. The last afternoon included a site visit to a bio-control facility. Here the whole group was shown the quarantine facilities in which *Zygomera* and *Listronotus* are being tested. We were also shown the nursery where *Parthenium* is being grown (from specimens harvested in the field) to supply the quarantine facility with the necessary testing plants. Challenges and successes of implementing and managing the facility were discussed.

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		
Workshop	21 – 22 Dec	Weed and Agriculture scientists from Ethiopia, South African, Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania	35	5	W. Mersi – Virginia State University Y. Chiche – Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research A. McConnachie & L. Strathie – Plant Protection Research Institute, Agricultural Research Centre K. Zewdie- Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research	Project back, objective and expectations Gender Survey Protocols Rearing Zygomera
Site visit – Biocontrol facility						

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

Get *Parthenium* database and the protocol manuscript from Andrew McConnachie, conduct *Parthenium* survey in Tanzania, submit data to Emily Wabuye

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