

# IPM CRSP Trip Report

**Country Visited:** Kenya

**Dates of Travel:** November 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 2010

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**Purpose of Trip:** To attend the 1<sup>st</sup> International Workshop on Biological Control and Management of Parthenium Weed (*Parthenium hysterophorus*) and a Partners Planning and Training Meeting to review the implementation progress of Parthenium Project. I also presented a paper on the Distribution and Management of Parthenium Weed in Uganda.

**Site Visited:** Nairobi

## **Description of Activities/Observations:**

The workshop reviewed the progress of the weed Parthenium management efforts in the Eastern African region. Different participants presented various papers on their work on Parthenium and we went out for a field trip to see weed parthenium sites at Nairobi National Park. During the discussions we noted that parthenium weed is indeed a widespread problem in Ethiopia and has now spread to other East African countries such as Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania. Thus this warrants immediate implementation of management efforts such as integrated cultural and biological control measures. Also since parthenium weed has now spread to other countries, this situation should be contained immediately through public awareness/sensitization due to the prolific nature of the weed.

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

The partners recommended that we start Parthenium containment and management programs in all affected countries to reduce further spread of this terrible invasive weed.

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