

IPM CRSP Trip Report

Country Visited: Ethiopia

Dates of Travel: 18 December to 21 December 2011

Travelers Names and Affiliations: Krissie Clark, PAMS Foundation

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

Sites Visited: Addis Ababa, Welenchiti

Description of Activities/Observations:

Attended a training and planning workshop. At the workshop several presentations were given ranging from rearing biocontrol agents, impact of parthenium on humans, and to the status of *Parthenium* in various eastern African countries. I myself gave a presentation on the distribution of *Parthenium* 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 will be achieved. The second day included a site visit to the proposed mass rearing bio-control facility at Welenchit.

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	19 Dec	Weed and Agriculture scientists from Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya and Tazania	18	5	W. Mersi – Virginia State University	Project back, objective and expectations

Site visit – Biocontrol facility (Welenchiti)	20 Dec				Kassahan Zewdie Million Abebe	View the proposed mass rearing bio- control facility
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Suggestions, Recommendations, and/or Follow-up Items:

Gather the necessary information on the distribution of *Parthenium* in Tanzania, and submit data to Emily Wabuye in order to draft a Paper on the distribution of *Parthenium* in Eastern Africa. Investigate undertaking a parthenium control program in Arusha.

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