

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT



Nairobi, Kenya, 1-5 November 2010



Combined workshops:

8th IOBC International Workshop on Biological Control and Management of *Chromolaena odorata* and Other Eupatorieae

1st IOBC International Workshop on Biological Control and Management of *Parthenium hysterophorus**

Background

8th IOBC International Workshop on Biological Control and Management of *Chromolaena odorata* and Other Eupatorieae:

This workshop is organized under the auspices of the IOBC, and the 8th workshop will be hosted by CABI. The workshop was initiated in 1988 to facilitate the management and biological control of *Chromolaena odorata* in resource-poor tropical and subtropical countries. In 2003 the scope of the workshop was expanded to include closely related species such as *Mikania micrantha*, while retaining an emphasis on the tropics. Kenya has been selected as the host country for this 8th workshop, the third held in Africa, because *C. odorata* has recently been recorded there and in other countries in East Africa for the first time. The entire region has been shown to be highly climatically suitable for the weed. Because tourism is one of the main foreign currency earners in Kenya, and the biggest employer is the agricultural sector, the threat of *C. odorata* is very real.



Chromolaena odorata
(Asia; West & Central Africa)

Other species of invasive alien Eupatorieae which could be included in this workshop, if the interest exists, include *M. micrantha* and *Ageratina adenophora*. Suggestions for discussion on further species (Eupatorieae) are welcome.

1st IOBC International Workshop on Biological Control and Management of *Parthenium hysterophorus*:

Parthenium weed is spreading in Africa and Asia, causing similar problems to those already experienced in Australia and India, by impacting on agriculture (crops and grazing), biodiversity conservation, and human and animal health. Research on *parthenium* weed and its management has been conducted over several decades in Australia and India. In Africa, awareness of *parthenium* weed is limited, but currently some research efforts on the impacts and management of this weed are being undertaken in South Africa, Ethiopia and Uganda, through various nationally-supported programmes and/or international initiatives such as USAID IPM CRSP and GEF/UNEP. Research on the weed is also being undertaken in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, China, Sri Lanka and Vietnam, and research in Australia and India is still ongoing. In 2009 an International *Parthenium* Weed Network (IPaWNN) was initiated, coordinated by the University of Queensland, Australia. The intended purpose of the upcoming workshop in Kenya is to bring together



Parthenium hysterophorus

*Including USAID-funded IPM-CRSP Partners Planning Workshop for the project "Abating the weed (*Parthenium hysterophorus* L.) damage in eastern Africa using integrated, cultural and biological control measures"

international researchers working on parthenium, to disseminate information on the weed and its management, to increase collaboration amongst researchers regionally and globally, to optimise resources for the control of this weed, and for technology transfer (supply of biocontrol agents to other countries). Additionally, it is hoped that this workshop will raise awareness of parthenium weed for countries that are at risk, or that are in the early stages, of invasion by this weed. A Working Group on Parthenium weed biological control was formed in 2009 under the auspices of the IOBC.

Organizing committee

Costas Zachariades, Lorraine Strathie & Andrew McConnachie (Agricultural Research Council-Plant Protection Research Institute, South Africa), Steve Adkins (University of Queensland), K. Dhileepan (Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Wondi Mersie (Virginia State University), R. Muniappan (IPM-CRSP)

Local organizing committee (Kenya) (LOC): Arne Witt & Duncan Chacha (CABI), Geoffrey Howard (IUCN), Sarah Simons (GISP)

Provisional programme

Date & day	Start time	Programme
Monday 1 November	08.30 18.00	Chromolaena odorata GISP-sponsored cocktail evening at ICRAF
Tuesday 2 November	08.30	Chromolaena and other Eupatorieae
Wednesday 3 November	08.00 11.00 18.00	IPM-CRSP Partners Planning Workshop Visit to Nairobi National Park to view invasive alien plants Cocktail evening at IUCN
Thursday 4 November	08.30	Parthenium hysterophorus
Friday 5 November	08.30	Parthenium hysterophorus

Workshop venue

ICRAF (World Agroforestry Centre) auditorium, United Nations Avenue, Gigiri, Nairobi

Registration

Registration fees cover the cost of hiring the venue, teas and lunches, transport between venue and hotel and stationery. Delegates will pay directly for breakfast, supper and accommodation. Please note that there is a single registration fee covering the whole workshop period.

The cost of registration is USD150, to be paid directly to CABI. Registration opens on 1 February 2010 and closes on 30 September 2010.

Payment can be made to CABI by a USD cheque in the name of CAB International drawn and payable in Kenya or United States of America, a Sterling Pound cheque drawn in the UK, a Kenya Shillings cheque, or by Telegraphic Transfer to the Bank and Account as follows:

Barclays Bank of Kenya	<u>Account Name:</u> CAB International
Muthaiga Branch	P.O Box 633-00621
P. O. Box 63419 – 00619	Nairobi
Nairobi	Kenya
Kenya	<u>Account Number:</u> 1373002
	<u>Sort Code:</u> 03 055
	<u>Swift Code:</u> BARCKENX

Please send proof of payment to CABI, Nairobi, either by e-mail (d.chacha@cabi.org) or by fax +254 (0) 20 71 22 150 att. Duncan Chacha.

Abstracts and Proceedings

- Abstracts of no more than 600 words are due by the end of July 2010. Please e-mail to ZachariadesC@arc.agric.za.
- Proceedings papers are requested for all presentations. These should be submitted before the workshop (31 October 2010). Details on format of papers to follow in the 3rd circular (mid-July 2010).



Chromolaena odorata
(Southern Africa)



Mikania micrantha



Ageratina adenophora

Sponsorship of attendance

Due to the global financial recession, funding for attendance at workshops is scarce. It is unlikely that the organizing committee will be able to secure funding. Therefore all prospective delegates are strongly encouraged to source their own funding with immediate effect.

Letters of invitation

The organizing committee will issue letters of invitation to prospective delegates on request, in order to facilitate the issue of visas or securing funding. However, such a letter does not constitute any commitment on the part of the organizers to fund delegates. Please contact C. Zachariades (ZachariadesC@arc.agric.za) in this regard.

Accommodation

Kenya and in particular Nairobi are unfortunately rather expensive with regards accommodation. Most hotels within participants' expected price range are situated in the city centre rather than near the workshop venue. The LOC have recommended the Nairobi Safari Club hotel (Lillian Towers, P.O. Box 43564, University Way, Nairobi) as being of a good standard and not too expensive. The hotel is situated in the centre of the city.

Hotel bookings will also be arranged by the organizers, as CABI gets special rates. Please contact Duncan Chacha (d.chacha@cabi.org) with your booking. If payment for hotel accommodation is made prior to the workshop via CABI, VAT will be discounted. Again, please contact Duncan Chacha.

Transport between the recommended hotel and the workshop venue will be arranged by the LOC. Participants staying at other hotels/accommodation should meet at the recommended hotel if they want to take advantage of this.

There is lower-cost accommodation (USD 50-60) available in central Nairobi (see e.g. <http://hotels.lonelyplanet.com/kenya/nairobi-r1973438/>) but participants will need to book these directly. The LOC has expressed concerns over safety for the areas in which some of these hotels are situated.

Hotel	Rate (USD)
Nairobi Safari Club	125
Intercon	140
Hilton	140
Jacaranda	120
Tribe	195
Laico Regency	160
Sankara Nairobi	140
Norfolk	222
Safari Park Hotel	195
Holiday Inn	215
Serena Hotel	250
Stanley	190
Panafric	105
Fairview	125
Silversprings	120

All rates inclusive of VAT, all Taxes and Breakfast based on Single occupancy



Chromolaena odorata infestation in SE Asia



The workshop venue



Parthenium hysterophorus infestation in Ethiopia

Field trips

A mid-workshop tour to Nairobi National Park is planned. Participants will be picked up from their hotels at 11.00 on Wednesday 3 November, with a lunch at the Rangers Restaurant at the main entrance to the park. After lunch we will drive through the park to view IAP's – parthenium is on the periphery of the park and possibly inside, together with lantana, queen-of-the-night, Opuntia monacantha, O. ficus-indica, Bryophyllum spp. and others. Parthenium is also present between the park and the IUCN office, where an evening function will be held. Please note that participants have to pay for their own lunch and possibly transport on this trip (about USD15-20 in total).

Any post- or pre-workshop tours should be organized by individual participants.

Other information

Average temperatures in November are mild, ranging from 13-23°C. There are two rainy seasons in Kenya: the "little rains" form one of these, falling between October and December, but rainfall is moderate, averaging 109mm in November.

Visas are necessary to visit Kenya for nationals of many countries, including Australia, USA and the UK. Visas for most countries can be obtained at the airport in Nairobi (currently USD25). Please check timeously with your travel agent.

The currency is the Kenya Shilling (KES). 1 USD is currently equivalent to 70-80 KES. Credit cards are generally accepted in Nairobi and some ATMs can be used to draw cash internationally. Euro, USD and GBP are all acceptable for exchange.

Nairobi is generally safe for visitors, apart from some pickpockets and conmen. Violent crime is rare. The city centre has many guards, and most upmarket hotels and apartment blocks have fences and guards around them.