



**PROGRAMME FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION**

Progress Report as of May 15th, 2010			
15-P-07		Pilot project “The Study of Invasive Alien Plants in Bhutan “	
<b>Thematic area</b>	Sustainable use of Biodiversity		
<b>Partner countries</b>	Bhutan		
<b>Lead organization</b>	National Biodiversity Center in collaboration with the key stakeholders – DoF, RNRRCs, NPPC and BAFRA		
<b>Budget</b>	<b>PSC</b>	\$100.000,00	
	<b>Counterpart</b>	\$40.000,00	
<b>Execution period</b>	May 1st, 2008 – May 1st, 2009		
<b>Project Execution</b>	Finished on time		
<b>Percentage of advance</b>	100%		
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	Department of Forest (DoF), Renewable Natural Resources Research Centres (RNRRCs), Bhutan Agricultural and Food Regulatory Authority (BAFRA), the Department of Agriculture (DoA) and the Department of Livestock (DoL).		
Overall Objective	Specific Objectives	Expected outcomes	Outcomes of the activities realized
Prevention of Biodiversity loss due to adverse effects of Invasive Alien Plants	Encourage necessary researches to address the problems of invasive alien plants	Past activities and existing information reviewed and checklist of exotic plants developed.	Closed to 400 invasive alien plants identified
		The prime plants in the country identified & their population monitored.	
		Preliminary survey and documentation done	Documentation and population monitoring done at the project sites.
		Potential threats caused by the invasive alien species to the native plants determined	
	Create awareness of invasive alien plants as a major issue affecting biodiversity	National and global issues related to alien invasive plants realized among the stakeholders and the public	Information pamphlets handbooks on alien plants published and disseminated.
		Information along with the pictures of the alien plants made widely available as a key component to raise awareness	
		Potential focal persons identified to manage invasive alien plants in their respective regions	
	Prevent introductions of invasive plants and minimize the number of unintentional introductions	Regulatory mechanism at the port of entry strengthened by identifying possible pathways of unintentional introduction of IAP and training quarantine officials in identification of IAP and their regulations at the port of entry	Awareness workshop/meetings convened
		Best management practices to prevent, control and eradicate the invasive plants identified	Trial conducted and plant inspectors trained.
	Enhance invasive species management capacity through capacity building	Skills on specimen collections and processing acquired by the stakeholders and field staff through trainings	Keep pathways and models identified.
		Institutional knowledge and research efforts on study of invasive plants and their impact on native plants enhanced through study visits and trainings	Staff at each project site trained.
		Technical capacity of the staff improved on control measures and to carry out the research activities in the fields and laboratory as well	Participated in international conferences on invasive plants.
Awareness and information gained through the experiences of countries facing serious problems of invasive alien plants			

**Photo Gallery**



**Lantana camera invading the teak**



**Awareness workshop meeting**