

IPM Innovation Lab Trip Report

Country Visited: Nepal

Dates of Travel:

January 7-16, 2017

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Purpose of Trip: Presenting our work “Hybrid models for ecological and anthropogenic drivers of pest invasion: Case study of Tuta absoluta in Nepal” in the ICBCL’17 conference

Sites Visited: N/A

Description of Activities/Observations:

January 10-12: Duration of the ICBCL’17 conference.

Day 1: Attended the special symposium on Tuta Absoluta, and presented our work on modeling its spread and impact in Nepal. Met fellow Tuta researchers and exchanged ideas on how the modeling approach can be improved and adopted for different regions.

Day 2: Attended sessions of the Symposium on Biological Invasions. Learnt about the various invasive plants and pests (primary focus was on plants, since it was co-organized with the Dept. of Botany at TU) that are emerging threats across regions of the globe.

Day 3: Attended the plenary session and interacted with a few poster presenters.

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