

Feed the Future: Innovation Lab for Integrated Pest Management Trip Report

Country(s) Visited: Cambodia

Dates of Travel: Jan. 16-21, 2017

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Purpose of Trip: To conduct a training workshop on insect identification and prepare an insect reference collection at Cambodian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Sites Visited: CARDI, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Description of Activities/Observations:

A three-day training on rice arthropod and insect identification was conducted on Jan. 18-20, 2017 at Cambodian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Ten researchers from CARDI (6) and GDA (4) and four students from Royal University of Agriculture (2) and The University of Sydney (2) participated in the training. The training focused on skills to process, identify and preserve insect samples with emphasis on spiders and the insect orders Odonata, Orthoptera, Coleoptera, Diptera, Hemiptera, Coleoptera and Hymenoptera. Benchmark and post evaluation before and after the training were given to the participants.

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

During the workshop evaluation, all the participants commented that the training was too short. They suggested a week or two weeks should be allocated to devote more time on other insect and spider samples in different families and orders. Translation to Cambodian language has also eaten up the time for the training.

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