

Vegetable Crops and Mango IPM in Asia Trip Report

Countries Visited: Nepal, Cambodia

Dates of Travel: May 19- 31, 2018

Travelers Names and Affiliations: George Norton (Virginia Tech); Graduate student, Lauren Knarensboro also participated in Nepal portion but she will file a separate trip report as her trip is May 19-June 26.

Purpose of Trip: To initiate survey for impact assessment of *Tuta absoluta* in Nepal and participate in annual technical committee meeting of IPM IL in Cambodia

Sites Visited: Katmandu, Nepal; Phenom Penh, Cambodia.

Description of Activities/Observations:

May 19: Left United States to fly to Nepal

May 21: Arrived in Kathmandu, stayed at Himalaya Hotel.

May 22: Kathmandu – Met with Luke Colavito to discuss logistics, sampling, and budget for the survey; and program for the week. Lauren and I met with iDE team to further discuss sampling, revisions to and translation of questionnaire, procedure for moving questionnaire to tablets for the survey.

May 23: Kathmandu – Further revising of surveys and training of 4 enumerators for survey with iDE group. Also met with CEO and others of Muktinath Bank with Luke Colavito. iDE signed an MOU of cooperation with the Bank, which will finance local collection centers and capacity building to scale up IPM and other agricultural technologies.

May 24: Kathmandu – Finalized field schedule for survey, logistics, move of questionnaire to tablets after translation.

May 25: Travelled to Ranaguan (near Kathmandu valley) where enumerators pretested survey with 8 farmers. Afterwards made small revisions to survey and work on obtaining sample of farmers for first week. Discussed capacity building with Luke Colavito and Komal Pradan.

May 26-27: Flew to Phenom Penh via Kuala Lumpur. In the aftyer of the 27th, met with Rica Flor of the IPM IL Rice project in Cambodia to discuss end line survey.

May 28: Phenom Penh – Annual IPM IL meeting. Gave presentation on Asia Vegetable and Mango IPM IL program.

May 29: Annual meeting continued. Chaired program committee meeting.

May 30: Fioed trip to Prey Veng to observe rice IPM IL work and to Royal Univerity of Agriculture to observe student work on IPM IL.

May 31: Flew back to U.S.

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

- Need to ask Zara to move \$1300 from my IPM IL account to the iDE account to pay for extra time of IPM support personnel in the survey

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