Country Visited: China

Dates of Travel: June 17 to June 21, 2012

Travelers Names and Affiliations: Wondi Mersie, Parthenium Project Coordinator

Purpose of Trip: To attend and make presentations at the 6th International Weed Science Congress in Hangzhou, China.

Sites Visited: Hangzhou, China

Description of Activities/Observations:
Presented a paper entitled, “Efforts towards the management of the invasive weed, parthenium (Parthenium hysterophorus L.), in eastern and southern Africa” (please see attached the full abstract of the presentation).

Another oral presentation entitled, “Abating the Weed Parthenium (Parthenium hysterophorus L.) Damage in Eastern Africa Using Integrated Cultural and Biological Control Measures - 2009-2014” was on the evening of June 19, 2012 to an international parthenium working group. Members of the working group present at the meeting were from Australia, Great Britain, China, Fiji, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and U.S.