

US Forest Service

International Activity Report

After your trip is over, and you have completed this form, please e mail it as an attachment to bdean@fs.fed.us.

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Please Check One:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> US Forest Service Staff <input type="checkbox"/> IP Staff <input type="checkbox"/> US Partner <input type="checkbox"/> International Partner		Was this activity administered by International Programs?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

Activity Title:

EMAPI 10 International Conference (Ecology and Management of Alien Plant Invasions)

Itinerary/Schedule:

Dates		Activity/Site(s)	Location	Country
From	To			
August 21, 2009	August 28, 2009	EMAPI 10 Conference	Stellenbosch	South Africa

Type of Activity

Select one or two most appropriate categories.

- Professional Consultation/Technical Assistance
- Training Facilitation
- Training Participation
- Observation/Tour
- Research
- Seminar/Conference/Meeting
- Other:

Activity Category

Select one or two most appropriate categories.

- Migratory Species/Habitat Management
- Protected Areas/Ecotourism
- Disaster Assistance
- Forest Health/Invasive Species
- Watershed Management
- Policy Analysis and Development
- Sustainable Forestry Practices
- Fire Management
- Forest Monitoring/Remote Sensing/GIS
- Ecosystems Services

Official Activity Host/Sponsor/Partner

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Other Partners or Involvement *Please list others involved in this activity/project.*

Organization	Person	Title	Role/Involvement	Address	Phone	Email

Potential Partners & Contacts

Please assist in broadening our international outreach efforts by identifying other potential partners and important contacts you have met through this activity..

Organization	Person	Title	Interest/Specialization	Address	Phone	Email
CSIRO Entomology	Andy Sheppard	Entomologist	Biological control	Australia		andy.sheppard@csiro.au
CABI Europe	Esther Gerber	Entomologist	Biological control	Switzerland		e.gerber@cabi.org
Te Ngahere Native Forest	David Moverly		Invasive Plant Control and Management	New Zealand		dave@te-ngahere.co.nz

ACTIVITY EVALUATION: PART I

Please respond by checking one box (1-5) per statement.:

1= Strongly Disagree 2= Disagree 3= Don't Know/Neutral 4= Agree 5=Strongly Agree

		1	2	3	4	5
1	The pre-departure Health, Safety and Security information letter was relevant and useful.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	I was adequately prepared for this trip.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	International Programs provided appropriate materials and orientation (If applicable).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	This trip/activity was well organized.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	The objectives/activities were clear and appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	This activity was beneficial to my professional development.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	This activity was beneficial to my personal development and growth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	I had intercultural exchange and interaction with international hosts (or guests) in both professional and social contexts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	I have learned and will implement new approaches based on this experience.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	I believe I contributed significantly and made an impact on others involved in this exchange.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	This activity will impact the work of the US Forest Service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	This activity has potential benefits to other partner organizations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	The objectives of the program were met.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14	I have planned or already implemented follow up/outreach activities to share this experience with others (briefings, papers, demonstrations, presentations, newspaper/newsletter articles, websites, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	International activities are important to the work of the US Forest Service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16	I recommend that others engage in international exchange activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

ACTIVITY EVALUATION: PART II

<p>Outcomes Please list the key results of this activity.</p>	<p>I attended the 10th conference on ecology and management of alien plant invasions and presented 2 papers - the first on our experiences in outreach for release of a biocontrol agent in Hawaii and the second on the Pacific Invasives Partnership as a model for regional coordination on invasives. There was a lot of interest in the biocontrol paper and I made a number of contacts in the larger biocontrol community. I also interacted with a number of other people working in other aspects of invasive plant management that thought the presentation had relevance for them.</p> <p>I was also able to attend the conference and listen to the remainder of the speakers. The plenary sessions were particularly good as they gave overviews of the state of knowledge of invasion biology on a global basis and the status of invasive species (plants) initiatives for a number of regions. An interesting session on climate change discussed the fate of forests and invasive plants under proposed changes.</p>
<p>Important Lessons Learned, Observations, and Best Practices Please list key observations and recommendations.</p>	<p>I was also able to attend several interesting sessions of the conference. The plenary sessions were particularly good as they gave overviews of the state of knowledge of invasion biology on a global basis and the status of invasive species (plants) initiatives for a number of regions. An interesting session on climate change discussed predicted and observed impacts to forests from invasive plants under various scenarios of changing climate.</p>
<p>Personal & Professional Development What did you gain as a result of this experience? (professional, technical, cultural, personal)</p>	<p>Increased network of international contacts in invasive species management work in areas outside the Pacific. Made additional contacts in biological control of weeds and, on the field trip, learned about comprehensive strategies in biological control used in South Africa. Increased knowledge of interactions between invasive species and climate change.</p>
<p>Intercultural Exchange How will you apply the intercultural experiences you had abroad to working within the diverse workforce of the USFS?</p>	<p>This experience has continued to broaden my understanding of other cultures and how their strong cultural traditions influence their use of and management of resources. I was able to spend 2 days near Kruger National Park after the conference and see spectacular wildlife and also how natural areas are managed for wildlife and how local people are part of the ecotourism industry.</p>
<p>Other</p>	
<p>Suggestions about Activity Reporting Please include any improvements you can think of pertaining to this form.</p>	
<p>Reports, Photos & Links</p>	<p>Please share trip reports, photos and other information about the activity with others. International Programs will post links to the information you have already posted on your websites. Please provide URLs.</p> <p>Link 1 - Link 2 - Link 3 - Link 4 - Link 5 -</p>

Thank you for taking the time to complete this evaluation. You have made most valuable contributions to the global work of the US Forest Service, partner nations and cooperating organizations.