

Project Update: February 2011

Field work has been completed. A total of 120 plots (2 x 2 m) of different blackberry infestation were set up along the *Scalesia* forest. The infestation levels were based on blackberry coverage from 0 to >90%. Within each plot composition and structure of the vegetation were assessed using three equally spaced and parallel monitoring transects. Vegetation height and species composition were assessed. The entire area was examined to identify plant species which were not recorded in the transect monitoring. Samples of unknown species were taken for later identification. Variables such as soil depth, canopy cover and light intensity also were recorded. Additionally, soil samples for nutrients analysis were taken. Data have been stored for analysis.

