

Chromolaena odorata (Asteraceae) is a vigorously growing dicotyledonous invasive weed species. It is native of tropical America but established as a serious weed in the wet/dry tropics of Africa and Asia. Historically, it was known as Siam weed. In Asia, it is a problem in crops like rubber, oil palm, coconut, tea, coffee, cashew, teak and other plantation crops, pastures, forests, road

sides, river banks and vacant lands (Muniappan and Marutani, 1988). It is widely distributed in the regions with a rainfall of 200 cm and above, and temperature ranges from 20 to 37 °C (Timbilla and Braimah, 2002) and establishes well in humid tropics. It has a life span of more than three years. The plant can grow under a wide variety of agro-ecological conditions having prolific seed production capacity. The seeds are easily carried

Cecidochares connexa

an introduced biocontrol agent for
Siam weed, *Chromolaena odorata*

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