

BEEKEEPING SUSTAINS LIVELIHOODS

10 GOOD REASONS



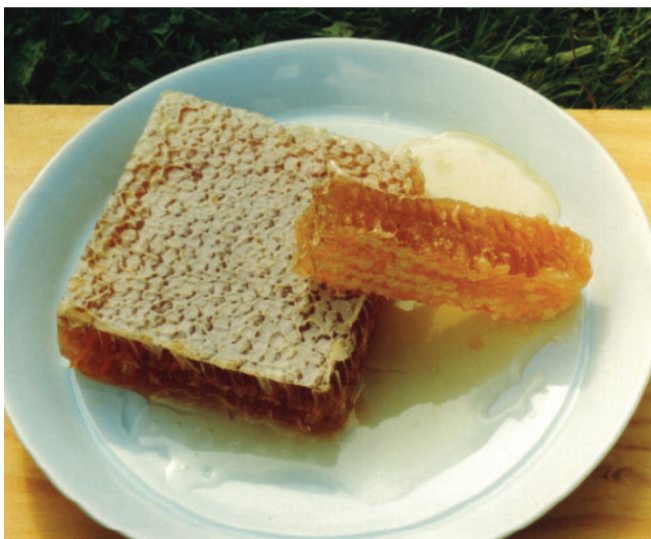
Pollination 1

Bees pollinate flowering plants - this activity is vital for life on earth. Adequate pollination leads to good quality seeds and fruits, and is essential for maintaining biodiversity.



Sustainable 6

Beekeeping is non-extractive and sustainable. Beekeepers are friends of the natural environment, willing to collaborate to conserve forests and vegetation where bees live and forage.



Useful products 2

Honey is valued by all societies as a healthy food or medicine. Beeswax is used in cosmetics and candles, and has many other uses. Pollen and propolis may be also harvested from bees.



Benefits for several sectors 7

Where there are beekeeping activities, other people in the community generate income by making equipment, from selling bee products, and making secondary products.



Land use 3

Bees visit flowers anywhere, so wild, cultivated and protected areas all have value for beekeeping. Beekeeping does not use up land that could be used for crops.



Comparative advantage 8

In areas of developing countries where there are abundant natural resources and healthy bee populations, there are good possibilities to market organic-certified honey.



Low cost 4

Beekeeping can be very low cost. Hives and other equipment can be made locally and bees are freely available. Bees do not depend upon the beekeeper for food.



Resilient income 9

Beekeeping is resilient when disasters happen. Displaced communities can make hives and gain benefit in a relatively short time. It is not necessary for beekeepers to own land or to be settled permanently.



Income creation 5

Where beekeepers have good market access, beekeeping easily generates a profit.



Gender and age inclusive 10

Bees can be kept by women and men of all ages. Bees do not need daily care and can be attended to as other work allows.

This Information Poster has been prepared by **Bees for Development** who work to assist people in developing countries by providing information and advice about apiculture. We believe that apiculture is a feasible way to help people to work their way out of poverty, while at the same time maintaining natural biodiversity. Apiculture gives some of the world's poorest people the opportunity to harvest commodities (honey and beeswax) that can have international quality and value. These people usually have little access to beekeeping information, even though the sector is fast evolving, as markets change and honey bee pests and diseases are spread worldwide. **Bees for Development's** philosophy is to provide information on how to look after bees, and harvest from them in sustainable ways. Our focus is on using indigenous species where possible, and building on traditional techniques to find methods that work according to resources available. **Bees for Development** works worldwide, assisting beekeepers in every continent.



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