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**Zambian hives**

Placed in trees, honey bees are closer to their natural habitat and safe from many predators such as the honey badger and man. The photograph shows two typical types of hive used in Zambia, the bark hive and a wooden one that is more expensive to produce. Bees do swarm and abscond here quite a lot due to the weather and the changing forage and especially in times of drought. It is also due to their genetic tendency to swarm frequently. Bees pollinate local crops, and increase yields for farmers. The income from honey and beeswax can make all the difference to quality of life, in that schooling and healthcare can be afforded and accessed.



**Making Beeswax Candles in Malawi**



African beeswax is a beautiful natural product, free from chemical residues and widely available in poor communities. These pictures are from a BfD candle-making day held in Malawi in December 2009. Cakes of beeswax are cleaned, then broken into a melting tin and heated in a water boiler. Wicks are dipped repeatedly into the melted wax to produce a tapered candle. No moulds are needed to make dipped candles, making this method suitable for people with few resources. The candles can be sold as gift items and are an important source of additional income.



**Beekeeping in Africa**

Did you know that although most honey bee diseases are present in Africa, they do not have large-scale deleterious effects? "The factors that contribute to this probably include beekeeping management (small *versus* large-scale), absence of breeding, high genetic diversity and presence of a large wild stock population, less migratory beekeeping, less harvesting and less stress that allow honey bees to defend themselves against parasites and diseases". This was reported in a Review Article by V Dietemann, C W Warner and R Crewe in *Apidologie* 40 (2009) 285-295.

**Journal Requests**

Beekeepers in developing countries continue to request BfD Journals. Trust Supporters may not realise it but while £20 funds one beekeeper to receive four Journals a year, if £100 is donated then ten beekeepers in developing countries will be able to receive the Journal for a year. More details are at [www.beesfordevelopment.org/journal/sponsorasubscription](http://www.beesfordevelopment.org/journal/sponsorasubscription)

**New resource materials**



Bees for Development is producing new educational resources for beekeepers in Africa. A major achievement has been the completion of the first set of five booklets, a set of training cards and Beekeeping Enterprise Development Guides for Uganda. Printed in January, these are the culmination of many months work. Together with new posters *in press* these will be the basis of resource kits sent to beekeeper trainers and groups in Africa, to enable courses in all aspects of beekeeping.

**Bees for Development Safari Destinations**

Rodrigues and Mauritius 24 November - 4 December 2010 - Trinidad and Tobago - February 2011

For further details contact BfD.

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## Help for beekeepers in Haiti

Following the earthquake in Haiti in January this year around 100,000 people lost their lives, while countless more lost their homes and possessions. Bee hives in Haiti are made from the hollow trunks of palm trees. Beekeepers in Haiti have been successfully keeping bees this way for a long time, perhaps since Spanish or French explorers first introduced bees 500 years ago. Today, Haiti's bee populations are apparently healthy, with empty hives readily occupied by bees from the wild honey bee population.

Apimondia is raising funds to support beekeepers in Haiti to rebuild their lives after the devastating earthquake. Any funds that you can give will be sent direct to beekeepers in Haiti, to support them as they rebuild their lives. Apimondia is working with Bees for Development Trust to raise funds for this appeal. If you can help please go to <http://www.justgiving.com/Haitibeekeepers>



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### Paul Hutchins runs marathon and raises money for BfD Trust

'It was a fantastic sunny day and it seemed like the whole of Brighton had turned out to watch the 7,500 plus runners haul themselves around Brighton's inaugural marathon. I came in at 1095th with a personal best time of 3:43. I ran the course in a Bees for Development T-shirt and carried a large fluffy bee. It was great to have support from the spectators who shouted "good luck to the man with the bee", or on other occasions, "the man with a bug on a stick" or "look, that man is carrying a spider!" I raised over a thousand pounds and knowing that all that money was going to a good cause helped carry me through the last few very painful miles.'

Thanks also to Beth Tilston and Mark Beaver who ran in this year's London marathon, raising more money for Bees for Development Trust – much appreciated!

### Sales Continue

The tamper seals, labels and £5 bags are proving a big success. Buy on line at BfD or from E H Thorne (Beehives) Ltd., or by post from Bf D Trust.



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### Trust membership

Is your Trust membership due for renewal? If so we look forward to receiving your subscription by post or online. It is important that the good work of **BfD Trust** continues, so please encourage as many people as you can to become members. We still need volunteers to help the Trust, with publicity, fundraising and office administration.

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### Good Gifts in Cameroon

Bushmeat is an African term for the meat of wild animals. Hunting for bushmeat generates vital income for rural communities in west and central Africa, but the trade in bushmeat is unsustainable. Species extinctions, food shortages and additional financial difficulties in forest-adjacent communities are almost inevitable outcomes of this trade. The Lebialem Hunters' Beekeeping Initiative aims to reduce financial dependence on bushmeat and the volume of species harvested by providing hunters with an alternative income through beekeeping. Good Gifts funding was provided through BfD Trust for training, the construction of top-bar hives and the establishment of beekeeping cooperatives. More than 120 hunters from 7 villages have now received training in beekeeping and have been given the materials and equipment necessary to construct their own top-bar hives. Common Initiative Groups have been established in each village to encourage the beekeepers to work together to market their bee products.

