Bee products: providing nutrition and generating income - Honeybees, beekeeping and bee products in our daily lives

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In collaboration with the FSN-Beekeeping Exchange Group

Dear Members,

The online discussion "Bee products: providing nutrition and generating income - Honeybees, beekeeping and bee products in our daily lives" continues to attract comments from all over the world.

Below we share with you the latest four contributions received from Members from Bangladesh, Italy and Norway.

To read these comments in full, please click on the links that will lead you to the discussion page. There you will also find the introduction and some guiding questions for you to reflect on. Please keep sharing your views and experience on how we can create sustainable conditions for agriculture and apiculture to coexist and to benefit from each other. Also do not hesitate to share this message with your friends and colleagues.

Contributions are welcome in English, French and Spanish.

We look forward to keep learning from you!

Your FSN Forum team

Charlotte Lietaer, TECA Team, FAO, Italy

Charlotte and the TECA Team invite you to have a look at the information available on the TECA Knowledge Base and the TECA Beekeeping Exchange Group, a good opportunity for beekeepers and stakeholders involved in beekeeping to exchange information and knowledge.

Read Charlotte’s contribution

Syed Md. Zainul Abedin, Bangladesh

Syed gives us information about the role of honey in Bangladesh where it is a much valued food item accessible by the majority of the population. He also mentions the lack of support for beekeeping by the government and the need to improve training and credit access for beekeepers.

Read Syed’s contribution

Muhammad Ariful Haque, Kamfisht Universe Engineering, Bangladesh

Muhammad suggests that more training needs to be given to honey producers and calls for strengthening the synergies between the flower farming industry and local honey production.

Read Muhammad’s contribution

Lal Manavado, University of Oslo affiliate, Norway

Lal provides us with a detailed picture of the threats faced by bees. He argues that there are two main reasons why the bee populations are under threat: the first one is habitat destruction resulting from human over-population that requires the expansion of infrastructure, housing and agricultural installations; the second one is the use of insecticides and insect repellents used in agriculture. Lal also proposes some practical solutions to reverse this undesirable trend.

Read Lal’s contribution

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