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Sponsors Needed!



Above: the current directory, displayed by Patrick, one of the compilers



In western Uganda, the Kabarole Beekeepers' Association has painstakingly compiled a floral directory of over 80 species of plants in their area. Each pressed flower is accompanied by a description of the role that it plays as a nectar or pollen source for bees. Over 3 years of study has gone into the records, which we would like to preserve by creating an electronic copy. A part of the sponsorship will go towards the purchase of a digital camera so that photographs can replace the dried flowers.

This is a work in progress. Two members of the Association provide training to HSLA projects in other parts of Uganda, and identifying local flora is an integral part of the curriculum. The students are taught to identify the most beneficial plants for beekeeping in their area. We hope to expand the directory to cover every region, creating an invaluable teaching resource to new and existing beekeepers. With sufficient funds, we can also translate from the current English version to every language in Uganda, making it accessible to all rural beekeepers in the country.

Sponsors of the directory will be acknowledged in the final copy, which will be part of a lasting heritage for apiculture in Uganda

Left: students on our latest training course, compiling a floral chart of plants collected in their district

Not Tonight Honey

HSLA has taken the opportunity to improve access to market for our producers by entering into a joint venture with Malaika Honey in Uganda, who market the honey under the name 'Not Tonight Honey' (a name proving very successful with consumers!). Malaika have already established links with major supermarkets in Kampala, and demand is consistently outstripping supply. Malaika have placed the HSLA logo their labels, and have generously agreed that 10% of sales will revert to HSLA.

Online Shopping?

Don't forget, if you are shopping online, please start by logging on to www.buy.at/hivessavelives. With the support of some top retailers, we can earn a commission while you shop from the comfort of your home!



Latest Project: St Jude Family Project

Headed by the dynamic founder, Josephine Kizza, who has a degree in organic farming from Denmark, St Jude Family Projects is a fascinating model for organic farming, training and collective marketing. Based in Masaka district, it started in 1993 as a small family based self-help project, and has expanded to become a model organic farm complete with a fruit drying plant and a training centre for integrated organic farming. Over 100 local farmers who have been trained at the centre have received organic certification and grow pineapples, pawpaws, mangoes, jackfruit and tomatoes which are processed at the drying plant.



Beekeeping is a natural progression for the centre, which now has its own apiary. With support from Hives Save Lives the local farmers will also receive hives and training at the centre. Honey harvesting and collection will be integrated into the current fruit collection and payment system, creating additional cash income for the farmers while the bees, through pollination, will increase the total yields of the organic fruit and vegetables being grown.

The picture shows William, one of the farmers working with the St Jude Project, with the 10 traditional hives he currently manages. William will now add a number of HSLA hives to his apiary, having received training in the use of frame hives, and will be supported in harvesting and collection by St Jude. He will also be guaranteed payment for his honey on collection.

A Royal Visit

We were delighted to accept an invitation by Central Science Laboratories to take part in their stand at the Great Yorkshire Show this year. The theme of the display was 'The Path of a Ugandan Honey-pot', and to our surprise the stand was chosen to be visited by Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Cornwall



We were also greatly honoured to receive a visit from John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York, who was born in Uganda

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*Above: Dr Gay Marris (CSL), Linda Whitby (HSLA) Dr Mike Brown (CSL) and Claire Waring (Bees Abroad)
Left: The Duchess of Cornwall visits the stand and discusses the income-generating potential of beekeeping in developing countries.*

Christmas Shopping

Need inspiration?? Buy a beehive, a bee suit or a colony of bees - presents that keep on giving! For further details, log on to www.hivessavelives.com, or call 01273 302586

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