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Madhu duniya 2007

26-29 November 2007
 Araku Valley, Vishakapatnam, India



gearing up for a sweet time

NANANG SUJANA

The NTFP Exchange Programme for South and Southeast Asia is organising the Madhu Duniya (translated as "Honey World") conference which will bring together local NGOs, forest-based communities, researchers, government and the private sector in the region, including those from the countries of Cambodia, Vietnam, Philippines, Indonesia, Bangladesh and India.

Set to take place in the lap of the forested Eastern Ghats of India, Madhu Duniya will encourage honey gatherers and NGOs working with these communities to share knowledge, exchange technologies and information. It will be an occasion for a broad exchange of ancient traditions, new approaches and diverse cultural manifestations.

Some issues up for discussion will be related to tropical honey, its collection by indigenous communities, sustainable harvesting methods and tools, and honey quality and marketing.

A cultural and product exhibition will also be organised in the venue and videos, publications, demos and posters on the issues surrounding honey will be available. There will also be a site visit to one of the adivasi communities for field demonstration.

The programme is being jointly organised by Keystone Foundation, Nilgiris and LAYA, Vishakapatnam.

A detailed programme will be circulated soon.

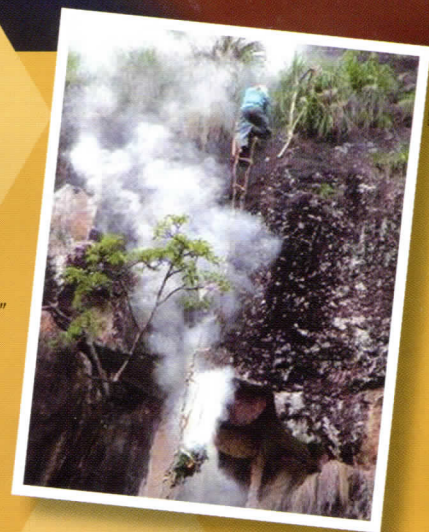
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Madhu: Sanskrit for "honey." Madu, in Bahasa Indonesia, is a derivative of Madhu. **Duniya:** Urdu/Persian for "world"

Photos: MAIN: Beeswax candles made by a woman's self-help group in the Nilgiris, India

TOP, L-R: A Tagbanua from Port Barton shows off a harvested honeycomb from the forests of Palawan, Philippines; Honeycombs harvested by Cambodian villagers; Smoking out the bees before harvesting in Indonesia; Partners from Mindoro learn about the honey processing during a 2007 study tour to NATRIPAL's honey processing laboratory (Philippines).

INSET: Kurumbas honey hunting in the Blue Mountains, the Nilgiris, India



ORIGINS OF THE HONEYMOON

Hey honey beer makers and drinkers. . .

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

{contributed by Mary Stockdale}

honey-related books and films



INDONESIA

Profiting from Honeybees This film looks into the traditional and sustainable honey harvesting methods of the community living around Lake Sentarum, one of Southeast Asia's largest wetlands.

Produced by Riak Bumi, Telapak and the NTFP-EP. 2005. DVD or VCD. 24 mins.

To order your copy, contact Telapak at rrsigit@telapak.org or NTFP-EP at publications@ntfp.org

Films of two workshops of the Indonesian Forest Honey Network Two workshops held for JMHI members were documented. One is the workshop held in Kendari in 2006. The other workshop was held for the

Sumbawa partners last May 2007.

Produced by local televisions. In Bahasa Indonesia.

For queries on obtaining copies, please email Riak Bumi at sekretariat@riakbumi.or.id



PHILIPPINES

Tamang Pamamaraan ng Pag-Ani at Pagproseso ng Pulot mula sa Ligwan at Pukyutan. A comics-style manual detailing sustainable harvesting and proper processing of forest honey. Used for a campaign to improve the quality of NATRIPAL's honey collection from member communities in Palawan, Philippines.

Published by NATRIPAL & NTFP Task Force. 2005. In Filipino only. Downloadable PDF at www.ntfp.org or email crissyg33@yahoo.com for a copy



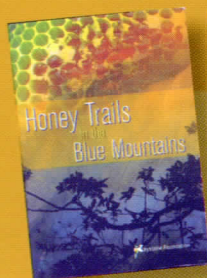
CAMBODIA

Profiting from Honeybees for Improved Livelihoods In an effort to support forest-based enterprise development, this 17-minute slideshow is designed to introduce communities to a number of topics related to bees and honey collection, including sustainable harvesting methods, rafter techniques for attracting wild bees,

bee identification and behaviour.

Produced by Community Forestry International. 2007. In Khmer with English subtitles. DVD and VCD.

Copies are available through CFI at tel: +855 23 220 714, email: amandabradley@cfi-cambodia.org.kh. (N.B. This video is not the same as NTFP-EP/Telapak's video of the same title)

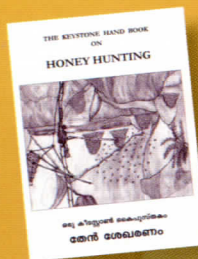


INDIA

Honey Trails in the Blue Mountains. Ecology, People and Livelihoods in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, India The close link of bees to adivasis is synonymous to linking ecology with livelihoods. The book

attempts to put into focus the interlaying complexities involving bees, forests and stakeholders dependent upon and contributing to the diversity of resources, forests provide.

Published by Keystone Foundation. 2007.

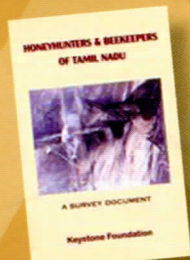


The Keystone Hand Book on Honey Hunting

The book endeavours to bring forth nuances of honey hunting unknown to outsiders, besides serving as a guide for correct and easy-to-use directions on management of honey. The target audience includes honey hunters, forest department personnel, as well as NGO workers and trainers.

Published by the Keystone Foundation, Kotagiri, 2006. Dedicated to the honey hunters of the Blue Mountains.

Bi-lingual: English/Malayalam. With great illustrations and drawings by a group of tribal artist from the Nilgiris.



Honey Hunters and Beekeepers of Tamil Nadu: A Survey Document

In this one-year pioneering study, the team travelled to 15 hill ranges and 11 indigenous

Manual Madu (Forest Honey Manual: Technical and Quality Improvement of Forest Honey in Danau Sentarum, Indonesia)

Published for members of the Indonesian Forest Honey Network, this handy and full-color comics-style manual is a guide for the proper management of wild honey, on the basis of the *tikung* (rafter) method which is commonly used in Danau Sentarum. It also stresses proper post-harvest and handling, and testing methods to ensure quality.

Published by Riak Bumi and JMHI. 2006.

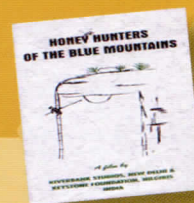
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communities of Tamil Nadu looking at traditional honey hunting. For the first time, families whose livelihood is seasonally dependent on sale of honey and bees wax, and their close relationship to cultural and ritual practices, have been documented in detail. Provides insights into the traditional activity of honey gathering from the wild giant rock bee (*Apis dorsata*); also identifies pockets of beekeeping with the Indian hive bee (*Apis cerana*).

Published by Keystone Foundation. 2001.



Honey Hunters of the Blue Mountains

A brilliant film with fantastic shots of the honey hunters in the Nilgiris Mountains of South India and their relationship

with the giant honey bee *Apis dorsata*. This film will interest not only bee lovers but also scientists and development planners wanting to address the issues of indigenous people in changing environments. Published by Keystone Foundation 2000. 30 minutes (VID20 or CD-VID20A)

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Most of these materials have been featured in past issues of Voices and have been compiled for this special insert.