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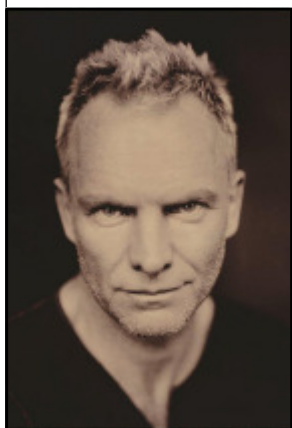
Bees and beekeepers in developing countries need our help

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Sting: New Patron for BfD Trust

Musician, actor and activist, Sting is a long time supporter of human rights organisations such as Amnesty International and Live Aid and, along with his wife Trudie Styler, founded the Rainforest Foundation in 1989 to protect the



world's rainforests and the indigenous people who live in them. We believe his involvement with Bees *for* Development will help highlight the Trust's work in promoting sustainable beekeeping methods and improving livelihoods among some of the poorest communities in the world, while at the

same time helping to maintain healthy bee populations.

More Project work

Dr Nicola Bradbear, Janet Lowore and an advisory team consisting of Ian Homer of FERA, Peter Marshall of Rowse Honey Ltd, Gudrun Beckh and Andreas Wallbaum of QSI Labs Germany, travelled to Georgia in December 2009, for a Workshop for beekeepers from Southern Caucasus countries Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. Participants learned methods to improve the quality and certification of their honey towards finding new markets. The Workshop was funded by GTZ German Government Aid, and run by Bees *for* Development.

PROJECT NEWS Uganda Honey Trade

Following on from our successful Pilot Project during 2006-2008, BfD Trust is delighted to announce further funding for 4 years from

Comic Relief to help beekeepers in Uganda to market their honey more profitably. For many beekeepers, practical constraints such as transporting honey to town, lack of



buckets and poor knowledge of wider markets make marketing difficult. BfD will work closely with the Kamwenge Beekeepers' Coop Society to overcome these constraints. Many beekeepers each produce small quantities of honey, however to trade efficiently, they must bulk their honey together. This will be one aim of the Project that we will be working on from April 2010.

Picture shows Mr Kiseμπο Saulo, a member of Kabecos. He is a successful beekeeper who uses several different styles of hives.

Cameroon

BfD is working with beekeepers in Cameroon, helping them to find ways to export honey and beeswax to the EU. This Project is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government's Wales for Africa Fund.

Across the Atlantic

BfDT is now registered with the USA Fund for Charities so that we can propose new work for USA funding support.

HOW YOU CAN HELP BfD TRUST

Membership

£25 per year.

Become a Member to support the work of BfD, receive our Journal and other benefits.

Sponsor a Journal

Subscription £20 per year.

We receive many requests from communities in developing countries, where beekeeping information is hard to obtain. See Vincent Hakizimana's story overleaf.

Sponsor a Resource Box £50 per box

Educational material to assist beekeeping training events in the world's poorest countries. See Mr Okodia's story overleaf.

Volunteers

We need assistance:

- With the work of BfD Trust
- In our office at Monmouth
- Professional support, accountancy
- PR and event management

Please contact us if you can help.

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How your support is assisting beekeepers

Vincent Hakizimana is a BfD Journal reader in Rwanda, sponsored by the Trust. He is involved in beekeeping in buffer zone forests surrounding Nyungwe National Park. He has written to say how much he appreciates receiving the Journal and reading about apiculture. He sent us this picture of himself with a large handful of African bees.

He writes that he will never forget the wonderful support he has received from BfD.



Resource Box Report from Robert Okodia of Asraka Youth Development, Uganda

"We are very pleased to have received the Resource Box from BfD. This has helped to set up a library and information centre in Lira where bee farmers from all around Uganda



come to read about apiculture. The photos show a bee farm with top-bar hives and the beekeeper on the right is Moses Twonto from our group, about to examine a colony."



Response from Ghana

BfD recently sent a Resource Box to Apoolo Na Ankor in Ghana. Correspondent Moses Aisia wrote: "29 women attended the beekeeping training. The Resource Box was used to present to the women the benefits of keeping bees, including information about pollination leading to increased yields of fruit and vegetables. It provided the women with opportunity to learn how to use beekeeping for additional income. The training also gave every participant an appreciation of how working together and sharing information allows them to prosper."

Journal Requests

Beekeepers in developing countries request BfD Journals. The information the Journals contain is useful and important for them. Trust Supporters may not realise it, but - while £20 enables one beekeeper to receive four Journals a year, - a donation of £100 enables ten beekeepers in developing countries to receive the Journal for a year. These Journals are shared with others who find it an excellent information resource, giving feasible and appropriate advice to suit their local methods of beekeeping.

Show your support

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



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Join a BfD Safari

BfD Beekeeping Safaris offer excellent chances to understand more about bees and beekeeping in distant countries. This year we offer you our **Safari to Turkey** - a wonderful opportunity to visit bees and beekeepers in remote and special parts of Turkey. 24 July -5 August. Join part or all of this extra special Safari.

Later in 2010, we will run a new Safari to **Rodrigues & Mauritius** 24 November - 4 December.

Join a BfD Training weekend 10 -11 April 2010

Sustainable beekeeping - An introduction to alternative, more sustainable approaches to beekeeping, with a UK focus. Ragman's Lane Permaculture Farm, Gloucestershire.

Find out more about all these events at the BfD website or phone us. Places are limited!

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