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**Apicoltura, produzioni e patologie delle api: attività, accettazione  
dei campioni e sicurezza in apiario**



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## **Le attività dell'apicoltura, produzioni e patologie delle api**

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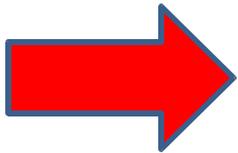


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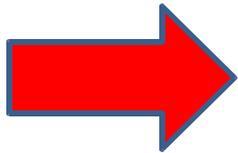


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## **Controlli ufficiali**

(es. controlli api regine importate, apertura e gestione focolai malattie denunciabili api)

**Partecipazione Gruppi di ricerca internazionali** (COLOSS – FAO- VETS4BEES)

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**Monitoraggio della moria delle api quale indicatore per uso sostenibile pesticidi**  
Allegato al Decreto 15/7/2015 del Ministero dell'Ambiente

**Società Scientifica Veterinari in Apicoltura (SVETAP):** presidenza e sede legale

**Organizzazione eventi nazionali ed Internazionali**

es. Impiego farmaco in apic con Min Sal, Symposium HB HEALTH 13-15/02/2019



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|----|--|---------------------------------------|---------|
| 1  | FAO –<br>Linee guida per manuale BPA per piccole-medie imprese | FAO                                   | 13 mesi |
| 2  | BEES Vita + (mangime complementare)                            | Ditta mangimistica USA (HEALTHY BEES) | 12 mesi |
| 3  | BPRACTICES (SUSAN, ERA-NET)                                    | EU/MINISTERO SALUTE                   | 36 mesi |
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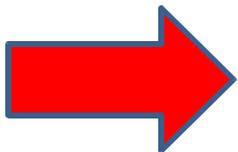
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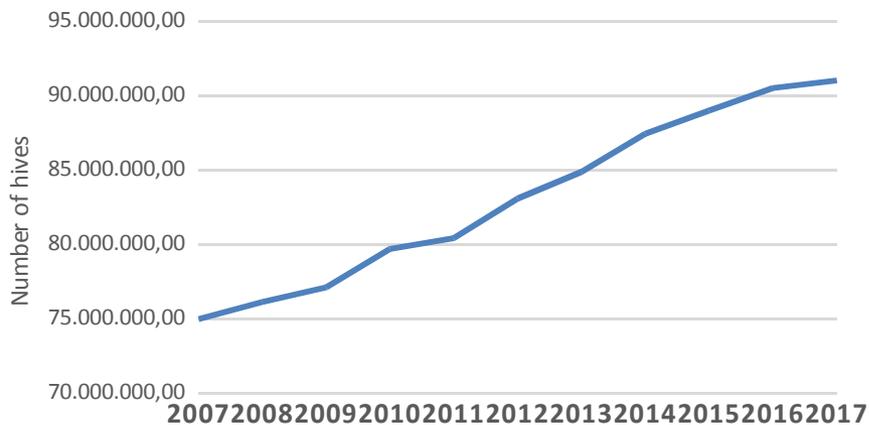
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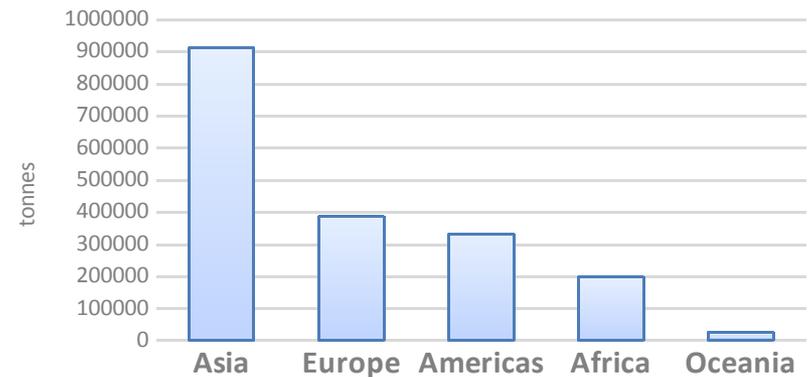
# Una panoramica sul settore apistico a livello globale

**(FAO-Stat data)**



**Managed world honey bee populations**

Top 9 honey producers distributed by geographic areas



**Top nine honey producer Countries**





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## TECA discussions



2016

**Veterinary medicines in beekeeping around the world.** Which active ingredients are in use and do they respond to the needs of beekeepers?

2017

**Simplified field methods for diagnosis of honey bee diseases and GBPs to prevent them**

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# Questionario sull'impiego del farmaco veterinario in apicoltura

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Select the region in which you house your bees:





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# Good beekeeping practices and veterinary medicines' use

In which region are you located?

Select your profession among:

How many beehives do you have?

What diseases have you already heard about? (Sm)

Can you give a score to each disease according to its impact on the honeybee health in your apiary? (Sm)

Do you think that observing good beekeeping practices alone, without the use of active ingredients or medicines, could guarantee the health of your hives (regarding the following diseases)? (Sm)

Do you think that veterinary medicines are necessary in apiculture to guarantee the health of your hives (regarding the following diseases)? (Sm)

Have you ever seen a Varroa mite? (CI)

Which are the active ingredients you normally use in your apiary in the treatment against Varroa? (Sm)

Before treating your hives against Varroa, do you check the level of infestation (mite count)? (CI)

If not yet available, which active ingredients would you like to have in your country as registered and authorized ingredients? (Sm)



## Experiencing a global survey to collect data on honeybee disease management and beekeeping practices

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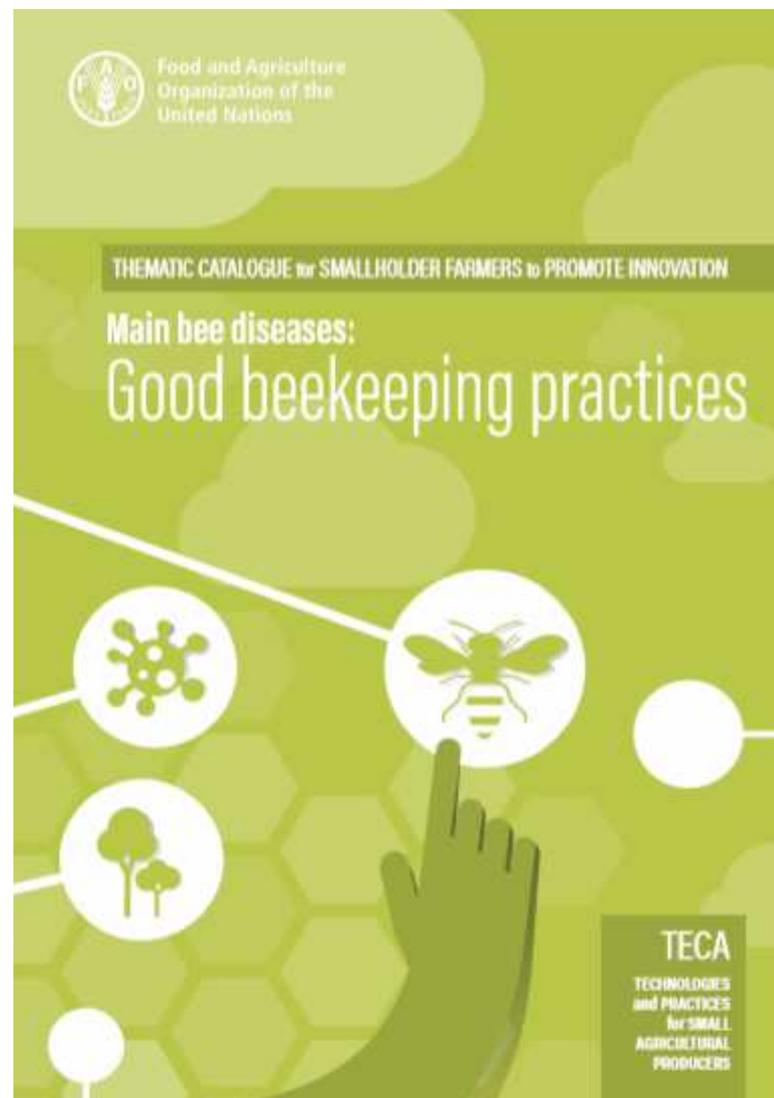
### Abstract

Beekeeping is a farming activity that requires multidisciplinary approach. Successful beekeepers must have extended knowledge on honeybee biology, diseases, pests and many other fields. Several studies have suggested that knowledge of beekeepers plays a vital role in the achievement of successful beekeeping. In this study, information about beekeeper's perception of the main honeybee diseases and their controlling methods, the use of veterinary medicinal products (VMPs) and beekeeper's perspective about veterinary and technical assistance in beekeeping was gathered through an online survey. Results indicated that beekeepers are keen on having more authorized VMPs available on the market in order to better control honeybee diseases and on receiving additional veterinary and technical on-field assistance. Some of the results also showed that beekeepers need further training on the use of already existing VMPs and techniques in order to increase their efficacy. More efforts should be put in education/training of beekeepers and in the organization of support services in apiculture.



**2017**

Raccolta di schede sulle buone  
pratiche in apicoltura per la  
prevenzione delle principali malattie  
delle api





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**“Guidelines for a proper use of antimicrobials in apiculture”**

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## “Guidelines for proper use of antimicrobials in beekeeping”



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## Prevention is better than cure: GBPs and BMBs

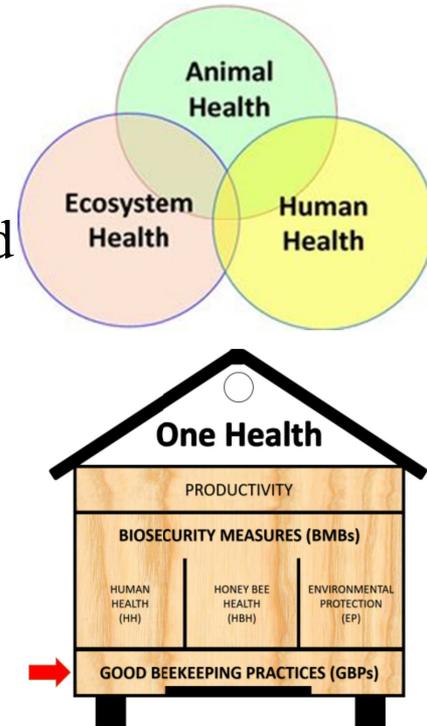
Together GBPs and BMBs guarantee the increase of honey bee health and allow the reduction of the antimicrobial use at the apiary level.

### GBPs

those integrative activities that beekeepers apply for on-apiary production to attain optimal health for humans, honey bees and environment.

### BMBs

Biosecurity Measures in Beekeeping (BMBs) are “all those measures implemented to reduce the risk of introduction and spread of specific honeybee disease agents”.





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# How to use medicines at the apiary level in a prudent and medically efficient way

General concepts on the proper use of the antimicrobials

Access to and handling of antimicrobials

Antibiotics are not the answer

Antimicrobial resistance is in the midst of one world, one health

Keeping records



## Main honey bee diseases

In this chapter are described the main honey bee diseases according to the OIE and the zoonosis “aspergillosis” of the honey bees.

Varroosis

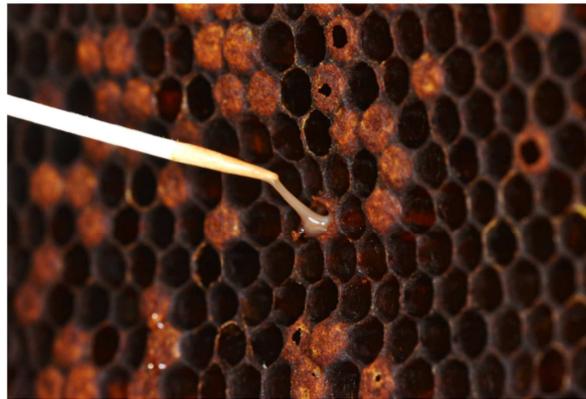


Nosemosis

American foulbrood

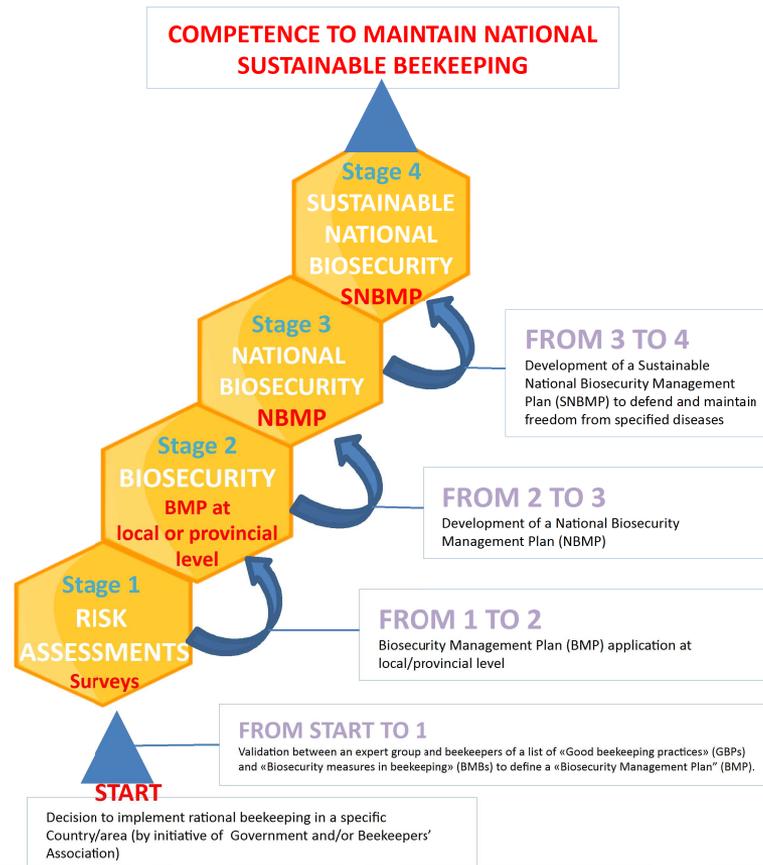
European Foulbrood

Aspergillosis





STAGE PROGRESSION in the PROGRESSIVE MANAGEMENT PATHWAY:





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# Risk Assessment tools:

**3 surveys to evaluate the infectious diseases management  
and the use of medicines in beekeeping**

Available in: English, Spanish, French, Slovenian,  
Danish, Italian, Chinese, Russian





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## Gli outputs

**Objective.** The Services will contribute to the following Organizational Objectives:  
reduce rural poverty in general, with a specific reference to small-scale producers and beekeepers;  
increase the sustainability and resilience of small-scale producers in a changing environment;

**Output 1: “Guidelines on Good Beekeeping Practices for sustainable apiculture”**

**Output 2: “Practical manual for beekeepers on techniques and procedures for a sustainable production”**

**Output 3: “Technical specifications for the procurement of beekeeping equipment for a sustainable production”.**

**Output 4: “Staging at least 2 events on awareness raising on sustainable beekeeping models”.**





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# Prospettive future





## Mainstreaming sustainable beekeeping into FAO animal production and health programme

Proposal of LoA with IZSLT on the organization of experts consultation meeting

### Background

Bees are classified as terrestrial animals by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and likewise considered as such by European Union (EU) legislation. The position and importance of honey bees in terms of their contributions to environment biodiversity, quantity and quality of agro-livestock production systems are well documented. More than 75 percent of the world's food crops rely to some extent on pollination for yield and quality. The contribution of pollination provided by honey bees (agro-environmental service) is crop dependent. Moreover, hive products itself may represent an important source of food and energy for human consumption and a relevant economic input to improve livelihoods of farmers in developing rural areas all over the world.

While bees and other pollinators are vital for food security and sustaining livelihoods in many developing countries, they are facing several threats affecting directly or indirectly their health and considerable contributions to a biodiverse ecosystem. These include land-use changes, disease and pests, poor management practices, indiscriminate use of veterinary medicines and pesticides, climate change, spread of monocultures that reduce the variety of food for bees, and globalization.. Therefore, honey bees, like other animals and livestock, must be protected in order to maintain and increase agricultural production and therefore to improve health and nutrition and ensure household food security and better incomes for smallholder farmers..

Ensuring healthy hives will full filly contribute to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals by

- increasing honey bee populations and beekeeping production systems,
- including honeybee products in the diet to promote health and quality nutrition,
- balancing animal-source food intake (like honey, pollen, royal jelly)
- traditionally involvement of women in specific hive productions (e.g. royal jelly and pollen)
- less water use and no animal manure and increasing pollination and environmental biodiversity of hive breeding
- low energy consumption of beekeeping





## Practical resource book on bees for field use

**Format:** Interactive e-book with interlinked modules, translated in 3 languages. Certain topics are related to different modules. Content is used via link in different modules. Easy to understand, non-scientific language.

**Structure:**

### 1 Apinae

module containing general information about bee classification

- *Apis mellifera*
- *Apis cerana*
- *Apis dorsata*
- *Apis florea*

### 2. Bombinae

### 3. Meliponinae (Stingless bees)

### 4. *Apis mellifera*

containing general information about *Apis mellifera*, plus 3 modules concerning ranges of adaptation of *Apis mellifera* and 4 modules on beekeeping in different continents.

-3 modules concerning ranges of adaptation of *A. mellifera*:

- Near East (Irano-Ponto-Mediterran Area)
- Tropical Africa
- Mediterranean (West Mediterranean: North Africa, West Mediterranean and North Europe; Central Mediterranean and Southeast Europe;

- 4 modules on beekeeping in different continents.

- Beekeeping in Africa
- Beekeeping in Asia
- Beekeeping in Europe/Nothern America/Oceania ?
- Beekeeping in Latin America





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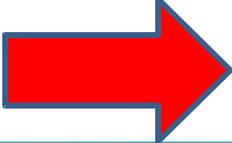
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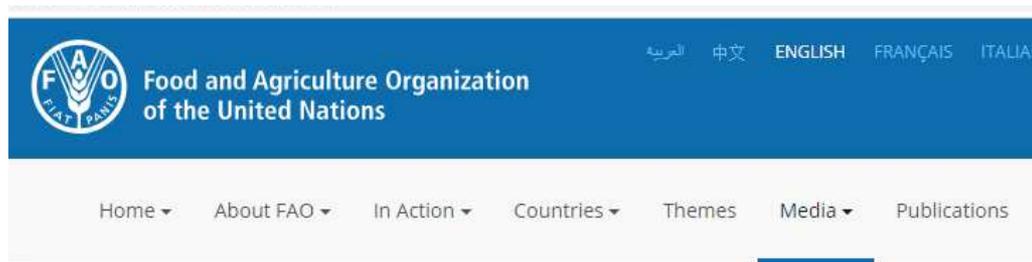
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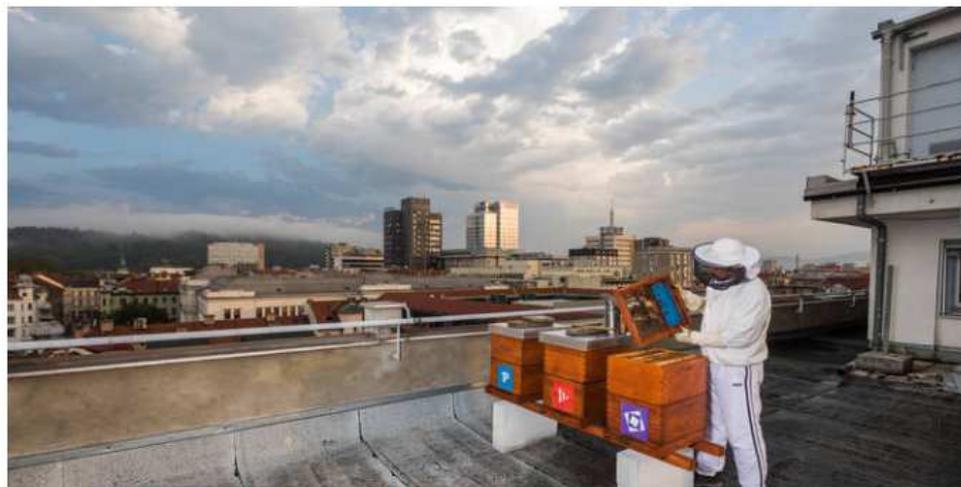
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