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for stingless bee science*



Indian stingless bee, *Tetragonula iridipennis* Smith: a brief introduction to ecology and management

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Nesting Biology



Wild nests of stingless bees

The internal structure
of a nest



Plant sources



Collecting
latex



Collecting
resin



Collecting
nectar



Collecting
pollen

Stingless bee management



Feeding sugar syrup to a newly established colony.



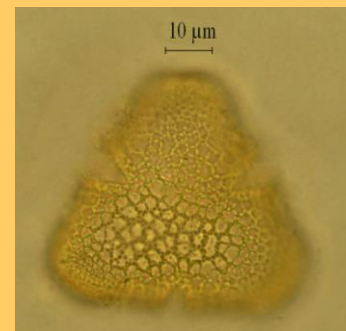
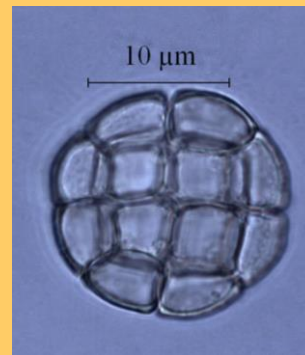
Samples were collected from returning foragers

Hive products

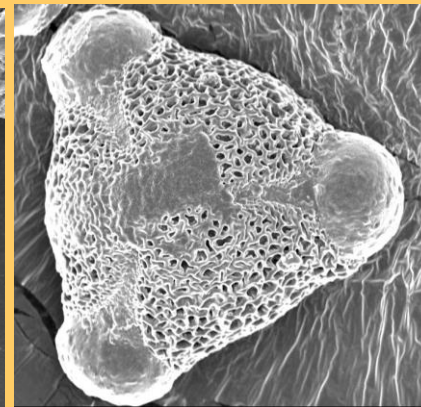
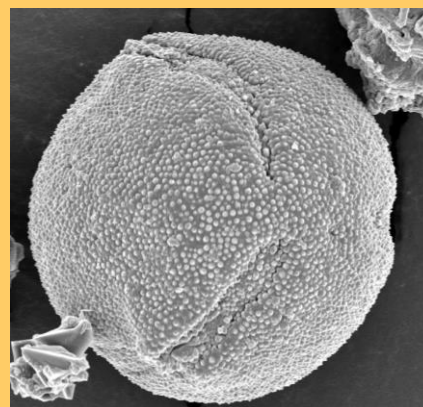


Honey, pollen,
propolis, cerumen

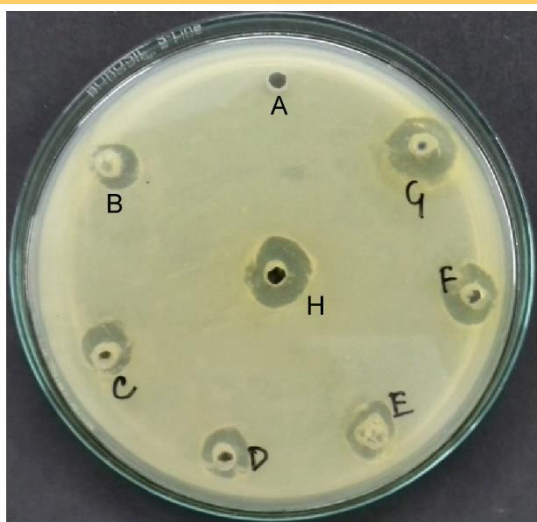
Analysis of stingless bee products



Light microscopic images of pollen grains



SEM images of pollen grains



Pseudomonas aeruginosa

Antimicrobial activity assay

Crop pollination



Allium cepa



Capsicum frutescens



Coriandrum sativum



Cucumis sativus



Foeniculum vulgare



Momordica charantia

Stingless bees were visiting some crop species.