



Novel approaches for increasing participation in the honeybee industries of the Pacific



Key details

Location

Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands

Duration

Start Jan 2018

End Jun 2019

Budget

AUD 150,000

Commissioned organisation

Southern Cross University

Partners

CSIRO Biosecurity Flagship

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Program

Livestock Systems

Project code

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potential for improving women's participation in beekeeping enterprises, establish new methods for smallholders to manage mites in PNG and to conduct workshops and stakeholder meetings to inform the development of the full proposal to ACIAR.

Outcomes

The agreed outputs of this SRA include:

1. Report of meetings and travel including: an assessment of potential partners and their contribution to the project; an evaluation of the potential approaches to increase women's engagement in the honey bee industry; and, an update on the status of the bee industries in each country;
2. A full funding proposal for a larger project completed (ACIAR Project LS/2014/042);
3. Report describing pilot best-practice approach for the prevention and control of parasitic mites in PNG, Fiji and Solomon Islands; and
4. A final report of all activities, outputs and outcomes up to the full project inception, including workshop with key stakeholders.

Overview

Recent studies (C2013/188) highlight both the current decline and unrealised potential of beekeeping in Papua New Guinea (PNG), Fiji and Solomon Islands.

Beekeeping in these countries is facing major challenges with declining productivity and participation. Activities undertaken as part of this SRA sought to strengthen existing partnerships, investigate the

