



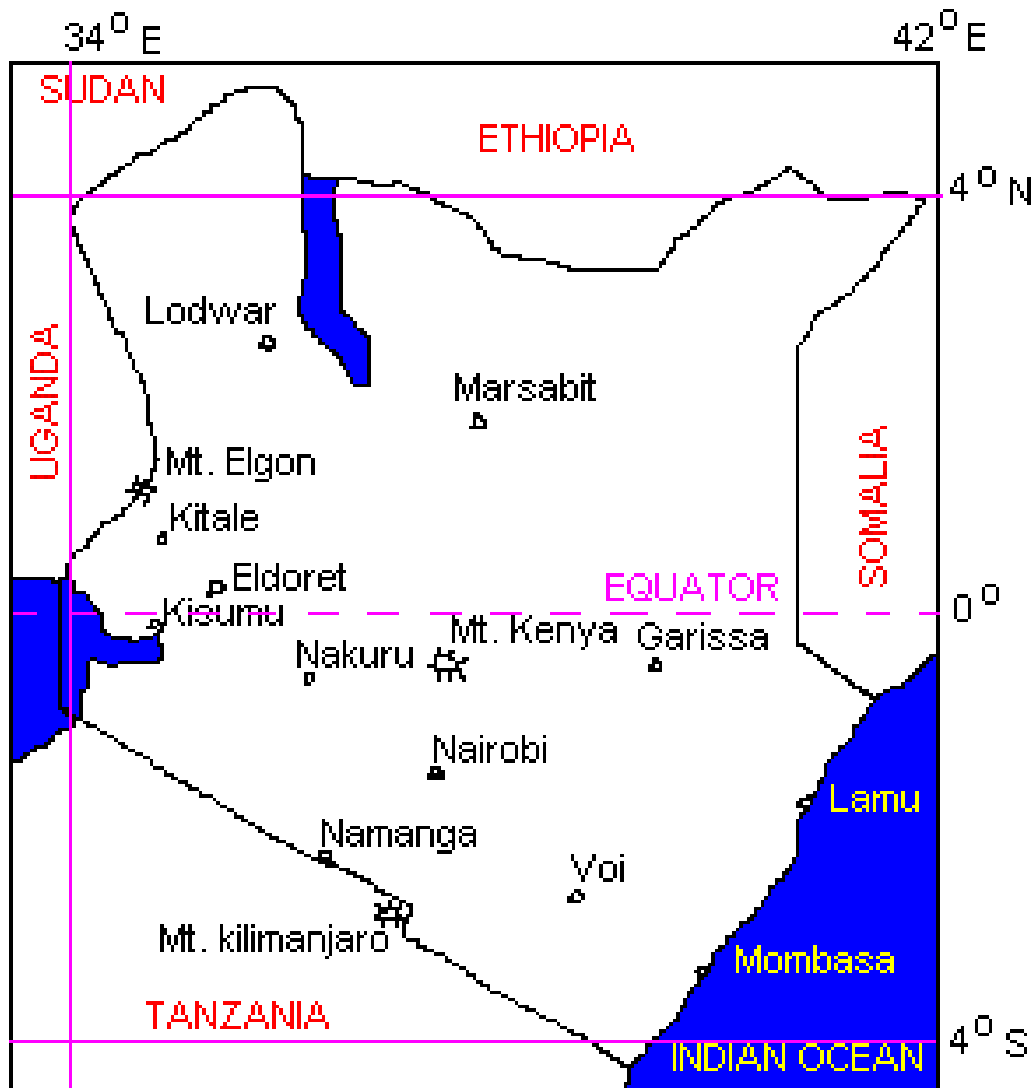
REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**APICULTURE (BEE KEEPING) INDUSTRY
SUB-SECTOR**

MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

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MAP OF KENYA



1.0 INTRODUCTION

Beekeeping is well established in Kenya and can be successfully carried out in about 80% of the country. It is especially suitable in the semi-arid areas where other modes of agriculture are not very possible. Beekeeping contributes to incomes as well as food security through provision of honey, beeswax and pollen as food and propolis, bees venom and royal jelly in medicine. It also contributes to seed and food production through crop pollination and conserves the natural environment. The country's potential for apiculture development is estimated at over 100,000 metric tons of honey and 10,000 MT. of beeswax. At the moment only about one fifth of this potential is being exploited.

Estimated Hive Numbers

TYPE	1994	1995	1996	1997
Kenya Top Bar Hive	96,455	114,628	106,481	117,735
Log Hive	970,210	1,052,815	1,072,233	1,105,261

Source: Animal Production Division Annual Reports

Honey Production Trend (in MT)

1994	1995	1996	1997
17,259	18,908	19,071	19,803

Source: Animal Production Division Annual Reports

Honey processors

1. Baraka Agricultural Institute Colleges
Tel.No 363 – 31091 Molo
2. Honey Care Africa Tel. No. 754448
3. Gatanza Enterprise 0722 – 755798
4. Makambu Investment Tel. 0722 –737882
5. Tommy Line Tel. No.335907 Nairobi
6. Greeb Wood Pure

Challenges

- i. Local honey and beeswax prices are higher than those in the international market.
- ii. Honey quality is low, especially for export market.
- iii. Decreased land sizes in high potential agricultural areas prevent the increase in Beekeeping
- iv. Poor infrastructure
- v. Low level training in Beekeeping technologies for farmers and staff
- vi. Lack of research in Apiculture

Trade and investment opportunities

- i. Intensified staff and farmer training on improved Bee-keeping technologies
- ii. Credit facilitation
- iii. Development of quality standards and regular inspections.
- iv. Commercial/private honey processing plants and wood workshops
- v. On-farm research on honeybee, honeybee products and honeybee plants.

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