



ASIAN HONEY BEE (AHB)

Some common features of AHB

- AHB fly very quickly and erratically while feeding on floral resources, while EHB forage much more slowly and methodically.
- The thorax and abdomen of AHB have less hair than those of EHB.
- AHB have more evenly spaced and consistent abdominal striping, compared with EHB that tend to have uneven abdominal striping.
- EHB generally have thicker black stripes towards the back of the abdomen, making it appear more yellow at the front and darker at the end.

AHB Effect on Bee Farming

- The AHB produces less honey than the European honey bee (EHB), *Apis mellifera*, and has the ability to rob the EHB of their honey stores.
- As a cavity nesting bee which is capable of nesting in smaller areas than the EHB, the
- AHB also has the potential to become a competitor for nectar, pollen and nesting sites in the natural environment, as well as nest in urban environments.

Areas to look out for AHB

It was reported that 90% of Asian Honey Bees were detected on areas of highly disturbed areas, as;

Grazing land and natural Vegetation



Human settlements (residential areas)



Tree hollows



Forest (mangrove ecosystem) Preferable nesting sites can be observed on enclosed opening, like;

Walls of building

Compost bins

Machinery and etc.

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YOU CAN HELP!

IF YOU SEE THIS SPECIES LISTED ABOVE, PLEASE REPORT THEM TO ONE OF THE CONTACTS LISTED BELOW. NOTE THE LOCATION AND, IF POSSIBLE, SEND ALONG A DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPH.

