

The relationship between honeybees and nature in the Japanese context

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Nectar is generally not seen as a principal resource. It is only with the involvement of honeybees that nectar becomes honey, which is a food resource. The plants that are used for honey cultivation are generally of 2 types: agricultural plants and natural plants. Each of these plant types has its own ecosystem, growth environment and social and cultural connections. In this presentation, I will discuss about the environmental factors behind each of these plant types, and their relationship with honey growers, as a system of natural resource management.

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