

Apis laboriosa Smith in Sikkim

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Apis laboriosa Smith is the rare species that is still in the rocky ridges of mountain of Sikkim. Its population is uncommon.

The decreased population of this species led to the reduction of honey production in and around forest fringed villages.

As the number of wild bees hives are reducing, the habitat identification in Sikkim is essential. Thus, the content with picture of habitat is included.



Fig 1: *Apis laboriosa* Smith

TAXONOMY

Apis laboriosa Smith, 1871

Local Name: Vadh (L), Vir Mahuri (Kaskura), Gooou Haa (Newa)

STATUS: Rare

DISTRIBUTION

North Sikkim: Kabi Bridge. GPS 27° 26' N 88 36' E

Kungboo, Dzongu, North Sikkim

Remark: June and July month are suitable for wild honey collection.

PRODUCTION

Scientific Name	Per Hive	Production of Honey	Identified Habitat
<i>Apis laboriosa</i> Smith	1	ca. 3 Kg	Kabi, Reserve Forest, North Sikkim

Source: Primary data of Dzongu