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Of bees and flowers!

Spring is around the corner - what's happening to bees? Learn more about global honeybee colony disorders and other threats to insect pollinators in the UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme) Emerging Issues published on 10 March 2011. Scientists involved in COST Action FA0803 COLOSS' are among the science experts who contributed to this report!

Several factors, ranging from declines in flowering plants and the use of memory-damaging insecticides to the world-wide spread of pests and air pollution, may be behind the emerging decline of bee colonies worldwide.

Scientists are warning that without profound changes to the way human beings manage the planet, declines in pollinators needed to feed a growing global population are likely to continue. This issue has been drawing increasing attention of researchers, policy-makers and media worldwide.

COST Action 'COLOSS' is one of the widest global scientific networks working on honeybee colony losses. If you wonder whether bees will be there to populate your future springs, learn more about it from the UNEP report, visit the COLOSS website, or contact COST scientists!

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