

Project Update: June 2004

On May 27-29, 16 members of the Magbukun Aytas attended a training workshop on environmentally responsible Tropical Beekeeping provided by experts from the National Centre of Excellence for Bee Research and Development. The workshop consisted of lectures, discussions, demonstrations, and hands-on participation. The Aytas learned how to construct hives, gather bees, form and manage colonies, and harvest and process the honey. They also learned how to sustainably harvest honey from forest hives. Multiple follow-up visits to the Ayta's village are scheduled to provide ongoing assistance.

In June, 8 members of the Magbukun Ayats were selected for training as guides for the Forest Walk. They are assisting in the development of the narrative which focuses on conservation issues and the unique relationship between the Aytas and the forest.