

## Project Update: July 2021

The survey was based on a short questionnaire, which focused on assessing the state of the beehives around Shimba hills in Kwale county, Kenya. The survey was conducted between 9th and 12th June 2021. The survey targeted the community groups that had beehives around the protected area.

### Approach

The areas sampled for the interviews were selected purposely to cover different areas around Shimba Hills National Reserve. The necessary authorisation was obtained from the area chiefs as well as the KWS.

The surveys conducted on day 1 focused on areas where the project had supplied the beehives to the community group. On day 2, we conducted a survey along with youth group and established groups that had thrived well in beekeeping. Then, on day 3 we focused our surveys in individual farmers that had beekeeping that were away from protected area.



### Status of the project

The project had gone through Phase One of the project successfully. In the coming months the project will enter Phase Two. This phase will engage researchers on an extended fieldwork undertaking various mitigation measures applicable in Shimba Hills beekeeping sites. This phase will take place during the dry seasons of the year where inaccessibility issues will be minimal. At this time most of the beehive habitats will also be accessible.

