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Honey Workshop in Hunda This Week

KIBCA, in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Western Province and WWF, held the second livelihood workshop at Hunda from 23 to 25 August 2011.

Mr Arthur from the Livestock of the Ministry of Agriculture, Western Province, gave the training. KIBCA supported the workshop, arranged travel, food and the venue.

This will build the capacity of local communities to generate income for the people Kolombangara Island and support the 400m conservation area.

Attending the workshop were 21 people from Ward 12 in south and east Kolombangara covering Vao Village in north Kolombangara to Hunda in the south.

The training was opened by Hon. John Hopa, recently elected Provincial Member for Ward 12 and closed by the Chairman of KIBCA, Mr Donald Saepio. All the participants are very happy about the workshop because they have learnt some ideas about honey management and because they have also received some materials to start their own honey project.

KIBCA supports livelihood projects like honey production that support its conservation work and give local people long-term income. KIBCA'S long term vision is to export Kolombangara honey overseas and to work on certification of Kolombangara honey. Because of this KIBCA encourages communities and individuals around Kolombangara to move into honey production.

There will be a second honey training workshop for people from Vavanga to Pulusingau (covering Ward 26 on west and north Kolombangara) in October. It will be held in Vavanga, Kolombangara Island.

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