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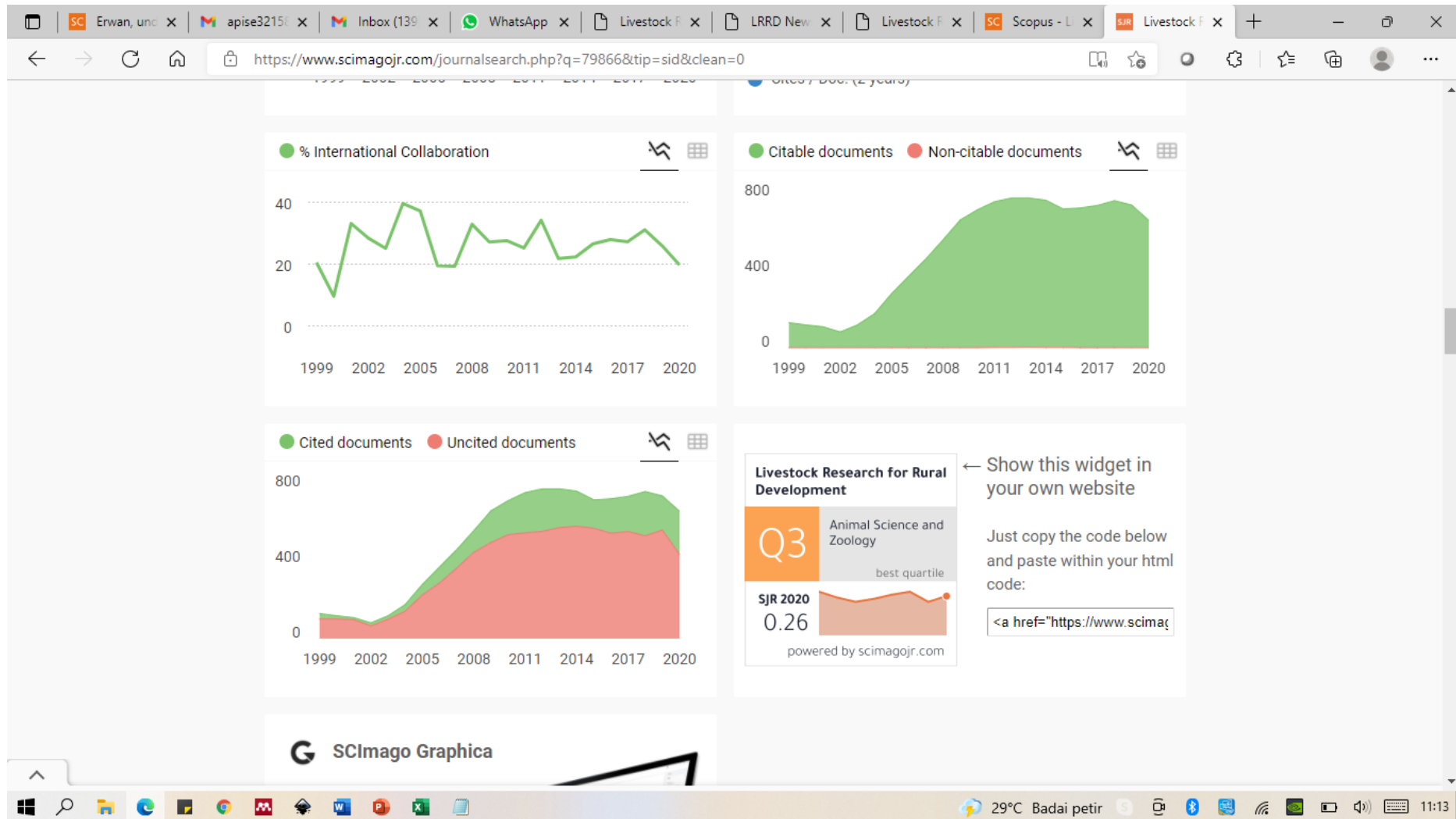
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## Enhancing honey and bee bread cells number from Indonesian honeybee *Apis cerana* by feeding modification

1. The article is conceptually situated in the common place of research on beekeeping in the tropics that is based on the following hypothesis: "bees tend to be in a situation of scarcity of nectar and pollen sources, especially in the rainy season". Based on this statement, actions are taken to feed them artificially to intensify production throughout the year. It is based on an incorrect premise about the natural behavior of bees because:

- a) the flow of nectar from the plants is never constant, it varies throughout the year; this has been the case for millennia.
- b) Bees co-evolved with flowering plants and manage seasonality by accumulating enough reserves for when that flow decreases.
- c) Bees do not starve when the flow of nectar-pollen from the agroecosystem is not at its highest point, because they store reserves.

The error is amplified by offering artificial feeding without having a study of the floral offer of the vegetation.

The nectar of the flowers is assumed to be equal to a sugary concentrate. Also many times the breeder withdraws the food reserves stored beyond the limit of what the hive can replace from natural sources, affecting the health and reproduction of the bees.

The conceptual flaw in the research hypothesis, leads to wrong the methodology that attends the short term with conclusions that accentuate the problem (malnutrition of bees due to nutrient imbalance). The path of sustainable beekeeping forces us to better study the natural offer, to recover the health of the local flora, to progressively adjust the load of hives; make moderate harvests and give differentiated value to the products (honey, nectar, propolis).

2. The research modifies the management of the traditional hives of the rural inhabitants of Indonesia (Glodok hive) made with stems of the coconut palm to place in wooden boxes as it is considered more efficient for the monitoring and reproductive control of the hive. This change is made without making a prior comprehensive evaluation of the two types of handling. The traditional one, considered "old-fashioned", can be much more economical and appropriate for low-income families. It is likely that there are other cultural considerations that would explain the farmers' reason for using coconut stalks, an abundant material in the region. Researchers should take these reflections into account before evaluating only productivity.

3. Despite the two previous points, the work provides interesting knowledge about the method of evaluating the work of bees, the distances at which they fly, the amount they escape from the hives and, above all, the use of resources abundant and little known beekeeping venues such as coconut sap and sugar palm pollen. Their condition of being perennial high-stratum crops gives particular advantages to the agroecosystem that can be integrated with bees. The evaluated treatments achieve an interesting result from the combination of the two resources, which could stimulate a better use of the palms for beekeeping uses. Due to this novelty, the article is considered eligible for publication in LRRD.

4. It is recommended to publish the work in a version where the authors answer if they have previous work on the floral supply of the agroecosystem throughout the year and its ability to support bee populations, as well as a comprehensive comparison of the types of hives. If these investigations do not exist, they are asked to at least explicitly reflect on these two questions.

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Thanks very much we would like to reviewer for the suggestion and some comments for our paper. We will clarify some the statement as follows:

1. We use the coconut and sugar palm saps as the alternative natural feed the potential and the sustain availability in Duman Village, so expected increase the value added of both saps if used as the honeybee feed, however in our study has not been studied about the economic analysis of the saps when its used to produce the sugar or used as a feed to produce honey. But in the future, we must study it.
2. In our study is still attention and observe the availability of nectar as a honeybee feed from plant flowers around the beekeeping location, but we find one of the alternative natural feed for honeybee Apis cerana especially when in scarcity of feed when the rainy season because when the rainy season is limited the number of plants can be flowering or blooming and if they flowering the nectar from flowers can be rinsed by rain-water so the bee can not collect nectar. Thus, the aim of saps given is to decrease the absconding in the bee
3. In our study not recommended replace of Glodok hive with box hive because the Glodok hive is the indigenous hive that used the beekeepers is hereditary. In addition, Glodok hive is cheaper, easy to made or obtained. We use the box hove in this study because to make it easier to control the colonies during the study conducted. In addition, our team has not been studied about the standard box for hive of Apis cerana especially in Lombok
4. The last we has been add some words to conclusion namely "The coconut sap and sugar palm pollen can be used as the sustainable feed for honeybees when they are scarcity of the feed especially in the rain season which will still observe the availability of nectar from plant flowers around beekeeping locations"
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The clarifications of the authors are satisfactory to the comments on their article.

The additional phrase they include helps to better understand the use of these local resources for bees.

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