

The role of space and time in the interaction of farmers' management decisions and bee communities: Evidence from South India

Landscape Ecology

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Online Resource 1 Consent form for the first socioeconomic survey, 1,275 households, December 2016 and May 2017



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Information Sheet for Participant

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We are researchers of the Indo-German research group FOR 2432. The project is conducted by the *German Universities of Göttingen* and in close collaboration with a partner consortium in Bangalore headed by the *University of Agricultural Sciences (GKVK)*. The project is funded by the *German Research Foundation* as well as co-funded by the *Department of Bio-Technology, (DBT), Ministry of Science and Technology, India*.

In this project we address agricultural transition processes in the rural-urban interface, exemplified by the emerging megacity Bangalore. That means we want to understand how the growing city is affecting the society, agriculture, dairy farming and the environment.

As part of our survey we also conduct several economic experiments/games. In all of these you can earn some phone balance based on decisions you make in the games.

What does it mean to be a participant in this research?

Your answers will help to understand how emerging cities affect the society, agriculture and the environment. Please answer truthfully and as precisely as possible. It does not demand any costs for the participant but some hours of your time

What are your rights as a participant in this research?

You have the right to refuse to answer any question you feel uncomfortable with without any explanation. You may ask for further information about the research and clarify the use of any answer you are about to give.

What will the information be used for?

This is a tablet-based survey. This means that your data will be directly stored in a computer file and will be protected with a password. Only researchers of the FOR 2432 research group will have access to your data.

Your confidentiality is ensured throughout. This research may also be used for publications in academic journals; however, you will remain anonymous in any case.

Thank you for participating in the research FOR 2432!

AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE in the research project

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

I,

agree to participate in the Indo-German research project FOR 2432 “*Social-ecological systems in the Indian rural-urban interface: functions, scales, and dynamics of transition*”.

'I agree to participate in this interview and acknowledge receipt of a copy of this consent form and the research project information sheet'

I understand that:

- i. All data collected will be kept secure, either under lock or on a computer database accessible by password only.
- ii. My identity will remain confidential and anonymous.
- iii. I have the right to refuse to answer questions.
- iv. Information will be used for publications, discussion papers and articles in academic journals as well as for Ph.D. theses related to FOR 2432
- v. Phone balance earned in the experiment is defined by the rules explained to me before the start of the experiments. The amount of the balance earned is not negotiable.

Date:

Signed by respondent:

Signed by enumerator:
