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**VIABILITY OF BEEKEEPING PROJECT AS A MEANS OF INCOME
GENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION AT MATIPWILI
VILLAGE, BAGAMOYO DISTRICT**

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EXECUTIVE ABSTRACT SUMMARY

A research project was carried out in Matipwili village area in Bagamoyo District, Coast Region to assess the viability and implementation of beekeeping as a means of income generation and environment conservation. The project comprises of community needs assessment supplemented by socio-economic study and a project implementation. Data were collected using interviews, questionnaires, observation, and documentary search. The socio-economic study established that beekeeping project is viable and there was a need for capacity building to MEDEC a CBO engaged in beekeeping for income generation and environment conservation. The implementation of the beekeeping project aimed at training MEDEC members and sensitizing community on beekeeping, adopting beekeeping techniques using *Longstroth* hives and planting *Melliferous* trees for bee foraging. The project objectives attained includes planting 420 *Melliferous* trees, keeping 10 *Longstroth* hives, training of all MEDEC members; sensitizing and mobilizing community members for beekeeping and environment conservation. It was recommended further studies on the role of beekeeping in generating income for rural communities.