

Declaration on the Protection of Pollinators and their Guardians

La Via Campesina recognizes that capitalism and its industrial agriculture are the cause of the crisis of collapse of pollinator and bee populations in the world, directly affecting the biological and cultural diversity that sustains mother earth, and all forms of life in the fields and cities.

This directly affects peasant rights: the availability and diversity of native seeds, local foods, the development of agroecology, food sovereignty, just transition and the health of territories. The death and extinction of pollinators directly affects the human right to adequate food of all people and peoples of the

world and threatens the continuity of life networks. Likewise, we recognize that the diversity of native pollinators present in the territories are the result of the interaction of our ancestral indigenous, Afro-descendant, peasants and popular cultures with mother earth, therefore native pollinators in the most diverse territories are a historical, biological and cultural legacy of the peoples

for humanity. This is why from LVC, we make an urgent call to join efforts to take care of all pollinators, especially native pollinators and bees, and defend their right to live and exist. And at the same time, we defend the rights of beekeepers, beekeepers of native bees and all those who are guardians of the world's pollinators. Pollinators take care of life and all of us, enough of their disappearance! The protection and defense of all pollinators is urgent!

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