

Surveillance of the Asian hornet - inventory and reporting

Dear Beekeepers,

The spread of the Asian hornet (*Vespa velutina*) poses an increasing threat to our honey bees. To enable a better assessment of their impact on bee colonies, we ask you to carry out an inventory of your traps using the traps provided to you.

Please document your trapping results regularly and send them to the federal organisation (FUAL) at the end of the month. Your data will help us to develop targeted measures to contain the Asian hornet.

Notes on recording:

- Check the trap at least every seven days.
- Take a photo of the catch in the trap
- Note the number of Asian hornets caught and the by-catch in the attached table.
- Try to release protected insects (e.g. native hornets) as intact as possible.
- Send the completed table with 1-2 photos monthly by e-mail to secretaire@apis.lu

Your help is crucial for the protection of our bees! Thank you very much for your commitment!

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