

Dear Supporter of STARO

First of all we would like to thank you once again for your trust and support that you gave us to make this project happen. Without your aid we would not have been able to protect the land for so many years.

After working hard on this project we are now able to announce that we achieved a major move forward towards securing the land thanks to the support from other organisations and contributions from companies. We are therefore no longer in need of raising money from private donations to protect the land. Your acre can still be viewed at <http://www.staro.org/preserved> We are now moving into the next phase of STARO which is to capitalise on the success of our stingless bee project and to roll it out to more and more communities living in the forest. Have a look at our site in the next week where we will be launching the Buy the Bees Campaign.

We have discovered that the stingless bee keeping is one of the most effective ways for the local forest dwellers to create income in complete harmony with the rainforest.

Our research proved that the demand of this pure rainforest honey is far higher than its production and therefore we are looking forward introduce this project across the Amazon region. We will be implementing the stingless bee starter kits for families complete with training and support to enable these people to create a living in the forest.

We will be working with the Prince Charles Rainforest Project for Schools in highlighting the importance of the role bees play in our world and linking this back with our work on bees in the Amazon <http://www.princesrainforestsproject.org> Just keep watching our site for news and updates.

Thank you once again

Jessica Hatfield and the STARO team.