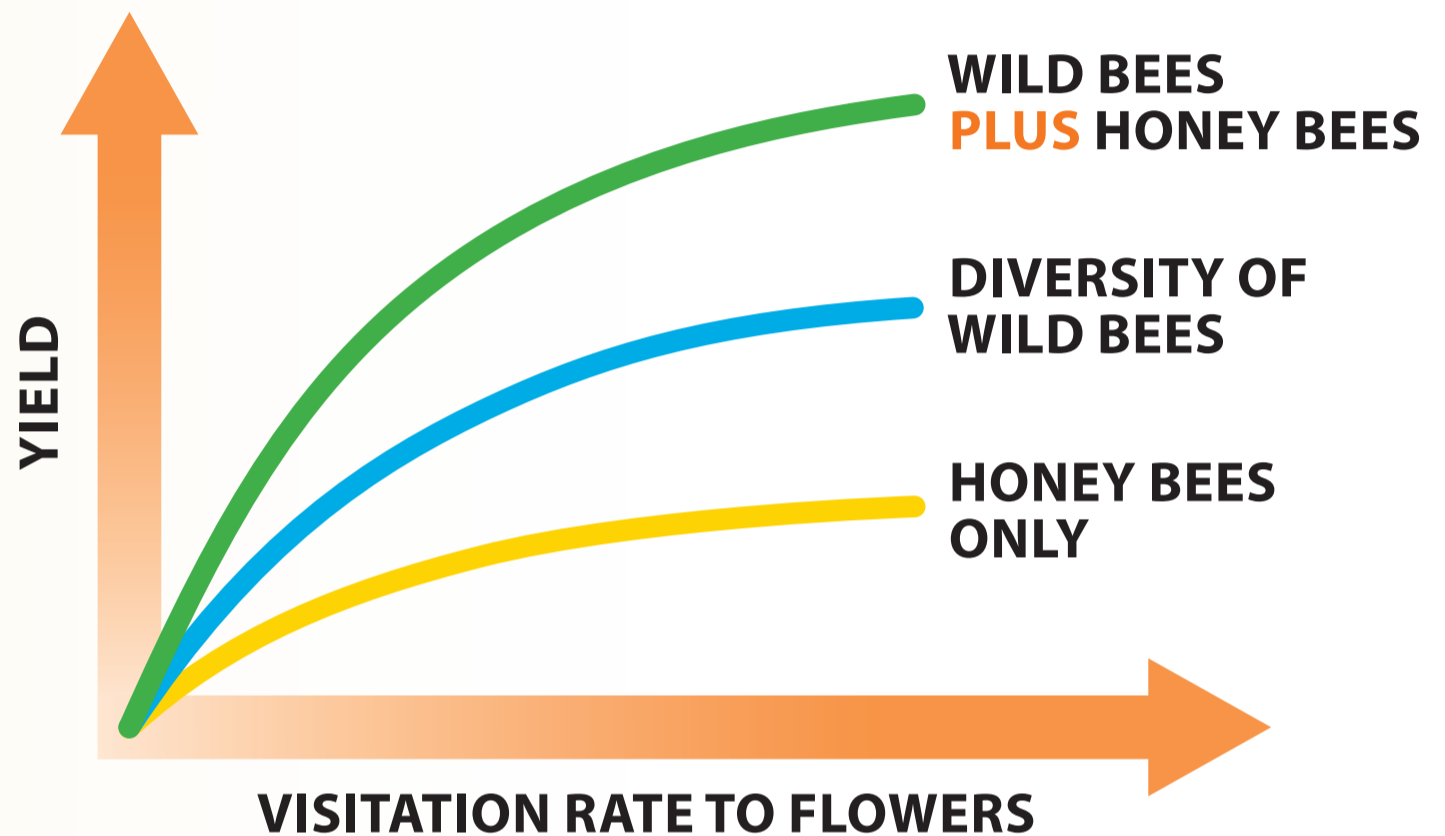




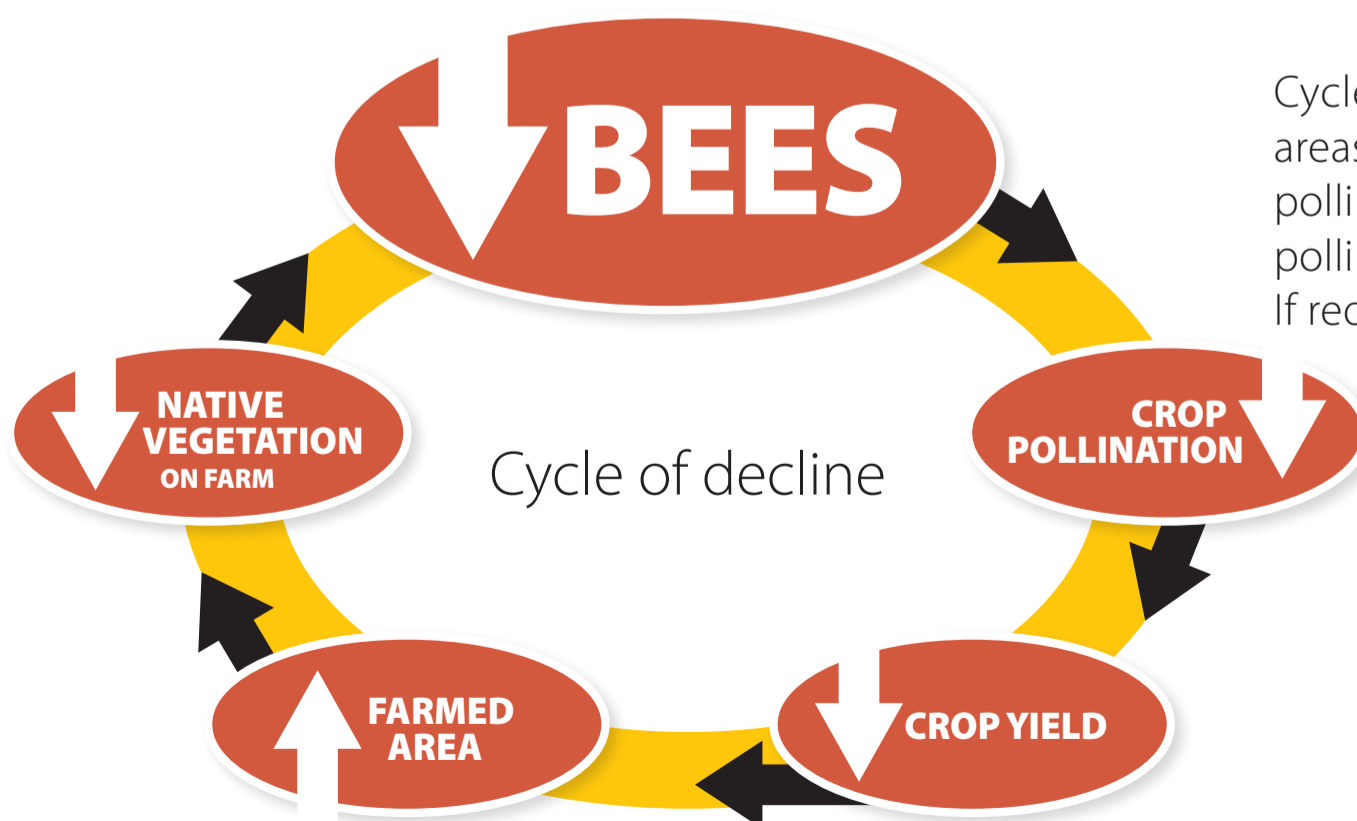
Wild bees/native bees foraging on crops, such as this one visiting a lychee flower for pollen, may increase farm yields.

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Yields



Crop yields are increased by visits from honey bees, but increase more following visits by a diversity of wild bees. Honey bees and wild bees in combination increase yields the most.



Cycle of decline of natural areas of native vegetation, pollinator abundance, crop pollination and crop yield. If reduction in yield causes more land clearing, the situation spirals downwards.