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# Designing Interactive Systems for Sustainable Beekeeping



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# About us

- Department of Product & Systems Design Engineering
- Interactive Systems Design Lab / IOHIVE team



## What we do

Design and Develop Interactive Digital Systems and Services for the Support and Horizontal Monitoring of Agri-Food Practices with focus on Sustainable Beekeeping

May 20, 2022




# World Bee Day

Beekeeping is a widespread and global activity, with millions of beekeepers depending on bees for their livelihoods and well-being. Together with wild pollinators, bees play a major role in maintaining biodiversity, ensuring the survival and reproduction of many plants.

To raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development, the UN designated 20 May as World Bee Day.

We all depend on pollinators and it is, therefore, crucial to monitor their decline and halt the loss of biodiversity.

United Nations A/RES/72/211

 **General Assembly** Distr.: General  
17 January 2018

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Seventy-second session  
Agenda item 19

**Resolution adopted by the General Assembly  
on 20 December 2017**

*[on the report of the Second Committee (A/72/420)]*

**72/211. World Bee Day**

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of this Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions — economic, social and environmental — in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,*

*Reaffirming also its resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, particularly paragraphs 1 to 10 of the annex thereto on the agreed criteria for the proclamation of international years, as well as paragraphs 13 and 14, in which it is stated that an international day or year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,*

*Recognizing the importance of promoting sustainable development in its three dimensions in an innovative, coordinated, environmentally sound, open and shared manner, and the urgent need to protect bees and other pollinators in a sustainable manner.*

Source: <https://bit.ly/3PAJRiz>

# Beekeeping and Cultural Heritage

- Beekeeping is not just a profession
- An activity with long history and traditional expressions
- The prevalence of skills, knowledge and good practice passed down from generation to generation
- Each place had its own unique identity
- List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity



# Beekeeping and Climate Change

- Bees are under threat. The bee population is constantly decreasing
- Human activities such as
  - changes in land use
  - intensive agricultural practices and the use of pesticides
  - pollution
- Pests / diseases (Colony Collapse Disorder, Varroa)
- It's not just about the honey
- Ensuring the world's food security



# Beekeeping in the Cyclades: The challenge

- Special environmental conditions
- Large variety of aromatic plants
- High quality products (e.g. thyme honey)
- Small production but high value
- No nomadic beekeeping
- Times of drought
- Tourism is a threat

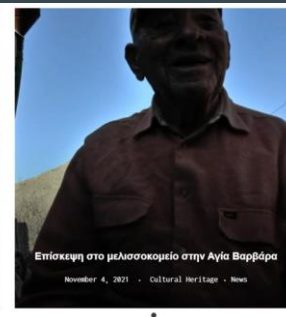
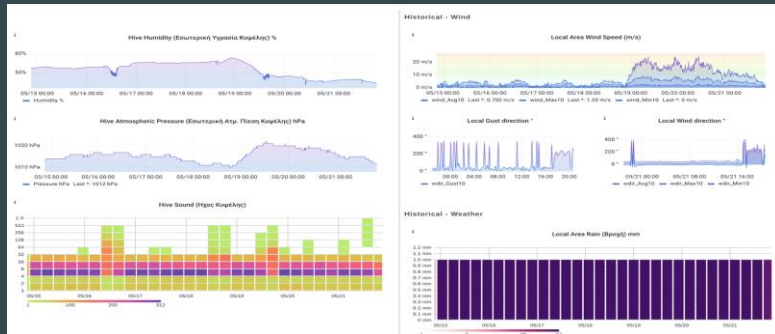




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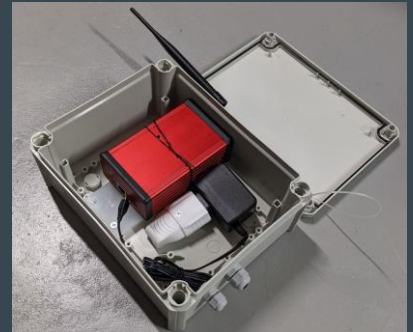
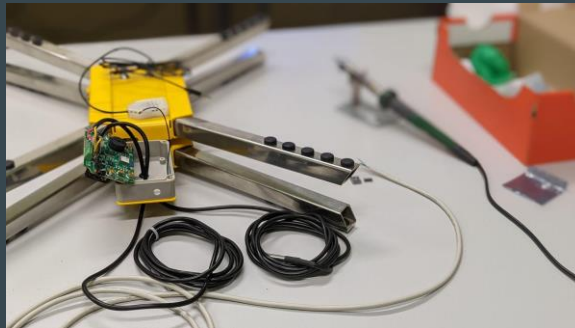
# MyHive: Interactive platform for the adoption of bee hives

- A new approach to beekeeping and tourism
- Raising awareness
- Give value to local producers
- Roles
  - Beekeeper (monitor data / manage adoptions / schedule tours)
  - Adopter (learn / inspect / grab your honey)
  - Content creator (articles, interviews, blog)



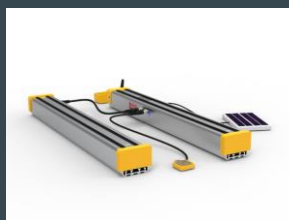
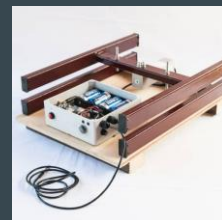
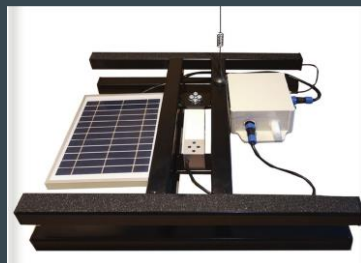
# IOHIVE: Internet of Interactive Hives

- Hive monitoring with autonomous sensors based on IoT solutions
- Application of LoRaWAN technology in Precision Beekeeping
- Data visualization and analytics
- Interactive Systems for Journaling of Beekeeping Activities based on Tangible and Wearable Interface





# Sensors and weather stations



# Network Installation Gateways at Syros and Paros island





# Data Visualization



Hives



Inspections



Data



Alerts

HOURLY

DAY

WEEK

MONTH

YEAR

SELECTION

Relative

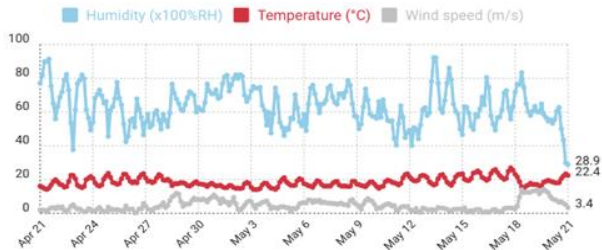
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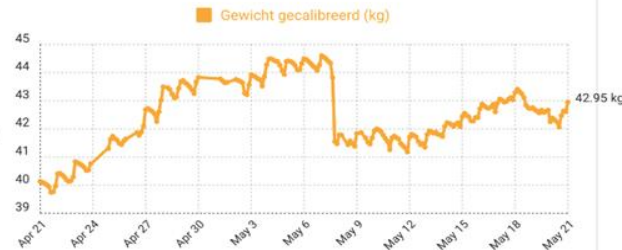
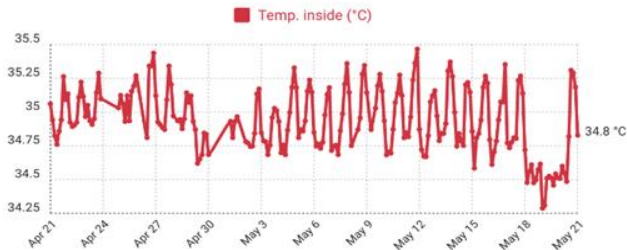
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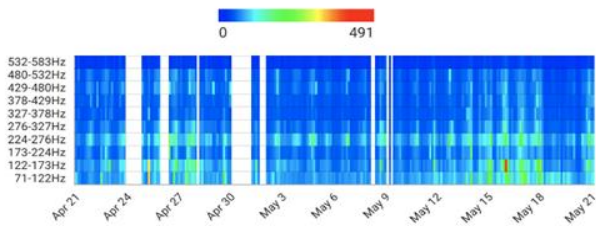
WEATHER @ IOHIVE: SYROS-GALISSAS-01 (FROM WEATHER SERVICE)



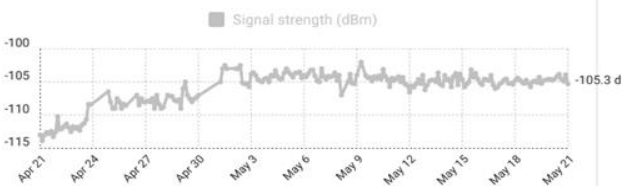
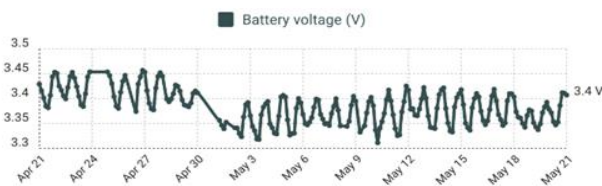
MEASUREMENTS (INTERVAL: 3H)



SOUND MEASUREMENTS



DEVICE INFO



# Inspections / journaling

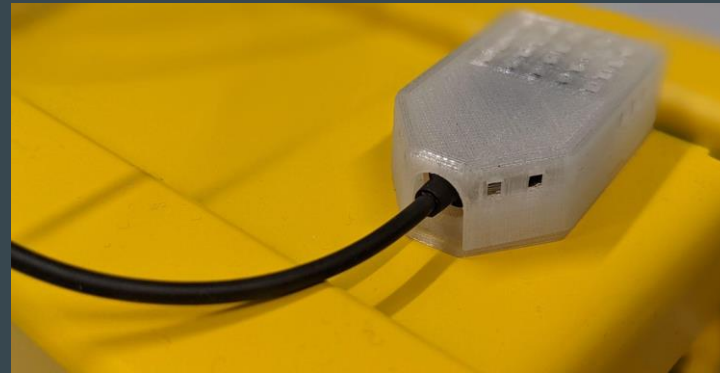
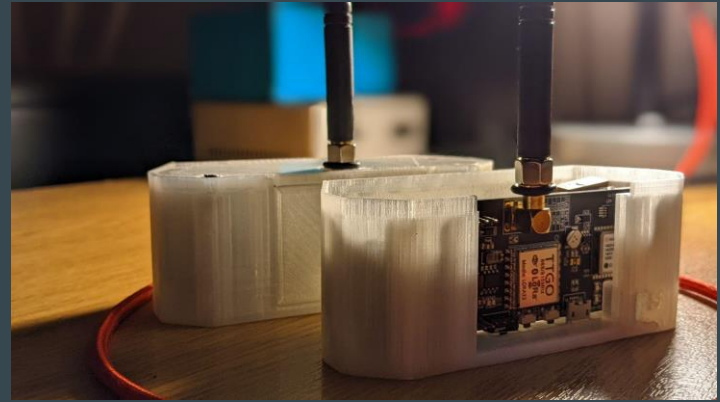
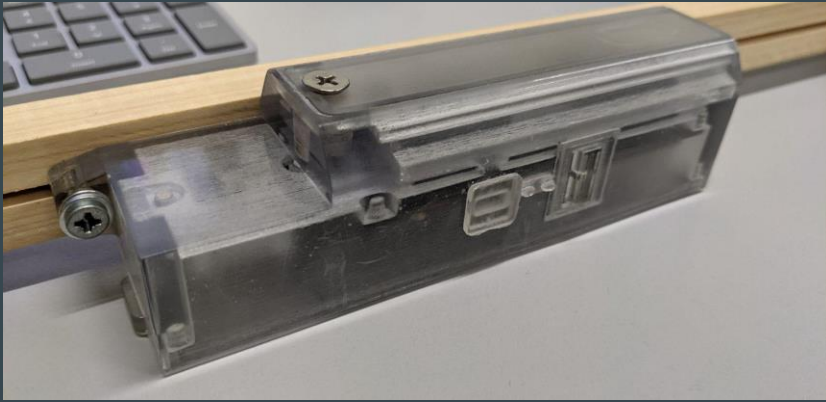


← Inspections iohive-syros-modestos-02

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| Inspections                              | May 19, 2022 11:46 AM | May 7, 2022 9:00 AM | May 4, 2022 8:58 AM               | Apr 24, 2022 12:30 PM |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Total impression                         | 😊                     | 😊                   |                                   | 😊                     |
| Needs attention                          | No                    | No                  |                                   | No                    |
| Notes                                    |                       |                     | Device added: aegean-beepbase-007 | Newly Introduced      |
| Remember                                 |                       |                     |                                   |                       |
| Notification date                        |                       |                     |                                   |                       |
| <b>Bee colony</b>                        |                       |                     |                                   |                       |
| Bee colony > Brood > Frames with brood   | 10                    | 10                  |                                   | 8                     |
| Bee colony > Brood > Presence            | Yes                   | Yes                 |                                   | Yes                   |
| Bee colony > Queen > Presence            | Yes                   | Yes                 |                                   | Yes                   |
| Bee colony > Size > Frames with bees     | 20                    | 14                  |                                   | 10                    |
| <b>Food</b>                              |                       |                     |                                   |                       |
| Food > Stock > Honey                     | Yes                   | Yes                 |                                   | Yes                   |
| Food > Stock > Honey > Number of frames  | 5                     | 4                   |                                   | 2                     |
| Food > Stock > Pollen                    | Yes                   | Yes                 |                                   | Yes                   |
| Food > Stock > Pollen > Number of frames | 2                     | 1                   |                                   | 0.5                   |

# Systems prototyping



# Repository with 3D printable assets (~40 assets)



Home > Digital Repository > 3D assets

## 3D printable assets



# Example of 3D printable assets

## Bee Queen Cage IOHIVE



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### Summary

Bee Queen Cage.

### Parts

1. Inner - [Download](#)
2. Outer - [Download](#)

### Print Settings

Printer: Flashforge Guider 2S

Material: PLA

Rafts: On

Supports: Auto

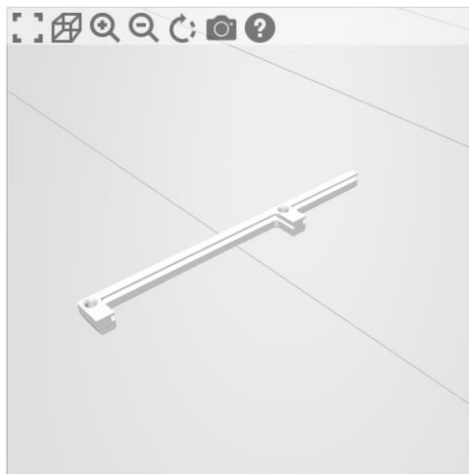
Resolution: Standard

Infill: 15%

### Post-Printing

Insert the inner part into the

## Hive Modular Door IOHIVE



Designed by:

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### Summary

Hive Modular Door.

### Parts

1. Feeder Cap - [Download](#)
2. Gate - [Download](#)
3. Seal+Airflow Cap - [Download](#)
4. Hive Modular Door L - [Download](#)
5. Hive Modular Door R - [Download](#)

### Print Settings

Printer: Flashforge Guider 2S

Material: PLA

Rafts: On

Supports: Auto

Resolution: Standard

Infill: 15%

### Post-Printing

Print and assemble the door according to model.



# Other activities

**BEEP**

Κυψέλες Επιθεωρήσεις Δεδομένα

Αναζήτηση...

**IOHIVE: Paros-Kostos-01**

- iohive-paros-pitsikalis-01: 13 λεπτά πριν, 4 μήνες πριν, Hive action
- iohive-paros-pitsikalis-02: 4 μήνες πριν, Hive action

**IOHIVE: Syros-Galissas-01**

- iohive-syros-erikos-01 B-GO...: 7 λεπτά πριν, 23 μέρες πριν
- iohive-syros-erikos-02 B-GO...: check battery, 8 λεπτά πριν, 23 μέρες πριν
- iohive-syros-erikos-03 B-GO...: check battery, 13 λεπτά πριν, 23 μέρες πριν

Language selection menu:

- Nederlands
- Deutsch
- English
- Français
- Ελληνικά
- Italiano
- Norsk bokmål
- Português
- Română
- Spanish
- Suomi
- Svenska

Αναζήτηση...

- Αποικία μελισσών - μελίσι
- Πληθυσμός
- Χώρος
- Κηφήνες
- Διαίρεση αποικίας κόψιμο μελισσών
- Ενωμένα μελίσι
- Προστέθηκαν μέλισσες
- Απώλεια
- Αφαίρεση
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- Χαρακτηριστικά
- Πρόληψη σηπουργίας
- αντικατάσταση κηρήθρας
- γόνος
- Βασίλισσα
- Μέγεθος
- Τροφή
- Διαταραχή
- Καιρός
- Παραγωγή

## WORKER BEE ΕΡΓΑΤΡΙΑ ΜΕΛΙΣΣΑ

**Worker bees** are female bees that cannot be fertilized. They are responsible for all the work of the hive (honey production, feeding of the queen, larvae and drones, cleaning, etc.).

Οι **εργάτριες μέλισσες** είναι θηλυκές μέλισσες που δεν μπορούν να γονιμοποιηθούν. Είναι υπεύθυνες για όλες τις εργασίες της κυψέλης (την παραγωγή μελιού, την εκτροφή της βασίλισσας, των προνύμφων και των κηφήνων, την καθαριότητα κλπ.).

[iohive.aegean.gr/glossary/](http://iohive.aegean.gr/glossary/)

IOHIVE

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These were only a few examples on how technology can help for sustainable beekeeping.

Beekeeping has long history and carries a rich cultural heritage.

By a multidisciplinary approach, let's discover the most important “worker” of nature, the bee!



Thank you!

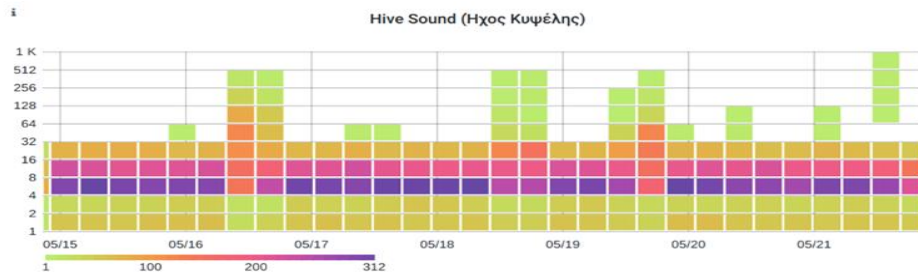
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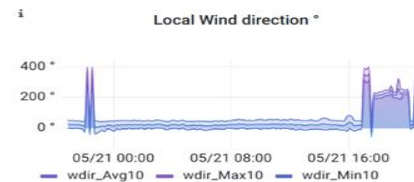
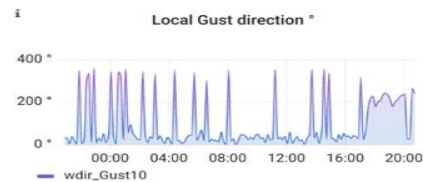
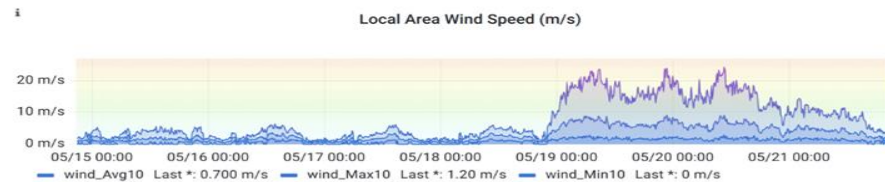
# Links

- <https://myhive.aegean.gr/>
- <https://iohive.aegean.gr/>
- <https://www.syros.aegean.gr/el>
- <https://www.facebook.com/DPSDE>
- <https://www.facebook.com/isd.aegean>
- <https://www.facebook.com/IOHive>
- <https://www.un.org/en/observances/bee-day>

# Monitor data: An example



## Historical - Wind



## Historical - Weather

