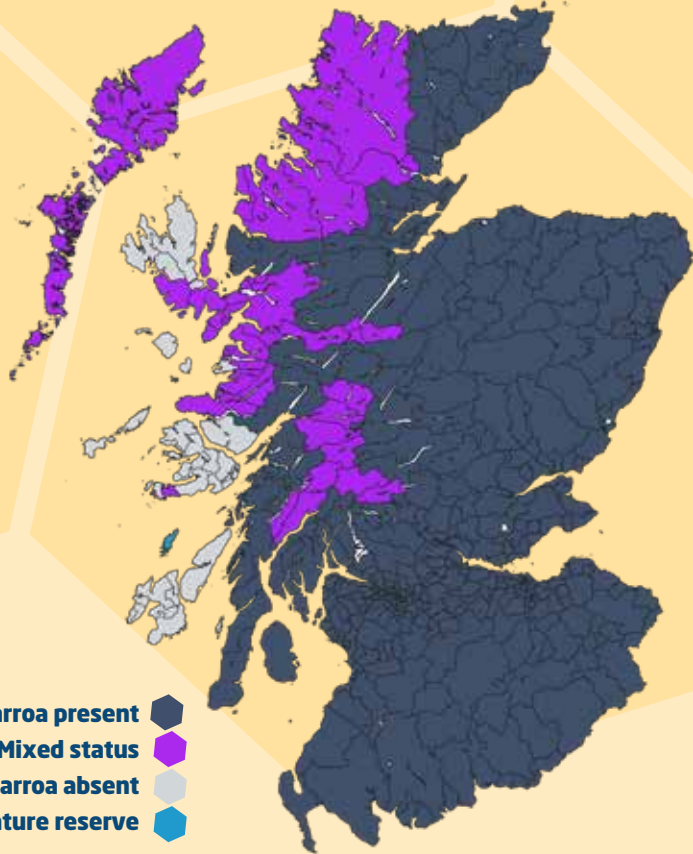


Varroa Mite - Scotland

How you can help to protect
the health of our honey bees



Varroa present

Mixed status

Varroa absent

Black Bee nature reserve

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Varroa is a major threat to the health of honey bees in Scotland. Beekeepers in Scotland still report absence of Varroa in some areas and movement of honey bees from infected areas is the most likely route of Varroa invasion into these areas.

DO'S

- ✓ We recommend that you contact the local beekeeping associations for advice before moving honey bees into the purple coloured areas where small localised parts of these areas have not been recorded as infected.
- ✓ Register with BeeBase to keep up to date with disease and pests information.
- ✓ Regularly monitor and report any suspicion of notifiable diseases or pests to the Scottish Government Bees Mailbox at bees_mailbox@gov.scot

DON'TS

- ✗ Colonsay and Oronsay (coloured turquoise) are nature reserves for *Apis Mellifera Mellifera* (Black Bee). Movement of honey bees into these islands is illegal.
- ✗ The Orkney islands are currently reported as free from Varroa. We recommend that you do not move bees from the British mainland into these islands.
- ✗ Other islands and localities (coloured grey) are currently reporting the absence of Varroa. We recommend that you do not move bees from the British mainland into these areas.

For further information about how to identify, manage and report varroa, please see www.nationalbeeunit.com - or scan here [QR code]

