

BEE - HUNTING IN UNDER-MOUNTAIN AREA OF THE ŞUREANU MOUNTAINS

(SUMMARY)

In our country, it has been practiced bee-hunting since prehistory until the 7th - 8th decades of the XXth century. The investigations made in settlements situated in under-mountain area of the Şureanu Mountains (Vaidei, Romoşel, Ciungu Mare) villages which belong to the Romos commune, Hunedoara county, had, as a result, the discovery of this occupation.

Because of its own meanings, uses and risks, like all works, in fact, it wasn't been practiced by too many people from these settlements.

The analysis of the observations made on the ground proved that these practices were realized in two ways: bee-hunting at beehives (in spring) or at swarms (in summer or autumn) and honeycomb gathering.

For the beehives search in the wood, there were used two methods

- I. the allurement:
 - a) with oak tinder smoke and bees wax
 - b) with honey and wheat flour

- II. the direct observation

Nowadays, bee. Hunting is not practiced anymore, because of the under crops extension, massive deforestation and turned-up grounds. All these determined limitation and then, disappearance of this occupation

EXPLANATION OF FIGURES

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| Pl. I a | - Area's map |
| Pl. I b | - The allurement with oak tinder smoke and bees wax |
| Pl. II a,b,c | - Methods and tehniecs used for getting the honeycombs out of hollow |