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Honeybees under attack on all fronts

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🚩 **Vital for our food production, honeybee populations are now in crisis**

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THE world's honeybees appear to be dying off in horrifying numbers, and now consensus is starting to emerge on the

reason why: it seems there is no one cause. Infections, lack of food, pesticides and breeding – none catastrophic on their own – are having a synergistic effect, pushing bee survival to a lethal tipping point. A somewhat anti-climactic conclusion it may be, but appreciating this complexity – and realising there will be no magic bullet – may be the key to saving the insects.

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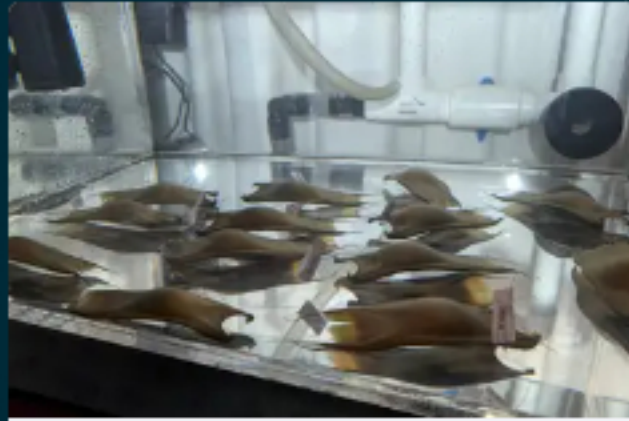


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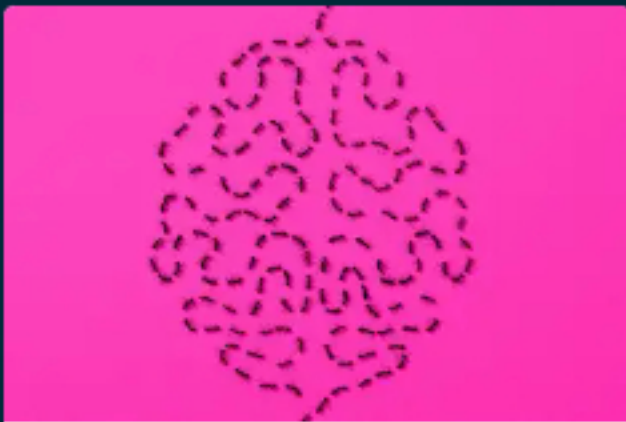


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