



Villagers perched on metal scaffolding use a long bamboo pole to cut a hive, at a cliff near Taap in Lamjung, Nepal, May 29, 2024. REUTERS/Navesh Chitrakar

# Mad honey

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Aita Prasad Gurung, 40, clings to a makeshift ladder while harvesting honey from a cliff near Taap in Lamjung, Nepal, May 29, 2024. The community has traditionally harvested honey from hives perched hundreds of feet off the ground.  
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Villagers carry Bashanta Gurung, 18, who had collapsed after getting stung by wild bees during honey hunting near Taap in Lamjung, Nepal, May 29, 2024. REUTERS/Navesh Chitrakar





Aita Prasad Gurung, 40, cuts bamboo into strips to make rope for a ladder used during honey hunting near Taap in Lamjung, Nepal, May 28, 2024. With less honey available every year, income from its collection has declined over the past decade. REUTERS/Navesh Chitrakar



Tek Prasad Gurung, 64, takes a bite from freshly harvested honeycomb near Taap in Lamjung, Nepal, May 29, 2024. Honeycomb extract, known as 'mad honey' for some intoxicating qualities, sells for about \$1.50 a litre. REUTERS/Navesh Chitrakar