Stakeholder Feedback Report

Project: Veterinum Pilot Breeding Centre for Tenebrio Molitor Larvae
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1. Introduction

This stakeholder feedback report compiles insights and comments from various stakeholders involved in or impacted by the Veterinum Pilot Breeding Centre project. Feedback was collected from the Veterinum crew, veterinarians, representatives of small farms, and local government officials. The aim is to evaluate the effectiveness of the project, understand stakeholders' motivations and concerns, and identify areas for improvement and future development.

2. Feedback from Veterinum Crew

Motivation: The Veterinum crew was primarily motivated by the opportunity to enhance their skills and knowledge in innovative agricultural practices. They were eager to adopt new technologies and improve operational efficiency.

Concerns: Initial concerns included the complexity of the new breeding techniques and the ability to maintain optimal environmental conditions consistently.

Most Interesting: The crew found the detailed training on environmental controls and the practical demonstrations of breeding techniques to be the most interesting and valuable aspects of the project.

Future Plans: The crew plans to continue their involvement in the breeding process and suggest further collaboration with Belinda Animals to develop additional training programs to ensure sustained growth and productivity.

3. Feedback from Veterinarians

Motivation: Veterinarians were motivated by the potential benefits of TeM larvae as a sustainable protein source and its applications in animal nutrition, particularly for bee feeding.

Concerns: Their concerns focused on ensuring the health and safety of the larvae and the feasibility of integrating TeM products into existing nutritional frameworks for various animals.

Most Interesting: The research into using TeM oil and protein flour in protein meals for bees was particularly intriguing for veterinarians, as it opens up new avenues for enhancing bee nutrition and health.

Future Plans: Veterinarians plan to stay involved in the project by suggesting further research into the nutritional benefits of TeM products and supporting the development of protocols for integrating these products into animal feed.

4. Feedback from Small Farm Representatives

Motivation: Small farm representatives were motivated by the potential cost savings and sustainability offered by TeM larvae as an alternative to traditional animal feed. They were interested in innovative practices that could enhance their farm's productivity and sustainability.

Concerns: Their concerns included the initial investment required to set up TeM breeding operations and the learning curve associated with new breeding techniques.

Most Interesting: The practical demonstrations of the breeding process and the hands-on experience gained during the site visit were the most compelling aspects for small farm representatives.

Future Plans: Many representatives expressed interest in starting small-scale TeM breeding operations on their own farms. They plan to implement the techniques learned and explore the feasibility of integrating TeM larvae into their existing agricultural practices.

5. Feedback from Local Government Representatives

Motivation: Local government representatives were motivated by the project's potential to enhance food security and promote sustainable agricultural practices within the community. They saw the project as a way to address key challenges in local agriculture.

Concerns: Their primary concerns were related to ensuring regulatory compliance and securing necessary permits for the production and distribution of TeM products.

Most Interesting: The comprehensive approach to breeding, including environmental controls, management practices, and research into product applications, was of particular interest to government representatives.

Future Plans: Local government representatives suggested developing further programs to support the adoption of TeM breeding practices among local farmers. They plan to advocate for policies that promote sustainable agriculture and provide support for initiatives like the Veterinum Pilot Breeding Centre.

6. Overall Feedback Summary

Positive Highlights:

- Stakeholders appreciated the detailed training, continuous support, and practical demonstrations provided by Belinda Animals.
- The innovative approach to using TeM larvae as a sustainable protein source was well-received across all stakeholder groups.
- The comprehensive management practices and optimal environmental controls were recognized as key factors in the project's success.

Areas for Improvement:

- Additional hands-on training sessions and follow-up workshops to further enhance practical skills and confidence.
- Increased focus on market expansion and the development of strategies for integrating TeM products into existing agricultural frameworks.
- Further research into the nutritional benefits and applications of TeM products to support broader adoption.

7. Conclusion

The feedback from stakeholders highlights the success of the Veterinum Pilot Breeding Centre in advancing sustainable agriculture practices. The training, support, and innovative approaches have been positively received, and there is strong interest in further development and application of TeM larvae. Belinda Animals will continue to work closely with Veterinum and other stakeholders to build on this success and ensure the ongoing growth and impact of the project.

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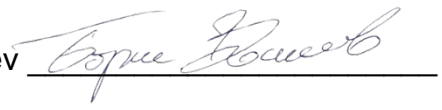
MSc Boris Vasiljev 
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