

Threat Group Cards: A Threat Actor Encyclopedia

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APT group: Honeybee

Names	Honeybee (<i>McAfee</i>) G0072 (<i>MITRE</i>)
Country	[Unknown]
Motivation	Information theft and espionage
First seen	2017
Description	<p>(McAfee) McAfee Advanced Threat Research analysts have discovered a new operation targeting humanitarian aid organizations and using North Korean political topics as bait to lure victims into opening malicious Microsoft Word documents. Our analysts have named this Operation Honeybee, based on the names of the malicious documents used in the attacks.</p> <p>Advanced Threat Research analysts have also discovered malicious documents authored by the same actor that indicate a tactical shift. These documents do not contain the typical lures by this actor, instead using Word compatibility messages to entice victims into opening them.</p> <p>The Advanced Threat Research team also observed a heavy concentration of the implant in Vietnam from January 15–17.</p>
Observed	Sectors: Those involved in humanitarian aid and inter-Korean affairs. Countries: Argentina , Canada , Indonesia , Japan , Singapore , South Korea , Vietnam .
Tools used	Syscon , Living off the Land .
Information	< https://securingtomorrow.mcafee.com/other-blogs/mcafee-labs/mcafee-uncovers-operation-honeybee-malicious-document-campaign-targeting-humanitarian-aid-groups/ >
MITRE ATT&CK	< https://attack.mitre.org/groups/G0072/ >

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