

KAWA KANZURURU COOPERATIVE

Founded:
June 2014

Location:
Farms are located on the slopes of the Rwenzori Mountains, bordering Virunga National Park

Headquarters:
Quartier Mwangaza, Commune Rurale Lume, Territoire de Beni, Province du Nord-Kivu

Altitude:
1,000m to 2,000m

Membership:
1,848 producers (231 women and 1,617 men)

Varieties:
Blue Mountain, Rumangabo

Certification:
Organic and Fairtrade for 2020

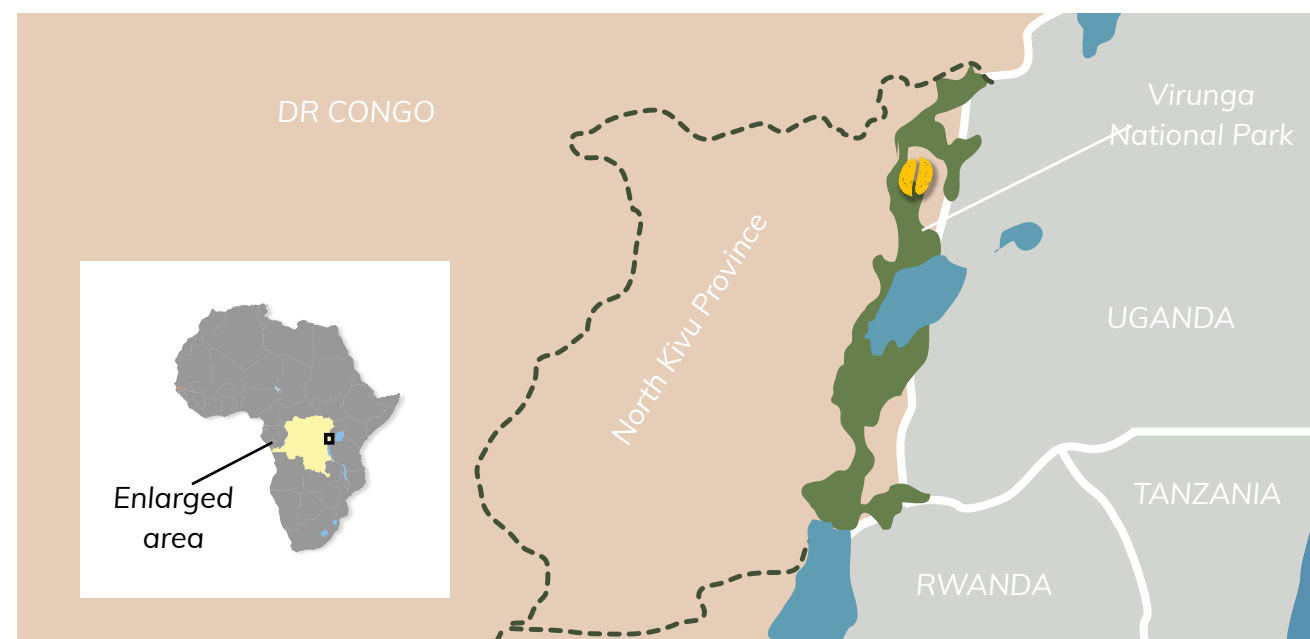
Average size of land per farmer:
0.37 hectares

Infrastructure:
24 mini washing stations. Two washing stations are run by the women's section.

Main harvest period:
September to December

Export period:
December to March

Projected volumes for 2019-20:
115 MT Fully Washed Kivu 3



VIRUNGA NATIONAL PARK'S COFFEE PROJECT

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The programme is designed to boost the livelihoods of more than 7,000 coffee farming families living on the border of Virunga National Park. The project, which is financed by the European Union, involves strengthening the business of the cooperatives and their members at each level, from farm management to processing and business systems, while building a strong profile and presence in international markets.

The project approach is based on implementing a holistic and sustainable farming model, including crop diversification, establishing a balance between food security and cash generation. The programme includes training on good agricultural practices and the establishment of nurseries for coffee as well as other trees.

Significant investments are being made to increase the quantity and quality

of the fully washed Arabica. Washing station infrastructure is being upgraded, accompanied by rigorous training in coffee processing.

In 2020, cupping labs will be installed and cuppers trained. Internal control systems are being strengthened to ensure complete traceability and that the requirements for Fairtrade and Organic certifications are met. There is a strong emphasis on financial management capacities, including the governance issues entailed in operating a complex business. The cooperatives are being supported to secure working capital and to understand and operate successfully in international markets. Long-term marketing partnerships are now being developed, through which the cooperatives are able to build relationships with importers, roasters, brands and retailers.



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Farm Africa is an innovative charity that reduces poverty by unleashing African farmers' abilities to grow their incomes in an environmentally sustainable way.

Farm Africa helps smallholders to not only boost yields, but also gain access to markets, while protecting the environment for generations to come.

From forest communities in Ethiopia to commercial smallholders in western Uganda, Farm Africa has deep and diverse experience in helping communities harness coffee's income-generating potential.

Farm Africa provides tools and training in improving coffee quality, productivity, business practices and market integration to help farmers lift themselves out of poverty.

COFFEE PRODUCED BY WOMEN

Coopade and Kawa Kanzururu each have strong women's sections, who organise leadership training and run some of the cooperatives' coffee washing stations.

For the first time in 2020 it is possible to buy coffee grown and processed by female coffee farmers.