

SOPACDI - Kalungu-Mpumbi Micro-Station - Fully FLO ID 26275 - (CBC CD-BIO-143)

SOPACDI (Solidarité Paysanne pour la Promotion des Actions Café et Développement Intégral) is an organization comprising more than 5,600 farmers, roughly 20 percent of whom are women, located near Lake Kivu in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Each farmer has a very small area of farmland for coffee (fewer than 2 hectares on average), and tenders cherries to SOPACDI through the organization's 10 collection subgroups.

Joachim Munganga, who was a farmer himself, founded SOPACDI in 2003 by restoring a washing station in the area, which provided service and market access to the growers in these extremely remote highlands. Before he undertook this work, farmers had little to no means to transport coffee to the markets, and instead were forced to simply barter their coffee locally for food, clothing, and necessities. The cooperative was the first to achieve Fair Trade certification in Congo, and the coffee also carries organic certification. Members of the cooperative represent several different ethnic groups, speaking Kirundi, Kinyarwanda, and Kihavu, and many of the women members are widows.

These coffees are traceable to the individual washing stations, where members will

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Origin	DR Congo
Region	Mpumbi Village, Kalehe Territory, South-Kivu Province
Farm	60 smallholder members of SOPACDI delivering to Mpumbi MicroStation
Variety	Blue Mountain, Bourbon, Caturra, Catuai, Kabare 2
Altitude	2000 masl
Proc. Method	Fully Washed
Harvest Schedule	March- June

The Cup

" Rich brown sugar with thyme, basil, toffee and lots of lemon flavors; sugary, savory and tart."



deliver their coffee in cherry form and receive payment for what they bring, based on volume. After that point the coffee is sorted and will be separated into lots depending on the day and the quality, which makes it impossible to know which farmers' coffees are in which lots.

At this washing station, coffee is depulped the day it is delivered, and fermented dry for 12 hours. Then it spends 12 under water before being passed through the washing canal, and then it is soaked for an additional 12 hours. The coffee is dried on raised beds under a cover of shade for 14–20 days. This particular "microstation" serves 60 producers, including 13 women. The group represents about 47 total hectares of coffee farmland, which is just over 2/3 of a hectare per producer on average.

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