

Stories Café EU

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Dusangirijambo Cooperative

FW 15+ 2024-25

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Process: Fully Washed (FW15+)

Varietals: Bourbon Mayaguez 139 & Jackson 2/1257

Altitude: 1,800–1,900 m.a.s.l


Harvest: 2024–25

Soil Type: Sandy Clay

Drying: Raised Beds

Washing Station: Maruri

Dry Mill: Horamama

 Origin: Kayanza Province, Burundi

3 microlots 2024-25

Ryirengeye Lot 06 (sca 84)

Notes: floral, citrus, chocolate, bright, fresh

Bubezi Lot 10 (sca 85)

Notes: cherry, chocolate, caramel, juicy

Nyangwe Lot 11 (sca 85)

Notes: vibrant, lemon, orange

In the picturesque highlands of the Buyenzi region, situated between the prominent landmarks of Kayanza and Kabuye city, you'll find the Maruri coffee washing station. This area, surrounded by the impressive mountain peaks of Kinzobe, Muvumu, and Nyangwe, boasts a climate that ranges from a refreshing 15°C to a pleasant 25°C. The predominantly sandy clay soil offers a perfect foundation for agriculture. The region experiences distinct seasons, including a major dry season, a minor dry season, a major rainy season, and a minor rainy season, with annual rainfall averaging between 1,200-1,400mm. The Ruvubu River flows through this landscape, nourishing the land and supporting the livelihoods of farmers committed to community development.

Dusangirijambo ("Let us share an idea") originated from coffee growers who came together to enhance their operations. In 2007, these farmers decided to merge their individual groups into a single cooperative, now known as Dusangirijambo.

Starting with 1,300 members, including 442 women, the cooperative has experienced significant growth and now has 3,000 members, of whom 1,026 are women. The main mission of Dusangirijambo is to gather coffee cherries from small-scale farmers and process them collectively for export to the global market.

A significant achievement was realized in 2012 when the cooperative built its own 'Maruri' coffee washing station. This development allowed Dusangirijambo to enhance its autonomy and concentrate on producing high-quality coffee. In addition to boosting production, the cooperative assists its members by offering health insurance, promoting organic farming practices, and distributing goats to create organic fertilizer.

The cooperative adheres to strict operational procedures. Each coffee lot is meticulously assessed and stored separately in well-ventilated warehouses, ensuring optimal conditions for quality preservation and traceability. Coffee selection involves detailed tasting and cupping sessions, where lots are blended and milled according to their cupping results and flavor profiles.

During the coffee season, the cooperative creates job opportunities for both permanent staff and local community members, fostering economic growth and reinforcing bonds within the coffee-growing community.

In 2023, Stories Café was founded by Volkert Doop, with the support of his friends Rémy Ndayiragije and Eric Mashanya. With deep roots in the African Great Lakes Region, we are dedicated to supporting the production of this remarkable coffee and advancing the development, professionalization, and enhancement of the African coffee sector, specifically the Burundi coffee sector. Together with our technology partners, Ethos Agriculture and DTC asbl, we are committed to maximizing coffee income for the communities that depend on it.

Maruri, Kayanza
2° 53' 23.78" S
29° 42' 1.87" E

