



CONGO VUGHOLE KIVU

floral
lemongrass
bitter sweet chocolate

Q: 85.00

region
altitude
variety
processing

kivu
1,000-2,100 M.A.S.L.
blue mountain, katwai,
rumangabo
washed

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Arabica from the Congo was highly valued in the 1950s and 1960s, but after that it practically disappeared from the coffee market. Then, since 2008, cooperatives have been formed in the province of South Kivu, which began to pay more attention to quality and send their coffee to the stations of washed processing. This is how the specialty coffee segment was born in the country and continues to develop to this day.

This coffee is from the Vughole processing station, in a cooperative Coopade in cooperation with Virunga National Park, located in the highlands northwest of Lake Edward. The station is completely run by women.

The borders of Virunga National Park, including the slopes of Mount Ruwenzori and the hills northwest of Lake Edward, are among the best coffee growing lands. Small farmers have been growing old varieties of bourbon for a long time and until recently did only the most basic simple processing and the only buyers were informal companies from neighboring Uganda. Thanks to the coffee program of Virunga National Park, farmers are beginning to unlock the full potential of their coffee.

Virunga National Park is implementing an extensive agricultural program aimed at improving the lives of small farmers around the park by investing in the production and marketing of its products, including coffee. The program is designed to improve the standard of living of more than 7,000 coffee growing families. The



project approach is based on a model of sustainable agriculture, including crop diversification, establishing a balance between product safety and cash generation. The program includes training in agricultural practice and the creation of a manger for coffee. Significant investments are aimed at increasing the quantity and quality of washed Arabica.

Washing processing stations are being upgraded and various processes are being trained. In 2020, capping laboratories were established and capping training was conducted. Internal control systems and ensuring full traceability and compliance with certification requirements are being strengthened.