



Origin Notes

Cooperative: Ejo Heza – women’s group; members of the larger KOPAKAMA cooperative.

Region: Western province, Rutsiro district, Mushubati cell. The washing station is on top of a mountain with breath-taking views of Lake Kivu (see map next page).

Economic importance of coffee: Coffee is Rwanda’s second largest foreign exchange earning sector, (first is tea), (Export.gov, 2017).

Historical Context:

- The historical, legal and cultural context for female coffee producers in Rwanda may be unlike that of any other country. The 1994 genocide had two long-lasting effects relevant to coffee today. First, it left a large percentage of Rwandan households headed by single women because the male spouse was either killed or in prison. Many widows never remarried, as evidenced by the fact that 14 percent of the total coffee farmer population is made up of widow heads of household, (AGLC, 2016; NAEB, 2015).

- Secondly, in the wake of the genocide, women made up about 65 percent of the surviving population. They had little choice but to fill the roles once occupied by men. As civil society was being re-established, government leaders had the foresight and knowledge to constitutionalize strong participation of women. The Rwandan constitution requires 30% of all elected bodies to be women. Consequently, today 61% of the current national parliament is female, the highest female representation in a national-level parliament in the world, (WEF, 2017).

- Further notable context is the fact that Rwanda’s National Agricultural Export Development Board (NAEB) is actively working to promote Rwandan coffee. This, combined with the government’s recognition of the importance of women’s empowerment, has helped to bring together resources that for women in coffee, like the Ejo Heza women.

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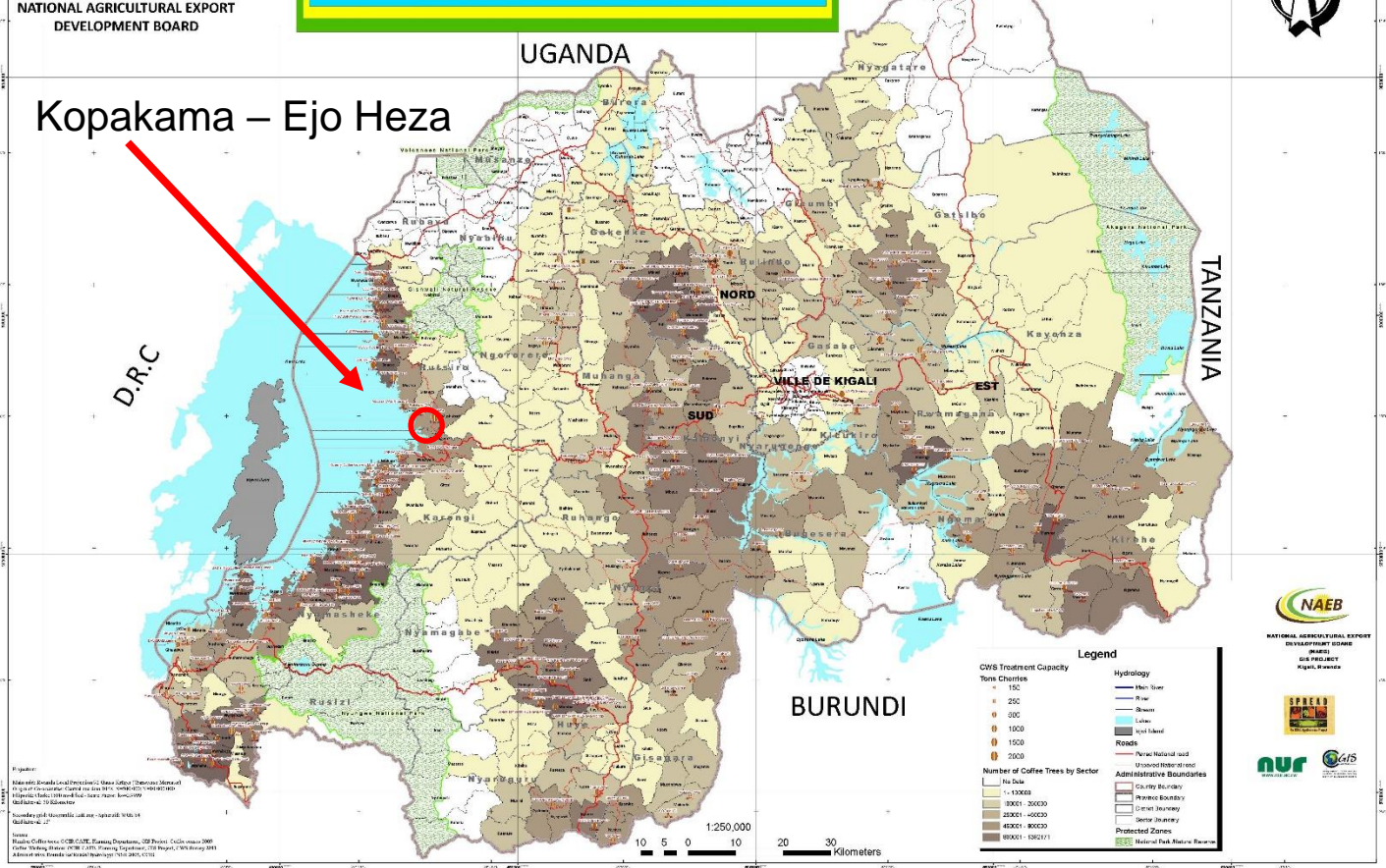


RWANDA COFFEE MAP 2011

DISTRIBUTION OF COFFEE WASHING STATION & COFFEE TREES BY SECTOR



Kopakama – Ejo Heza



Legend

- CWS Treatment Capacity**
 - Tone Cherries
 - 150
 - 250
 - 500
 - 1000
 - 1500
 - 5000
- Number of Coffee Trees by Sector**
 - In Ha
 - < 13000
 - 13001 - 20000
 - 20001 - 40000
 - 40001 - 80000
 - 80001 - 150000
- Hydrology**
 - Main River
 - River
 - Stream
 - Canal
 - Lake
 - Wetland
- Roads**
 - Asphalt
 - Unimproved National road
- Administrative Boundaries**
 - Sector Boundary
 - Province Boundary
 - Great Territory
 - Small Territory
- Protected Zones**
 - National Park, Nature Reserve

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TANZANIA

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1:250,000
0 5 10 20 30 Kilometers



NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL EXPORT DEVELOPMENT BOARD (NAEB) KIGALI, RWANDA



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