



Tea Factories

Private Factories

1. SORWATHE (Cyohoha)

Sorwathé is the leading private tea producer accounting for less than 10% of plantation area and 20% of tea production. SORWATHE is located in the Northern Province.

2. Pfunda Tea Company

Pfunda (Northern Province), on the other hand, is of a smaller size (1,203 T of black tea in 2001) because it has only one production line, but as there is room to set up a second line, it has the potential to increase its output. Moreover, the unit has plantations on the hills, which increases the quality of the tea. 10% of the shares of the private factory will go to the Village Tea.

3. Rwanda Mountain Tea (Nyabihu and Rubaya)

Rwanda Mountain Tea is located in the Northern Province.

4. Nshili-Kivu

Nshili-Kivu is located in the Western Province.

5. Kitabi Tea company

Kitabi is located in the Southern Province.

6. Gisakura

Western Province 243 km from Kigali Near Butare-Cyangugu road

Plantations

- Total area: 1,295 ha (1,294 ha planted): Industrial blocs – 357ha / COOPTHÉ – 608 ha / Village Tea – 330 ha The plantations could be extended if nurseries were available.
- Woodlands: 227 ha. The woodlands can be extended.
- Green leaf production 2001 : 8,332 T

Factory

- Built in 1972, in good condition
- Installed capacity: 1,200 T
- Production 2001 : 1,797 T

Important dates

- 1972 : construction of the factory
- 1973 : plantations

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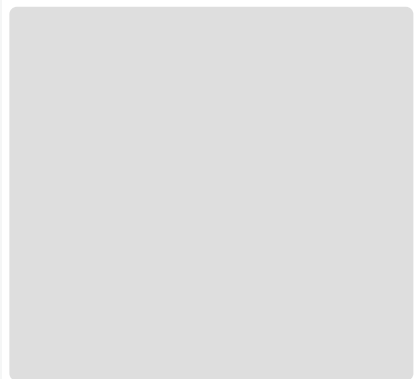
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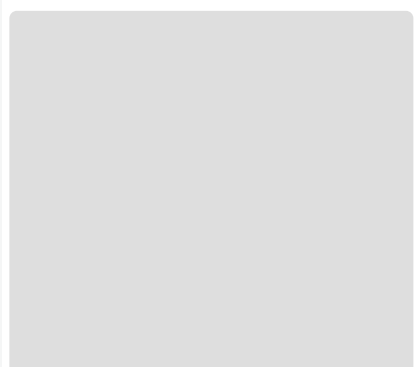
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7. Mata

Southern Province 17 km from Butare-Cyangugu road

Plantations

- Total area: 986 ha (916 ha planted): Industrial blocs – 603 ha / Village Tea – 383 ha
- Woodlands: 208 ha, almost sufficient
- Green leaf production 2001 : 4,138 T

Factory

- Built in 1981
- Installed capacity: 1,200 T
- Production 2001 : 1,299 T

Important dates

- 1981 : construction of the factory
- 1994 : rehabilitation of the factory

8. Gisovu

Western Province 4h from Kigali 1h from Karongi district

Plantations

- Total area: 1.072 ha: Industrial blocs 340 ha Village Tea 732 ha

The plantations could be extended if nurseries were available.

- Woodlands: 314 ha.
- Green leaf production 2001 : 8,332 T

Factory

- Built in 1979, Tea processing Started in 1983
- Installed capacity: 1.200 T

Important dates

- 1979 : construction of the factory
- 1983 : plantations

9. Mulindi

Even if there have been, since the Second World War, modest attempts to grow tea in Rwanda, it is only in the 60's that the industrial cultivation of tea was really established. Under the impulse of the FED, which considered tea as "a major agricultural opportunity" for Rwanda, the first tea unit was created in 1960 in Mulindi (Northern Province).

Mulindi is located at a 1 hour journey from Kigali and at 5 km from Kigali-Gatuna road.

Plantations

- Total area: 2,013 ha (1,437 planted): COOPTHÉ – 772 ha / Village Tea – 1,241 ha
- 5 nurseries
- Woodlands: 224 ha, not sufficient
- Green leaf production 2001 : 13,751 T

The factory:- Is built in 1962

- Its capacity: 3,200 T
- Production 2001 : 3,173 T

Important dates

- 1962 : Building of factory • 1994-96 : rehabilitation of factory and plantations

10. Shagasha

Shagasha is located in Western Province
- 271 km from Kigali - 9 km from Cyangugu
- Near to the road Butare-Cyangugu

Plantations

- Total area: 1,573 ha (1,306 ha planted): COOPTHÉ - 515 ha / Village Tea - 1,058 ha The plantations can be extended by 30% if nurseries are available, but they do not exist.
- Woodlands: 327 ha, 50% is bought
- Green leaf production 2001 : 8,655 T

Factory

- Built in 1968
- Installed capacity: 1,200 T
- Production 2001 : 1,929 T

Important dates

- 1963 : plantations
- 1968 : construction of the factory
- 1997/8 : pruning

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