



KITABI TEA ESTATE

Kitabi Tea Company Ltd (KTC) is one of the tea companies that was yielded to Rwanda Mountain Tea limited (RMT) in 2009 under the privatization programme which aim was to release shares in tea gardens to private investors and tea grower cooperatives in order to improve efficiency of the tea sector.

This company that is comprised of tea plantations, a tea factory and a fire wood forest is located in the Southern Province, Nyamagabe District, along the northern boundary of the Nyungwe natural forest, at 2,300 meters above sea level. The company is located 5 kilometers away from the main Nyamagabe road, at approximately 187 km from Kigali, the capital city of Rwanda.



Kitabi tea bushes are grown on rich drained soils, of which 850 hectares belong to the out grower tea farmers of the Cobacyamu cooperative and 800 hectares to the company. The fire wood forest occupies 540 hectares of land located in and around the tea plantations. Kitabi has 2 main seasons, the dry season from June through September, and the rainy season throughout the rest of the year, with temperatures varying between 7 and 22 degrees celsius.

RMT has given KTC a mission to grow and process quality tea while ensuring protection of the natural resources through agricultural practices that enhance yields and appropriate manufacturing methods.

KTC provides a safe professional working environment to its employees, focusing on the welfare of the workers, and support to neighboring tea communities.

Kitabi tea factory complies with environmentally friendly procedures set by REMA (Rwanda Environment Management Authority) and has received a number of international certifications, namely:

- Pesticides Residue Certificate
- ISO 22000:2005 food safety management systems
- Rainforest alliance certification

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