



# ZAMBIA



**PRIMARY GROWING REGION** 

**PRIMARY ARABICA COFFEE AREAS** 

Zambia is a mountainous country with extraordinary potential for growing excellent coffee. Coffee as an industry is still very new here – the first coffee trees were planted here in the 1950s by missionaries who had brought seed stock Tanzania and Kenya. In the 1970s coffee production expanded with funding by international support organizations.

Producers have found ways to overcome the unique challenges Zambia faces as a landlocked country with difficult terrain and lack of transport infrastructure. Increased access to information and technology has enabled the country to quickly embrace sophisticated farming, processing and environmental protection techniques, while allowing global access to these rare beans.

Starbucks provides support for Zambia's coffee farmers through its Farmer Support Center (FSC) in Rwanda. Agronomists work with coffee producers to help them plant disease-resistant coffee trees, improve the productivity of their farms and increase the quantity of their harvests.

**ARABICA ALTITUDE**  
 4,265 ft - 5,249 ft  
 (1,300 m - 1,600 m)

**PRIMARY VARIETALS**  
 Catimor, Nyika

**PRIMARY PROCESSING METHODS**  
 Washed, Natural, Honey

**HARVEST**  
 May - September



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