



**Region**  
Sumatra

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Luwak

# INDONESIA ARABICA

## SUMATRA KOPI LUWAK GRADE 1

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Coffee cultivation in Indonesia holds a 300 year old story which has been significantly influenced by colonization. Consisting of more than 18,000 islands, only around ten major islands emerged as Indonesian coffee producing regions. Approx. 92% of the coffee production is in the hands of small producers using traditional techniques.

The island Sumatra lies in the very west of Indonesia. Lake Toba is located in the north of Indonesia's largest island. This lake not only measures 100 km in length, but also 550 m in depth. Nestled amidst the mighty mountain range of Bukit Barisan, several volcanos nourish the soil and contribute to verdant jungles. The cooperative producing this very special coffee, KSU Rahmat Kinara, has been running their operation since 2007. Initially they were about 200 farmers. Slowly but consistently they have grown, reaching up to 750 farmers and covering an area of about 1,200 ha. Knowing of the advantages, the farmers pursued already early on to become Rainforest Alliance and Fairtrade certified. They achieved this goal in 2010 and 2013.

The farms are located in Central Aceh and are surrounded by natural forests. These forests are the natural habitat of the Luwaks (civet). Thanks to the certifications it is prohibited to catch or cage Luwaks and other animals. The mostly nocturnal animals move freely through the farms eating coffee cherries. During harvest, farmers work on their farms intensively, picking red, ripe cherries but also collecting the feces of the Luwaks containing the coffee parchment after having been digested. The feces go through a thorough cleaning process before the parchment is finally dried and prepared for shipping.