

Timor Fairtrade Organic

Cooperative: Cooperativa Cafe Timor

Founded: In the wake of the destruction of much of East Timor after it gained independence from Indonesia in 1999. In 2000, a group of farmers, in an attempt to successfully market their coffee internationally, united to form CCT.

Members: 21,553 members in 18 basic geographic groups, and 444 small-scale farmer groups growing coffee on small blocks totaling 26,352 hectares of land.

Region: Maubisse

Altitude: 800 – 1600 meters above sea level

Varietal: Bourbon & Timor Hybrid

Screen Size: 17/18

Grade: 1

Body: Medium

Acidity: Medium

Aroma: Toffee

Aftertaste: Raisin

Tasting Notes: Balanced, lemon, prune, malty, nutty

Certification: Fairtrade, organic



Cooperativa Café Timor (CCT) is sourced from the family-owned farms of the more than 20,000 members who live in the Ainaro, Ermera and Lequisa districts of East Timor. Coffee cultivation on East Timor was originally established over 400 years ago by Portuguese colonists but leaf rust destroyed all production until a new coffee varietal called Híbrido de Timor was introduced in the 1900s. Today, the average small producer cultivates coffee on less than one hectare of land. CCT was established in 1994 with the help of the USDA and the NCBA (National Cooperative Business Association) to help small producers market their coffee internationally. Through a free healthcare initiative, CCT has funded the operation of seven rural clinics, three mobile clinic teams and eleven community healthcare teams that have treated more than two million patients since 2001.



