

DECAF MAYA IXIL



THE MAYA IXIL COOPERATIVE IS in the northern region of the El Quiche department of Guatemala. The cooperative is named after the indigenous people who have lived in the region for thousands of years. In the 1980's and 1990's, terrible civil war and genocide targeted the Ixil people. As a result, many fled to the mountains of El Quiche for refuge. When the violence finally subsided in the late 1990's, 28 Maya Ixil indigenous people formed the cooperative in hopes of creating economic stability in the region.

The cooperative focuses mainly on quality coffee production, as it is a lucrative crop in El Quiche and nearby regions. The cooperative has grown to around 190 members over the last 18 years. Beyond providing technical assistance in coffee growing and processing to its members, the cooperative also focuses on gender equality and economic issues. Poverty is still rampant in this area of Guatemala, but in 2013, members of the cooperative were earning twice the amount per year as their non-member neighbors.

This coffee, like so many others we've sourced, is the result of rebirth and new growth in a traditional market. It is unfortunate that it is often tragedy that creates scenarios where people must start over and focus on something new. While our contribution is minuscule, we find it critical to continue to support and illuminate the successes and stories of disenfranchised producers.

Like many of our previous decaffeinated coffees, this coffee stops at the Mountain Water facility in Mexico to be decaffeinated en route to the USA.



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PHOTO: A member of the Maya Ixil displays coffee seedlings about to be planted.
PHOTO BY: Café Imports

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COUNTRY:	Guatemala
REGION:	El Quiche
ALTITUDE:	1600 - 2000 MASL
PROCESS:	Washed, MWP Decaf
HARVEST:	Dec. 2015 - March 2016
VARIETY:	Typica, Bourbon
IMPORTER:	Café Imports

SUGGESTED PARAMETERS

DRIP RATIO:	1 : 16
ESPRESSO RATIO:	1 : 2
WE TASTE:	cardamom, malt, nougat, clove

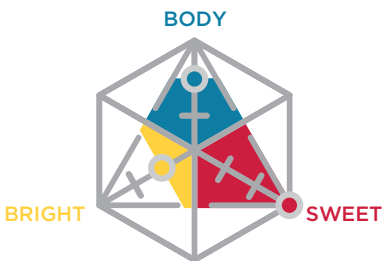


PHOTO: A Maya Ixil member unpacks a new hand-powered coffee depulper.
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