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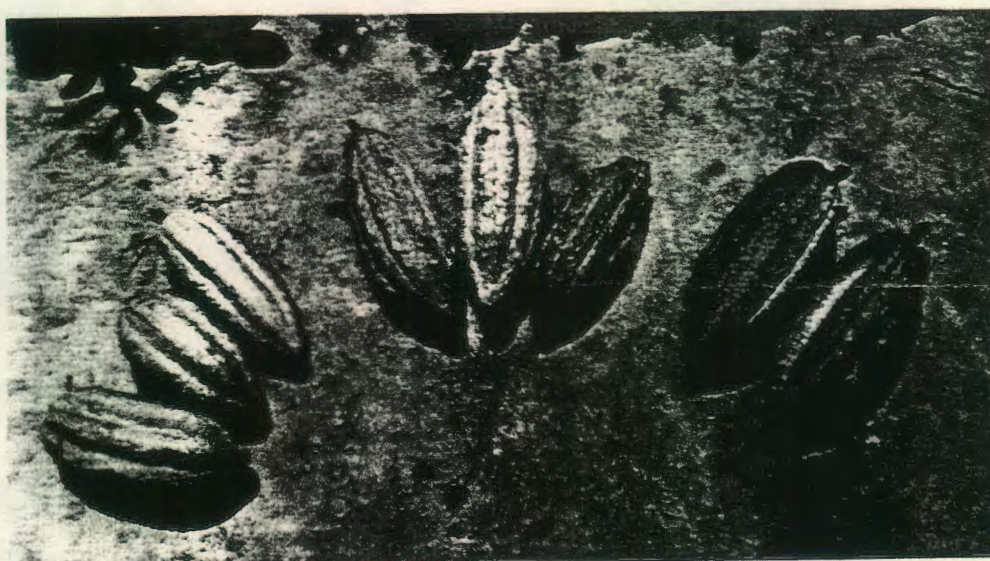
At last week's meeting I mentioned that a full report from Dr. Mark Johnston (University of the West of England) was expected on the visits to Guyana made by his team last year. This has now been received and I am circulating it herewith for information.

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Front cover: Three cocoa *Theobroma cocoa* varieties found at the IICA cocoa germplasm bank, Timehri, Guyana (M. Johnston)

Phase I Feasibility Report & Phase II Research Proposal

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Abstract

Cocoa *Theobroma cacao* L. is of immense economic importance, hence the conservation of the genetic diversity of cocoa is of paramount importance. During studies undertaken from July to October 1995, preliminary assessments were made on the current distribution and abundance of cocoa in Guyana, South America. The objective of this phase I study was to assess the feasibility of further studies into the genetic variation of cocoa, with the possible establishment of a cocoa germplasm bank.

These studies identified at least 23 localities where cocoa is currently growing, this includes wild populations, old Dutch plantations, an abandoned commercial plantation in the Hosororo Hills, and scattered cultivated cocoa along the coast of Guyana. Four of these localities were visited where detailed descriptions were taken and cocoa descriptors measured. A brief description of the remaining sites is given.

All current production of cocoa is on a small-scale farming basis, with cocoa occasionally being sold in local markets. An important re-documentation was the IICA cocoa germplasm bank at Timehri. A total of 41 trees were tagged and measured at Timehri, where at least four different cocoa varieties were identified in relation to mature and immature pod colour, pod texture, and stamen and sepal anthocyanin intensity.

One of the old Dutch plantations, Primo's Inlet, was visited and detailed studies undertaken. A total of 347 trees were measured, described and tagged. Trees at this locality were all of one variety, thought to be *Amelonado*, and appear to correspond with one of the varieties held at Timehri. A small cultivated cocoa population at Kurupukari also on the Essequibo was studied. Wild cocoa was documented from southern localities of Guyana in the Upper Essequibo and Rupununi river systems, where at least 10 localities have been identified.

From these studies it would appear that Guyanese cocoa represents an important source of genetic material, and further detailed investigations would be advantageous. It is proposed that a phase II project should involve the systematic collection of plant material from all cocoa localities. Genetic fingerprinting analysis may then be undertaken on the material collected. In collaboration with University of Reading, specialist training may then be provided to a Guyanese for the invested interest in cocoa genetic diversity.

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Section 1

Phase I Feasibility Report

1.1. Introduction

Cocoa (*Theobroma cacao* L.) is of immense economic value with current world production at 2,443 thousand metric tonnes (Anon. 1994), at a value of US\$1428 per tonne. However, one of the main restrictions on the production of cocoa is the high frequency and low resistance to numerous fungal pathogens, including *Crinipellis perniciosa*, the causal agent of 'Witch's Broom' (Anon. 1993).

The establishment of cocoa germplasm banks for the conservation of genetic variation of cocoa is essential (Soria 1975; Allen & Lass 1983; Allen 1987; Warren 1994). Concern for the collection of genetic material has been focused on the largely neglected areas of north South America (Thorold 1994). Moreover, the recent discovery of a cocoa genotype reportedly resistant to *Crinipellis perniciosa* in the state of Baha, Brazil (New Scientist March 1995) has highlighted the importance of research and conservation of the genetic diversity of cocoa in the region.

Cocoa *Theobroma cacao* is known to originate from eastern equatorial regions of the Andes (Cheesman 1944). However, since the cultivation of cocoa, predominantly within Central America more than 2,000 years ago, its distribution is now widespread and it is apparent that confusion often occurs between wild and cultivated stocks of Cocoa (Myers 1930). The spread of cocoa within the Guiana region (Guyana, Surinam and French Guiana) was predominantly due to cultivation by the Dutch over 200 years ago.

The objectives of this feasibility study were:

- Discuss the project development proposals with Guyanese authorities in order to maximize the projects efficiency and effectiveness.
- Undertake preliminary surveys of key localities to obtain further information on the distribution and abundance of *Theobroma cacao*.
- Propose the development of a phase II study to involve detailed analytical investigations into the genetic diversity in Guyanese cocoa.

1.2. Cocoa in Guyana

Information on the history of cocoa in Guyana, as well as the present status, has been very poorly documented. Only a few key text refer to Guyanese cocoa, and records kept by the Guyana National Archives are limited.

1.2.1. History of Cocoa in Guyana

It would seem likely that a majority, if not all, of the cocoa currently grown in Guyana originated from two localities. Both localities are thought to be old Dutch plantations established in the early 1700's, namely at Primo's Inlet on the Essequibo River and Coomacka Creek on the Berbice River (see section 1.4).

Cocoa from Coomacka Creek was taken to the Hosororo Hills in 1929 for the establishment of a commercial plantation. Trees from here were then thought to have serviced the establishment of cocoa farming along the coast of Guyana. These coastal farms may then have been the source of cocoa found even further into the interior, such as the one isolated patch of cocoa at Kurupukari (see section 1.4.2).

Wild cocoa is reported to occur along the river tributaries in southern Guyana, and was first collected and described by Schomburgk in the late 19th Century (in Myers 1930).

Previously known distribution of Guyana cocoa.

- Black Creek, Upper Essequibo (Ogilvie in Myers 1930; wild stock)
- Primo's Inlet, Upper Essequibo (Melville in Myers 1930; wild stock?)
- Kurupukari, Essequibo (Johnston pers. obs; cultivated by Amerindians)
- Rewa Creek, Rupununi River (Ogilvie: In Myers 1930; wild stock)
- Quitaro Creek: Rupununi River (Schomburgk in Myers 1930; wild stock)
- Kuyuwini River, Essequibo (Ogilvie in Myers 1930; wild stock)
- Coomacka, Berbice River (Harrison 1913; Dutch cultivated plantations)
- Hosororo Hills, NW. (Dash 1929; commercial plantations)

* not to be confused with Kumaka (same pronunciation) on the Essequibo River.

1.2.2. Current status

There is no current or intended future interest in the commercialization of the cocoa industry in Guyana. The priority of the Government of Guyana lies with key economic crops such as rice and sugar. The current use of cocoa in Guyana is restricted to individual farmers manufacturing and selling cocoa on a highly localized scale. However, cocoa remains relatively wide-spread with scattered populations along the coast of Guyana, notably on West Bank Demerara, the Courantyne, and banks of the Essequibo. It would seem apparent that there is sufficient cocoa material in Guyana to re-establish cocoa as a commercial crop if the government identified this as a possible investment. In the meantime the documentation and conservation of cocoa in Guyana would prove to be most worthwhile.

1.3. Distribution of Cocoa in Guyana

The localities listed here may only, of course, represent a small proportion of the actual distribution of cocoa in Guyana. However, we are certain that the main populations have now been located. Only those localities where two or more independent sources of information are listed.

Several other species of tree are locally named 'cocoa', but are not *Theobroma cacao*. For example *Pachira aquatica* (Bombacaceae) is called 'cocoa' by Arawak Amerindians at Kurupukari, which produces similar shape pods to *T. cacao*.

Map 1. Map of Guyana illustrating the 21 cocoa localities identified during the study. Exact locality information is given in table 1, with brief description of each locality outlined in section 1.4.

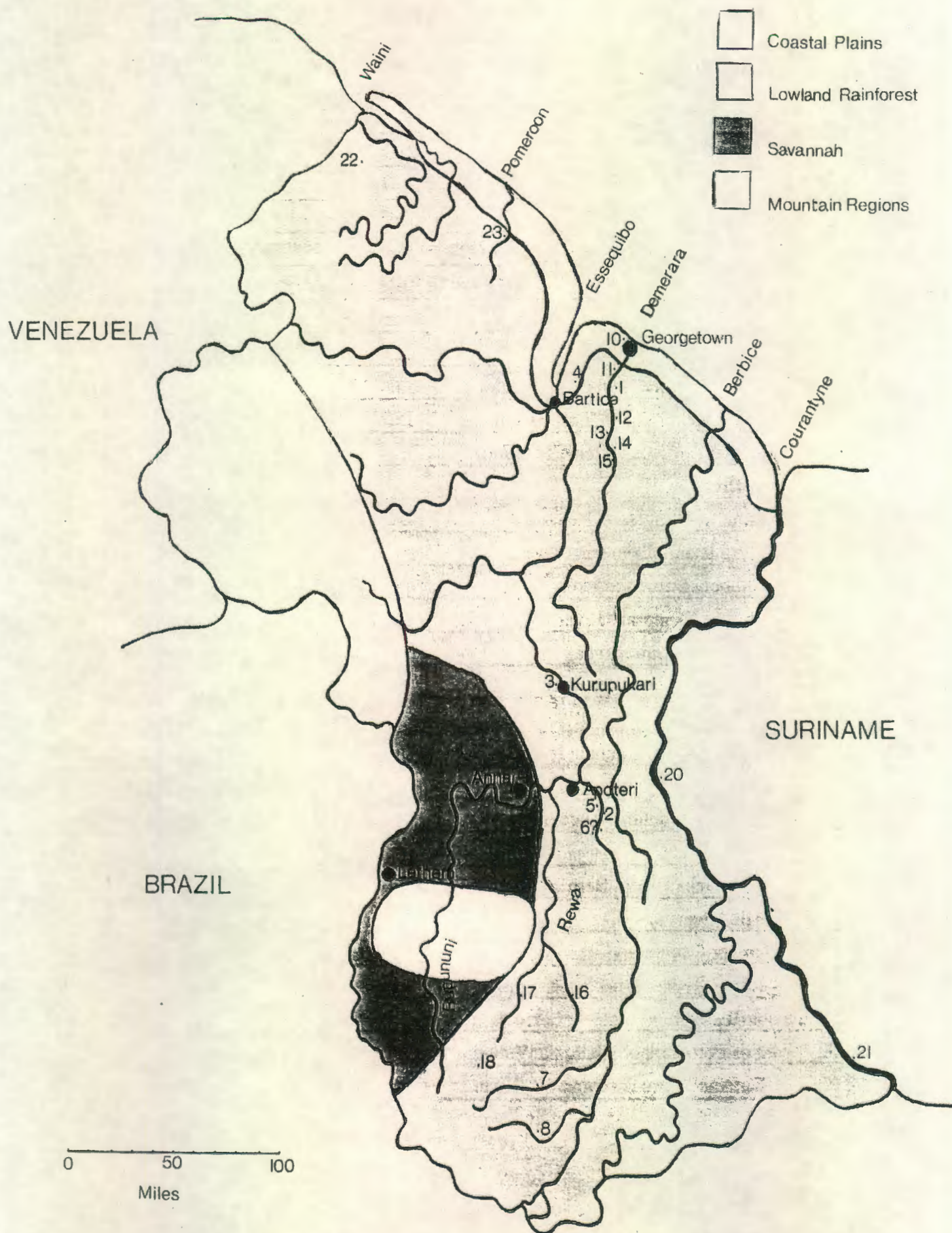


Table 1 Identified localities of cocoa divided by the six river systems or districts with source of information and GPS readings. *The exact locality of these areas are unknown, descriptions are provided in the literature (Myers 1930), but they cannot be found on available maps or of knowledge to local Amerindians. GPS readings given in parenthesis are *approximations only* and given as a guideline for locating the river system involved. See individual locality descriptions for further details.

Key	Locality	Source of information	GPS Reading
Georgetown			
1	IICA Germplasm Bank	Obs	06°30.46'N; 58°16.15'W
Essequibo River			
2	Primo's Inlet, Essequibo River	Obs	03°53.26'N; 58°22.57'W
3	Kurupukari, Essequibo River	Obs	04°39.01'N; 58°41.13'W
4	Bonasika River, Lower Essequibo	Pers. com.	(06°37.40'N; 58°31.00'W)
5	Kumaka, Essequibo	Pers. com.	03°53.38'N; 58°22.59'W
6	Black Creek, Essequibo	Lit.	Unknown*
7	Kuyuwini Creek, Upper Essequibo	Lit.	(02°15.5'N; 58°55.0'W)
8	Kassikaityu River, Upper Essequibo	Lit.	(01°45.5'N; 58°50.0'W)
9	Shewdika Creek, Upper Essequibo	Lit.	Unknown*
Demerara River			
10	Canal 1, West Bank Demerara	Obs	06°44.46'N; 58°12.6'W
11	Third Island, Demerara River	Pers. com.	06°34.21'N; 58°17.2'W
12	Dunoon, Demerara River	Pers. com.	06°25.8'N; 58°20.98'W
13	Leydon, Demerara River	Pers. com.	06°20.87'N; 58°20.97'W
14	Dora, Demerara River	Pers. com.	06°18.03'N; 58°16.00'W
15	Blenheim, Demerara river	Pers. com.	06°11.10'N 58°21.20'W
Rupununi River			
16	Rewa Creek, Rupununi River	Lit.	(03°08.50'N; 58°38.00'W)
17	Quitaro Creek, Rupununi River	Lit.	(03°08.50'N; 58°57.00'W)
18	Marudi Mountain, Parabara	Pers. com.	(02°14.50'N; 59°12.40'W)
Berbice River			
19	Coomacka Creek, Berbice River	Lit.	Unknown*
Courantyne River			
20	Lower Courantyne	Pers. com.	Guyana/Suriname border
21	Kutari River, Upper Courantyne	Lit.	(02°05.50'N; 56°48.00'N)
Pomeroon District			
22	Hosororo Hills, Mabaruma, Wanaina	Lit; pers. com.	08°11.80'N; 59°49.50'W
23	Dutchman Creek, Pomeroon River	Pers. com.	(07°20.00'N; 58°39.20'W)

1.4. Brief description of cocoa localities

Over the duration of the study period four locations were visited within Guyana. The remaining localities are known from personal communications and available literature.

1.4.1. IICA Timehri cocoa germplasm bank (locality 1)

The cocoa found at Timehri was located in the Agriculture Research station, East Bank Demerara. The purpose of the germplasm was to provide information to farmers on the cultivation of cocoa as a commercial crop. This was not followed up and the information held on the cocoa trees at Timehri no longer exists.

A total of 41 trees occur at Timehri IICA germplasm bank. Local sources informed us that the germplasm was established in the early 1960's. However, it is evident that the trees at Timehri are in the order of at least 60-70 years old. This may suggest that the trees could have originated from the old Dutch plantation at Coomacka on the Berbice, as trees from Coomacka were collected in the early to mid-1920's. However, this is purely speculative as no documentation occurs on the cocoa origins at Timehri. Four trees were in the lower tree girth size classes (<25cm gbh), and this may be consistent with the notion that trees were propagated in the early 1960's, as well as trees being in the bank before this date.

Of the 41 cocoa trees at Timehri, 28 were described (see section 1.5.2). These were all located in a plot which was intersected by drainage ditches. The ground was swampy and vegetated. The station is currently used for the cultivation of citrus fruits, coffee, rice and bananas. Research into the cultivation of cocoa is no longer carried out.

1.4.2. Primo's Inlet (locality 2)

Primo's Inlet is on the East bank of the Upper Essequibo. The Inlet is approximately one kilometre long and 200 metres wide. The nearest settlement to Primo's inlet is the Amerindian settlement of Apoteri which is approximately 35 kilometres down stream. The cocoa found in Primo's Inlet was restricted to approximately 1km². This could be attributable to the fact that the cocoa area is bordered on one side by the river and on the other three sides it is bordered by swampy areas with thick understorey growth.

This site has been described as a wild population (Myers 1932). However, small pieces of clay plots were observed, and an Amerindian at Apoteri believed the site to be an old Dutch plantation dating back to the 18th Century. There is, however, no documented evidence to compound this fact. A total of 347 trees were described at Primo's Inlet.

The area around Primo's Inlet has been used for bleeding Balata *Manilkara bidentata* (Sapotaceae) rubber tapping in the past. This is no longer carried out as there is no longer a rubber industry in Guyana, although seeds of the crabwood are still collected by the Amerindians as they use the nuts to produce medicinal oils. Collection of cocoa has also been undertaken at Primo's by the Amerindians of Apoteri. This is then used for the small scale production of cocoa tea. Little human activity occurs at Primo's Inlet due to the isolation of this site.

The locality included many large trees and as well as self-seeded saplings. The habitat type is typical low-diversity forest, with canopy up to 30m. The cocoa trees were scattered in a forest dominated by canopy trees of *Mora Mora excelsa*, Wallaba *Eperua* sp., and Crabwood *Carapa guianensis*.

1.4.3. Kurupukari (locality 3)

Kurupukari is an Amerindian village on the West bank of the Essequibo River 90 miles South from Georgetown. Kurupukari is a small settlement with approximately 70 villagers. The original village was located on the east bank of the Essequibo, however, in the 1920's the villages moved to the west bank of the river. All the cocoa described at Kurupukari were found in the village and the trees were within 20 metres of the river. The prevalent habitat type found in the village of Kurupukari is forest garden (an area immediately surrounding a village used to cultivate commonly used food and medicinal plants). Most of the trees found within the village are used by the Amerindians. Amongst the cocoa other fruit trees were recognised, such as oranges, limes, coconuts, mangoes, star fruit, pawpaw, bananas and soursop. There was little ground vegetation as this is cleared to discourage mosquitoes in the village. Thirteen trees were described at Kurupukari.

Cocoa at Kurupukari is thought to originate from trees taken from the Demerara River during the 1920/30's (Alicott *pers. comm.*), this would be consistent with size of the trees at Kurupukari compared to those at Timehri (Figure 1).

1.4.4. Canal 1, West Bank Demerara (locality 10)

Canal 1 is situated on the East bank of the Demerara River. Canal 1 is a residential area with small farms situated on both sides. This area is also used for the commercial cultivation of sugar cane. Cocoa has been grown on farms in Guyana for many years for the production of cocoa tea, which is produced and consumed locally. One farm was visited in this area. The farm itself is a narrow strip of land which is no more than 20 metres wide and several kilometres long. This particular farm was overgrown and contained tropical fruit trees, such as oranges, limes, bananas, and plantain. The farm boundaries were small drainage canals. Farms like this are typically found throughout the coastal regions of Guyana, and collectively may represent a significant proportion of the cocoa currently grown.

Other localities

The remaining known localities of cocoa (identified in table 1), can be divided with respect to the main river systems involved.

1.4.5. Essequibo River system

Bonasika River, Lower Essequibo (locality 4): Small scale farming of cocoa, probably similar to that at Canal 1. Cocoa produced for local consumption and sold in local markets at Parika.

Kumaka, Essequibo (locality 5): Located approximately 2 miles north (downstream) of Primo's Inlet. Local Ameridians are aware of cocoa growing here but only in small numbers. It is likely that the cocoa at this locality is from the same origin as the Primo's Inlet cocoa.

Black Creek, Essequibo River (locality 6): Situated south of Primo's Inlet along the Essequibo River, although the exact locality is unknown and undocumented. First described by Myers (1930) as an old Dutch plantation with cocoa being 'plentiful'.

Kuvuwini (Kuduwini) Creek, Essequibo River (locality 7): Described by Myers (1930), situated on the border between the Essequibo and the Rupununi which runs from the Essequibo south west to the Brazilian border. This may be linked to the cocoa reported from the Marundi Mountains (locality 18).

Kassikaitvu (Dewar Wow) Creek, Upper Essequibo (locality 8): Similar to Kuyuwini Creek, situated in the upper Essequibo. Myers (1930) only briefly described these last three localities, with cocoa being 'plentiful'.

Shewdikar Creek, Upper Essequibo (locality 9): Mentioned by Myers (1930), but the exact locality is unknown.

1.4.6. Demerara River system

Third Island, Demerara River (11): Likely remnant of old Dutch cocoa grown about 200 years ago, with few isolated trees (*pers. comm.*).

Scattered along the Demerara River are a variety of localities where cocoa is known to have been grown on a relatively localized scale. These are probably similar to the cocoa grown at Canal 1. Known localities include Dunoon (12), Leydon (13), Dora (14), and Blenheim (15). The cocoa at these localities are thought to have originated from the Hosororo Hill plantation (locality 22).

1.4.7. Rupununi River system

Rewa Creek, Rupununi River (16): Myers (1930) described the occurrence of wild cocoa on the Rewa and the Quitaro Creek (17), although Amerindians at the village of Rewa were not aware of any growing in the region (*pers. comm.*). However, Schomburgk (in Dash 1929) also referred to wild cocoa occurring near the Quitaro, with "...large melon shaped fruits bearing up to 60-70 seeds per pod with trees attaining a height of 50 feet,...making the most delicious cup of cocoa I ever tasted."

Marudi Mountains (18): Local Amerindians refer to cocoa growing at this locality (*pers. comm.*).

1.4.8. Berbice River system

Coomacka Creek, Berbice River (19): An old Dutch plantation thought to have been planted in early 1700's. Cocoa trees were first described by Harrison (in 1913, Director of Agriculture). The plantation is described with trees growing up to 70 feet in height, and 30-40 inches in girth (in Dash 1929). In a 1917 Department of Agriculture report, the plantation is described to consist of about 200 trees in approximately 1.67 acres. Harrison (1913) first described the cocoa at Coomacka as

being of one type, the Golden Caracas. However, this is later disputed by Dash (1929) and Myers (1930), who describe a mixture of two types, *Criollo* (referred to Pod A) and *Forastero* (Pod B). Witch's Broom is noted to be wide spread throughout the Coomacka plantation.

1.4.9. Courantyne River system

Lower Courantyne River (20): Similar to the Demerara, cocoa is grown by local farmers and occasionally sold in markets.

Kutari River, Upper Courantyne (21): Situated at the source of the Courantyne. The only reference to this locality is an observation made by Myers (1930).

1.4.10. Pomeroon district

Hosororo Hills, Mabaruma, Wanaina River (22): A plantation established in 1929 from cocoa seeds taken from Coomacka Creek (22 of pod A and 15 of pod B), and is the most well-known of the cocoa growing area in Guyana. The plantation was established with the objective of commercial growing of cocoa. By 1938 it was still noted that Witch's Broom had not yet been recorded in the plantation (Anon. 1938).

Dutchman Creek, Pomeroon River (23): Similar to other cocoa farms, cocoa is grown on a small scale and sold in local markets at Charity.

1.5. Detailed description of cocoa localities

1.5.1. Study method

At each of the four localities, individual trees were measured (girth at breast height, gbh) and the cocoa descriptions taken (see list in section 4.1). The descriptors used were selected for ease, given constraint on equipment availability and expertise.

In addition to the descriptors, brief notes were taken on the occurrence of pests and diseases. The occurrence of the following were noted: capsid attack on cocoa pod (presence/absence), thrips (presence/absence), ant damage (expressed as the percentage of leaves removed by leaf-cutter ants), mealy bugs (presence/absence), witch's broom (presence/absence of the broom), and 'black pod disease' (presence/absence or % of fruits infected). Regarding black pod disease, it should be

noted that this is used in non-specific terms, in that the causal agent of the black rotten pod could not be determined in the field.

1.5.2. Comparisons in cocoa descriptors

Locality 1: IICA germplasm bank, Timehri

Of the 41 trees, we have attempted to recognise different cocoa types primarily based on the anthocyanin intensity in the immature and mature pods, followed by the stamen anthocyanin intensity, peduncle anthocyanin intensity and pod texture. These are only preliminary and subjective assessments of the possible genotypes represented in the Timehri collection. An outline of the general characteristic of the different types are presented in table 2 & 4, for details on individual tree descriptions see appendix 4.3. All trees at Timehri have now been tagged, and genetic analysis may be undertaken as part of phase II of the project (section 2).

	Pod colour (immature)	Pod colour (mature)	Pod texture
Type I	green	yellow	smooth (Ia) or warty (Ib)
Type II	green/yellow	dark orange	smooth (small pods)
Type III	dark red	red/orange	warty

Table 2. General characteristics represented in the cocoa at Timehri germplasm bank. See descriptions below for details.

Type I: Immature green pod, turning to yellow at maturity. A distinction is made between those producing smooth pods (type Ia, with small & rounded pods) and warty pods (type Ib, larger and elongated pods). See table 4 for descriptor means.

Tree numbers: 2(Ia), 8(Ia), 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 33, 34, 39,

Leaves: No leaf flush on three of the five trees, the remaining two with anthocyanin intensity of 2 and 5. Leaf length varied from 30 to 41cm, and width 9.6 to 14.8.

Flowers: Three type I trees in flower (tree no: 2, 8 & 33). Bud anthocyanin intensity was moderate to high (4 to 7), and peduncle anthocyanin high (6-7)

in all three flowering trees in the abscission zone, but absent (0) in two of the trees in the basal zone (type Ia). Anthocyanin in the sepals was absent, while the anthocyanin in the stamens was high in all three trees (7).

Pods & seeds: Only two mature pods found (tree no. 2 & 8). Pod length was 20 and 21cm, width 8.5 and 10.5cm, and weight 500 and 650g respectively. The pods contained 34 and 46 seeds. Seeds in the larger pod weighed slightly less, with six seeds weighing 35 and 34g. Seed colour was light (3) to dark purple (5). Anthocyanin was absent in both immature and mature pods.

Type II: green immature pods turning dark orange at maturity, pods small, rounded and intermediate between smooth and warty.

Tree numbers: 3, 9, 27, 38

Leaves: Leaf flush absent except in one tree where intermediate intensity (5) was recorded. Leaves slightly smaller than type I, ranging in length from 27 to 34cm, and width from 10.5 to 12.0cm.

Flowers: Three trees in flower. Bud anthocyanin was intermediate (3 to 5), as was peduncle anthocyanin (4 to 5) and sepal anthocyanin (3 to 5). Stamen anthocyanin remained high in all three trees (7).

Pods & seeds: Only one tree bearing mature pods. Similar pod size to type Ia, with length 21.5cm, width 10.5cm, but slightly heavier at 775g. A total of 45, dark purple seeds in the pod, with six seeds weighing a total of 40g.

Type III: Dark red immature pod turning a slightly lighter red (sometimes orange in pod furrow) in mature pods. Pods warty. These can be divided further into type IIIa and type IIIb with respect to the anthocyanin intensity in the stamens and sepals (high and absent respectively).

Tree numbers: 1(IIIa), 4(IIIa), 5(IIIa), 6(no flower), 7(IIIa), 16(nr), 17(nr), 18(nr), 19(nr), 20(nr), 21(nr), 22(IIIb), 23(IIIb), 24(no flower), 25(IIIb), 26(IIIb), 28(no flower), 36(no flower), 37(IIIa), 41(IIIa).
nr - cocoa descriptor not recorded, only pod colour.

Leaves: Leaf flush was variable from absent (0) to high (6). Type IIIa generally appeared to exhibit a higher leaf flush than type IIIb trees. Leaf length ranged from 23 to 41cm and width 9 to 14cm.

Flowers: No distinction in bud anthocyanin between type IIIa and IIIb could be made, although intensity ranges from 3 to 7. Peduncle anthocyanin intensity was generally higher in type IIIb (in abscission zone intensity 7; intensity 3 to 7 in basal zone) than type IIIa (abscission zone intensity 3 to 5; basal intensity 0 to 5). However, sepal anthocyanin intensity in type IIIb was slightly lower than IIIa (intensity of 2 to 3 compared to 3 to 5). These generalizations are, however, complicated further by the fact that in two type IIIa trees anthocyanin in the sepals was absent. This may be interpreted as sub-types of IIIa (IIIai and IIIaii, see table 3).

Anthocyanin in the stamens was absent in type IIIb, but high in IIIa.

Pods & seeds: Mature pods ranged in length from 16 to 26cm, width from 9 to 15cm and weight from 400 to 925g. The number of seeds per pod ranged from 32 to 48, and the weight of six seeds ranged from 14 to 44g. All seeds were dark purple, except for two trees (no. 4 and 24) which were mottled (6) purple and white. Only one type IIIb mature pod showed no anthocyanin in the pod (yellow when mature), but still had the dark red warty pods when immature, otherwise similar pod and seed characteristics to type IIIa.

Type	IIIa	IIIa	IIIb
sub-type	i	ii	
stamen anthocyanin intensity	high (7)	high (7)	absent (0)
sepal anthocyanin intensity	absent (0)	low (2-3)	intermediate (3-4)
tree number	37, 41		

Table 3. Classification of type III cocoa trees at Timehri, based on the intensity of the stamen anthocyanin and sepal anthocyanin.

Unknown types

The following trees could not be classified into types due to the absence of pods or flowers: 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 40.

Table 4. Summary of cocoa description from Timehri IICA Germplasm Bank in accordance with the different types discussed in the text.

		Tree girth (cm)	Leaf flush	Leaf length (cm)	Leaf width (cm)	Imm. Fruit Furrow Anth. intensity	Imm. Fruit Ridge Anth. intensity
Type I	Mean	31.9	1.2	34.4	12.4	0	0
	n	11	11	11	11	5	5
	SE	3.4	0.5	1.5	1.8	0	0
Type II	Mean	43.2	1	31.8	11.4	4.50	5.0
	n	4	4	4	4	4	4
	SE	9.0	0.9	1.4	0.3	0.25	1.2
Type III	Mean	49.2	2.6	36.2	12.9	6.85	7
	n	14	14	14	14	14	14
	SE	4.9	0.6	1.4	0.5	0.09	0

		Mature Fruit Length (cm)	Mature Fruit Width (cm)	Mature Fruit Weight (g)	MatureFruit Furrow Antho. intensity	Mature Fruit Ridge Antho. intensity	Pod wall thickness (cm)
Type I	Mean	20.5	9.5	575	0	0	20
	n	2	2	2	2	2	2
	SE	0.3	0.7	53	0	0	3.5
Type II	Mean	21.5	10.5	775	3	5	24.0
	n	1	1	1	1	1	1
	SE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Type III	Mean	22.1	11.2	644.1	3.4	4.8	19.5
	n	7	7	7	7	7	7
	SE	1.1	0.8	67.8	0.8	0.9	2.1

		Seed Number	Seed colour	Pulp colour	Seed fresh weight (of 6 seeds, g)
Type I	Mean	40	4	2	34.5
	n	2	2	2	2
	SE	4.2	0.7	0	0.35
Type II	Mean	45	5	2	40
	n	1	1	1	1
	SE	0	0	0	0
Type III	Mean	41.1	5.3	1.6	30.0
	n	7	7	7	7
	SE	1.7	0.2	0.3	3.8

		Bud Antho. intensity	Peduncle length (mm)	Peduncle Abc. Antho. intensity	Peduncle Basal Antho. intensity	Sepal Antho. intensity	Sepal length (mm)	Sepal width (mm)	Stamen Antho. intensity
Type I	Mean	3.7	16.5	5.8	3.5	0.5	5.8	3.6	7
	n	7	6	4	4	4	4	4	4
	SE	2.1	2.3	0.8	1.8	0.4	0.8	2.7	0
Type II	Mean	3.7	21	4.7	1.7	3.3	9.7	2.1	7
	n	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	SE	0.5	3.6	0.3	2.4	0.5	2.7	0.3	0
Type III	Mean	3.9	18.7	5.3	3.6	2.5	6.6	4.1	4
	n	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	SE	0.5	1.8	0.5	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.9	1.0

		Ants (% of leaves eaten)
Type I	Mean	5.1
	n	11
	SE	0.7
Type II	Mean	3.3
	n	4
	SE	1.3
Type III	Mean	4.5
	n	14
	SE	0.8

	No. of trees	Capsids	Black pod	Thrips	Mealy bugs
Type I	11	1	7	none	1
Type II	4	none	2	none	none
Type III	14	none	12	none	2

Locality 2: Primo's Inlet, Essequibo

A total of 347 trees were recorded from Primo's Inlet, of these 93 were saplings (less than 15cm gbh). The size-distribution (Figure 1) was relatively even, with the majority of trees between 10 and 45cm gbh. A mean height of 11.6m was recorded for four trees (Table 5). A total of 85 trees were found bearing fruit, but only seven trees with mature fruit were recorded. This was partly due to the quick removal of near-mature fruits by primates, notably Black Spider Monkey *Ateles paniscus*. No trees were found bearing flowers. The cocoa descriptors given here indicate that all the trees at Primo's were the same variety, thought to be *Amelonado*. These tree varieties at Primo's were not typically represented in the Timehri bank, although Type I cocoa at Timehri did appear similar to the Primo's cocoa. Obviously further studies are required to elucidate these differences.

Leaves: Leaf flush was variable, and difficult to measure, but was generally low (mean of 2.9 when 0 flush was excluded). The mean leaf length was 35.8cm and width 12.0cm.

Pods & seeds: All pods were small, round and green when immature then turning yellow at maturity. Mean mature pods length was 21.6cm (n=7), width 15.4cm, and pod weight 442.8 (+/- 38.0). The mean number of seeds per pod was 47.1, and the mean weight of six seeds 9.0g. Seed colour was consistently mottled purple and white.

Pests & Diseases: Leaf damage caused by leaf-cutter ants was relatively high, with the mean leaf loss at 8.67% the only other recorded pest problem was black pod, which was seen to infect 70 trees.

Locality 3: Kurupukari, Essequibo

A total of 13 trees were recorded from the area immediately surrounding the village, of these, five were in flower, three in fruit, and three cocoa saplings (less than 15cm gbh). The size distribution (Figure 1) of fertile trees indicate two size classes, those greater than 40cm gbh and those 15 to 30cm gbh, although it would appear that all trees at Kurupukari were the same variety. These tree varieties at Kurupukari were similar to Type I cocoa at Timehri, although morphological differences were noted.

Leaves: Leaf flush was high in three of the trees (5), but low to intermediate in the remaining trees (0 to 3).

Flowers: Bud anthocyanin intensity ranged from 0 to 7 (mean of 2.4), sepal anthocyanin was low at 0 to 2 (mean of 0.75), and peduncle anthocyanin in basal and abscission zone was low (0 to 2; mean of 2.2. and 1.2 respect.) in all except one tree with intense anthocyanin intensity (6 & 7). Stamen anthocyanin intensity was also consistently high at 6/7 (mean of 6.75).

Pods & seeds: No mature pods were found. The largest immature pod was green, 17.2cm in length, 12cm in width and weighing 725g, and contained 38 purple seeds. Anthocyanin intensity was absent in both ridges and furrow in all pods.

Pests & Diseases: Black pod infected a mean of 5% of the fruit bearing trees. Ants, capsid damage to the pods and mealy bugs were all present.

Locality 9: Canal 1, West Bank Demerara

A total of five mature trees were recorded with no natural regeneration, and were similar in size to those trees held at Timehri (Figure 1). Three fruiting trees all bearing immature pods. No trees were found with flowers. These tree varieties were consistent with **type III** identified in the Timehri bank (Table 7).

Leaves: Leaf flush was absent in all trees. All five trees appeared to be the same variety.

Pods & seeds: Anthocyanin intensity in the pods was high in two trees (5 to 7) in both furrows and ridges, and absent in the other (0). No mature pods were found.

Pests & Diseases: The percentage of leaves eaten was relatively consistent, with a mean of 3.8% of the leaves eaten. The only other problem being black pod disease which infected four of the five trees.

Table 5. Summary of cocoa description from Kurupukari (see section 4.3 for raw data)

	Tree girth (cm)	Leaf flush	Leaf length (cm)	Leaf width (cm)	Leaf L:W ratio	Imm. Fruit Furrow Anth. intensity	Imm. Fruit Ridge Anth. intensity
Mean	28.9	2.2	34.2	13.3	2.6	0	0
n	13	13	13	13	13	3	3
SD	26.3	1.8	5.6	5.6	0.3	0	0
SE	7.3	0.5	1.6	1.6	0.08	0	0

	Bud Antho. intensity	Peduncle length (mm)	Peduncle Abc. Antho. intensity	Peduncle Basal Antho. intensity	Sepal Antho. intensity	Sepal length (mm)	Sepal width (mm)	Stamen Antho. intensity
Mean	2.4	16.8	2.2	1.2	0.75	7.25	1.75	6.75
n	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4
SD	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.4	0.8	0.8	0.25	0.4
SE	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.12	0.2

	Black Pod (% of fruits infected)
Mean	5
n	3
SD	0
SE	0

	Capsids	Ants	Thrips	Mealy bugs
Number of trees infected	1	4	none	1

Table 6. Summary of cocoa description from Primo's Inlet (see section 4.3 for raw data).

	Tree girth (cm)	Tree height (m)	Leaf flush (incl. 0)	Leaf flush (excl. 0)	Leaf length (cm)	Leaf width (cm)	Leaf L:W ratio
Mean	25.3	11.6	0.6	2.9	35.8	12.0	3.0
n	347	4	347	72	347	347	347
SD	13.3	7.0	1.2	0.6	5.1	1.6	0.6
SE	0.7	3.5	0.06	0.07	0.3	0.09	0.03

	Imm. Fruit Furrow Anth. intensity	Imm. Fruit Ridge Anth. intensity	Mature Fruit Length (cm)	Mature Fruit Width (cm)	Mature Fruit Weight (g)	Mature Fruit Furrow Antho. intensity	Mature Fruit Ridge Antho. intensity	Pod wall thickness (mm)
Mean	0	0	21.6	15.4	442.8	0	0	18.3
n	55	54	7	7	7	7	7	7
SD	0	0	1.8	4.4	100.6	0	0	6.5
SE	0	0	0.7	1.6	38.0	0	0	2.5

	Seed number	Seed Fresh Weight (g)	Pulp colour	Seed colour	Seed shape	Seed length (cm)	Seed width (cm)	Seed thickness (cm)
Mean	47.1	9.0	1.8	6	2.8	3.1	2.2	0.8
n	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
SD	5.6	2.3	0.6	0	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.1
SE	2.1	0.9	0.2	0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.05

Table 6. continued/...

	Ant damage (% of leaves eaten)
Mean	8.67
n	347
SD	9.9
SE	0.5

	Capsids	Black Pod	Thrips	Mealy bugs
Number of trees infected	none	70	none	none

Table 7. Summary of cocoa description from Canal 1 (see appendix 4.3 for raw data).

	Tree girth (cm)	Leaf flush	Leaf length (cm)	Leaf width (cm)	Leaf L:W ratio	Imm. Fruit Furrow Anth. intensity	Imm. Fruit Ridge Anth. intensity
Mean	31.6	0	40.6	17.4	2.5	4.6	4.0
n	5	5	5	5	5	3	3
SD	4.8	0	4.7	6.6	0.6	3.3	2.9
SE	2.1	0	2.1	2.9	0.3	1.9	1.7

	Ant Damage (% leaf eaten)
Mean	3.8
n	5
SD	1.3
SE	0.6

	Capsids	Black pod	Thrips	Mealy bugs
Number of trees infected	none	4	none	none

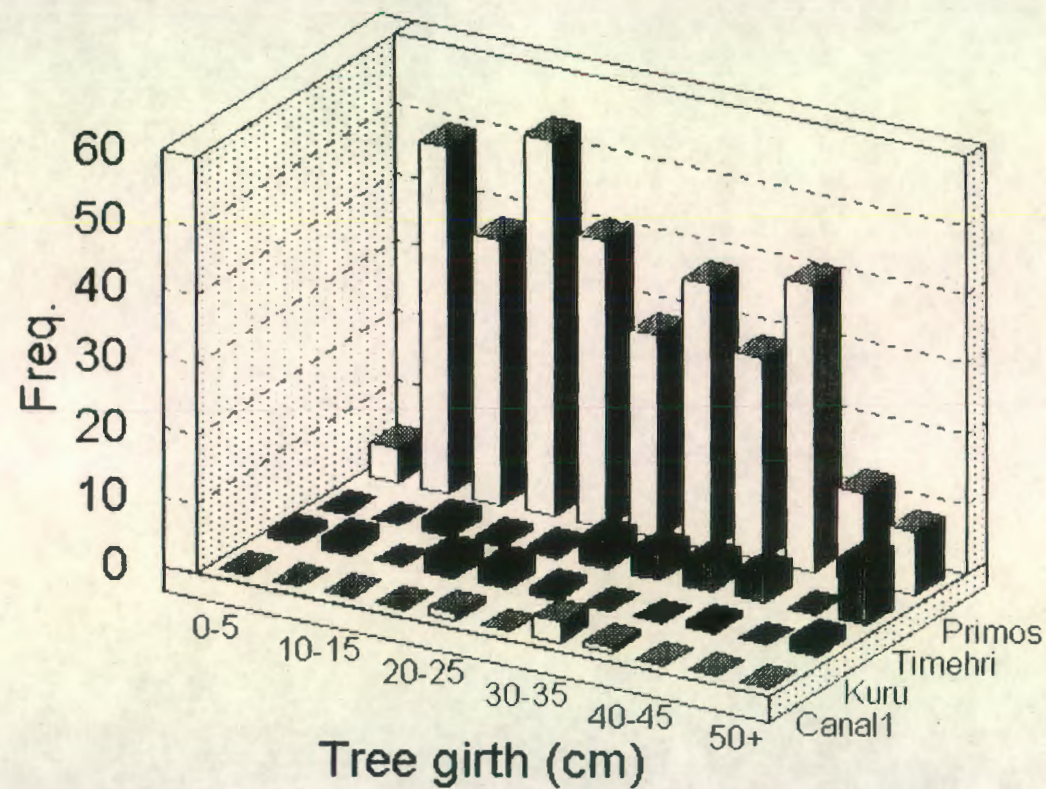


Figure 1. Comparisons in the tree girth (cm) distribution at intervals of 5cm gbh between the four sampled localities. See text for further details.

1.6. Institutional framework

The main institution responsible for research into crop production, and therefore germplasm research, is the National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI) established in 1984. NARI is governed by the Agricultural Research Committee. NARI is responsible for the management and running of the propagation unit at Timehri; where the IICA cocoa germplasm bank is housed.

NARI comprises of three units;

1. Mon Repos Field Research Unit (MRFRU)
2. Coastal Plains Field Research Unit (CPFRU)
3. The Intermediate Savannas Field Research Unit (ISFRU)

NARI currently undertakes research into the genetic varieties of several different agricultural crops, including rice, root and tuber crops, vegetable crops, grains, orchard crops and research activities covering biological pest control and microbiological techniques. NARI holds the only laboratory in Guyana with plant tissue culture facilities.

1.7. Summary

Phase I of the Guyana Cocoa Diversity Project acted as an important initial step in the documentation and conservation of cocoa, and the findings from these studies can be summarised thus:

- A total of 23 different cocoa localities were identified; one locality represented an abandoned commercial plantation, two old Dutch plantations, ten wild cocoa localities and the remaining ten sites as small-scale farms.
- Guyanese cocoa is thought to have originated from the old abandoned Dutch plantations at Coomacka Creek, Berbice River, and possibly Primo's Inlet, Essequibo River.
- Cocoa from Coomacka was taken to the Hosororo Hills in the 1920's to establish a commercial plantation. Trees from this plantation were then scattered across the coastal plains for small-scale cocoa production, where cocoa still remains. Cocoa at Hosororo is known to have originated from two varieties.
- The IICA Cocoa germplasm bank at Timehri was re-documented, and found to contain 41 trees covering a possibility of 4 or more different cocoa varieties. The origin of these trees, and history of the germplasm bank, is unknown.
- The different varieties at Timehri can be classified in accordance with the pod colour, pod texture, stamen anthocyanin intensity and sepal anthocyanin intensity.
- The different types identified at Timehri are summarized thus;

Type I Green immature pods turning yellow at maturity

a. pods smooth

b. pods warty

Type II Green immature pods turning dark orange at maturity, pods rough

Type III Red immature pods turning lighter red on ridges and orange in furrows, pods warty.

a. stamen and sepal anthocyanin intensity high

b. stamen and sepal anthocyanin intensity absent

- At the old Dutch plantation at Primo's Inlet a total of 347 trees were measured, all the trees were of one variety, thought to be Amelonado, similar to type Ia.
- At Kurupukari, a small Amerindian village on the Essequibo river, a total of 13 trees were measured. Trees here were similar to type I, although morphological differences were noted.
- While cocoa may not presently be of commercial interest, sufficient material does exist in Guyana if the government identified cocoa as possible future investment.
- The objective of this study was to assess the feasibility of further research into the cocoa of Guyana. It is now clear that further more detailed genetic studies are required. Guyana houses a significant quantity of cocoa which may be of high interest in the conservation and documentation of the genetic diversity of cocoa.

Section 2

Guyana Cocoa Diversity Project

Phase II Research Proposal

On the basis of the information obtained from the feasibility study, and available literature on Guyana Cocoa, the development of the next phase is proposed. The objectives of phase II can be summarized as follows;

- to undertake systematic collection of cocoa plant material from all localities identified in the phase I of the project.
- to investigate the variation on the genetic diversity of cocoa within each of these localities using fingerprinting techniques.
- provide training to a Guyanese counterpart in plant genetic diversity studies, including the collection of material in Guyana and the genetic analysis of the material in the UK.
- to assist in the re-establishment of the cocoa germplasm bank currently housed at the Horticultural Station, Timehri.

2.1. Justifications

The importance of the conservation of genetic diversity of agricultural crops is now internationally recognized, for instance as emphasized by the Biodiversity Convention (1992). The importance of the documentation and conservation of *Cocoa Theobroma cacao* is also well recognized (Allen 1987; Bartley 1994; Bekele 1993; Bekele *et al* 1994; Thorold 1994).

In Guyana, evidence from the feasibility study (section 1) clearly shows a relatively wide distribution and abundance of cocoa. Most of the cocoa would seem to originate from the old-Dutch plantations in the south of Guyana. However, other cocoa varieties which are absent in the Dutch plantations, are present certainly elsewhere in Guyana. These cocoa localities represent an important source of genetic material of cocoa varieties. The development of a well co-ordinated Guyana cocoa research project would be an invaluable contribution to the long-term conservation of this diversity.

The documentation of the genetic diversity of Guyanese cocoa, and the possible re-establishment of the germplasm bank, would be important for two reasons;

1. to act as an important source of genetic material for any possible future agricultural develops in Guyana.
2. to provide material to international cocoa breeders.

The importance of a germplasm bank would be significantly increased if genetic resistance to Witches' Broom was discovered.

2.2. Project recommendations

Part 1. (July to December 1996) Extensive field sampling for the collection of cocoa material from those localities identified in phase I (Table 1). Two 3-month collection sessions are advised. The first collection concentrating on the localities within the Upper Essequibo and Rupununi river system, and the second collection in the remaining localities.

Part 2. (January to March 1997) Genetic fingering-printing analysis of cocoa plant material using micro-satellite technology at the University of Reading. Recommend a period of 3 months, allowing the training of the Guyanese graduate and analysis of the cocoa material.

As a central component of Phase II, a Guyanese graduate will be invited to become actively involved in all aspects of the studies. This would include training in the collection and collation of cocoa material in Guyana (part 1), assistance with the re-establishment of the cocoa germplasm bank at Timehri, and the training of genetic fingering printing techniques at the University of Reading, UK (part 2). The graduate would be fully endorsed by the project (see supplement section 2.4).

2.3 Requests from Guyanese Authorities

Permission to undertake phase II from the Office of the President and the National Agricultural Research Institute. Permission to export cocoa specimens from Guyana in order to undertake genetic fingerprinting studies at the University of Reading.

Negotiations with NARI and Ministry of Agriculture regarding the appointment of the Guyanese graduate. Discussions will also be required with the British High Commission in order to obtain visas for the student to research in the UK.

I recommend a 2-3 week reconnaissance to Guyana in April 1996 in order to formally make these requests, and to ensure that the necessary steps are undertaken in Guyana, and through the relevant authorities.

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Section 4

Appendices

4.1. Cocoa descriptors

The following cocoa descriptors were used in the phase I study. Taken from the ICGT, Trinidad database.

tg	tree girth (cm)	
a	Leaf, flush colour	0=absent, 3=slight, 5=intermediate, 7=intense.
b	Leaf, length (mm)	
d	Leaf, width (mm)	
e	Leaf length:width ration	
h	Flower, bud anthocyanin intensity	0=absent, 3=slight, 5=intermediate, 7=intense.
i	Flower, peduncle length (mm)	
j	Flower, peduncle, anthocyanin intensity in abscission zone	0=absent, 3=slight, 5=intermediate, 7=intense.
k	Flower, peduncle, anthocyanin intensity in basal zone	0=absent, 3=slight, 5=intermediate, 7=intense.
m	Flower, sepal colour	0=absent, 3=slight, 5=intermediate, 7=intense.
n	Flower, sepal length (mm)	
o	Flower sepal width (mm)	
p	Flower, glandular hairs	presence/absence
w	Flower, stamen filament anthocyanin intensity	0=absent, 3=slight, 5=intermediate, 7=intense.
a	Fruit, immature, ridges, anthocyanin intensity	0=absent, 3=slight, 5=intermediate, 7=intense.
b	Fruit, immature, furrow, anthocyanin intensity	0=absent, 3=slight, 5=intermediate, 7=intense.
e	Fruit, mature, length (cm)	
f	Fruit, mature, width (cm)	
g	Fruit, mature, weight (g)	
k	Fruit, mature, ridges, anthocyanin intensity	0=absent, 3=slight, 5=intermediate, 7=intense.
n	Fruit, mature, furrow, anthocyanin intensity	0=absent, 3=slight, 5=intermediate, 7=intense.
p	Fruit, mature, wall thickness (mm)	
t	Seed, number	
w	Seed, (unpeeled) fresh weight (g)	weight taken of sixe seeds
x	Seed, pulp (mucilage) colour	1=white, 2=cream, 3=yellowish
y	Seed, colour	1=white, 2=grey, 3=light purple, 4=medium purple, 5=dark purple, 6=mottled
z	Seed, shape	1=oblong, 2=elliptic, 3=ovate
A	Seed, length (cm)	
B	Seed, width (cm)	
C	Seed, thickness (cm)	

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4.3. Cocoa descriptions for the four localities visited.

Date 2nd August 26th Sept.

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Timehri cocoa germplasm bank cont/...2

Tree no.	Bud		Peduncle		Sepal			Stamen		Anther	Style		Pests			
	Anth. in 0-7	Length (mm)	Int. Abs 0-7	Int. Bas 0-7	Anth. in 0-7	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Glad. hr 1-2	Anth. In 0-7	Anth. In 0-7	Anth. In 0-7	Int.	Capsid: %	Thrips %	Mealy %	Black p
Type I																
30														5		#
32														5		
40														10		#
29	0	11	7	7	2	3	8	2	0	7				1		#
31	3	13												5		
35	5	13												5		#
34														5		#
33	0	14	7	7	0	7	1.4	1	7					5		#
39	5													5		#
2	4	26	6	0	0	7	1.5	2	7		7				#	
8	9	22	3	0	0	6	3.5	2	7		7		#			
	3.71	16.5	5.75	3.5	0.5	5.75	3.6	1.75	5.25	7	7		0	5.11	0	0
	7	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	2		1	9	1	7
	2.91	5.5	1.64	3.5	0.87	1.64	2.67	0.43	3.03	0	0		0	2.13	0	0
	1.1	2.25	0.82	1.75	0.43	0.82	1.34	0.22	1.52	0	0		0	0.71	0	0
Type II																
38	3	13	5	5	3	16	1.5	1	7					5		#
27														5		
3	5	28	5	0	4	8	2.5	2	7		7		#			#
9	3	22	4	0	3	5	2.3	2	7		7					
	3.67	21	4.67	1.67	3.33	9.67	2.1	1.67	7		7			3.33		0
	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		2			3		2
	0.94	6.16	0.47	2.36	0.47	4.64	0.43	0.47	0		0			2.36		0
	0.54	3.56	0.27	1.36	0.27	2.68	0.25	0.27	0		0			1.36		0

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Tree no.	Bud		Peduncle		Sepal			Stamen		Anther		Style	Pests					
	Anth. in	Length	Int.	Abs Int.	Bas	Anth. in	Length	Width	Glad. h	Anth. In	In Anth.	In Anth.	Int.	Capsid:	Thrips	Ants	Mealy	Black p
	0-7	(mm)	0-7	0-7	0-7	(mm)	(mm)		1-2	0-7	0-7	0-7				%		
36																	5	#
41	0	8		5	5	0	8	2	1	7							5	#
28	3																7	
26	3	22		7	3	2	3	8	2	0	7						7	#
37	3	14		3	3	0	16	1.2	1	5							5	#
25	5	13		7	7	3	3	7	2	0	7						5	#
22	7	21		7	7	3	3	10	5	0	7		#				5	#
23	5	23		7	5	3	5	4	2	0	7						5	#
5	3	24		4	0	4	7	2	2	7		7			#	#	#	#
24	5															10		#
1	4	14		5	5	4	6	2.5	2	7		7						#
4	5	22		4	1	3	8	2.5	2	7		6			#			#
6																	#	
7		26		4	0	3	7	2	2	7		7			#			#
3.9091	18.7		5.3		3.6	2.5	6.6	4.12	2.1	4		7	6.75	0		4.5	0	0
11	10		10		10	10	10	10	10	10		4	4	1		12	2	12
1.7297	5.64	1.4866		2.498	1.3601	3.6661	2.9188	1.044	3.3166		0	0.433		0		2.958	0	0
0.5215	1.7835	0.4701	0.7899		0.4301	1.1593	0.923	0.3302	1.0488		0	0.2165		0		0.8539	0	0

Type III

Tree no.	Tree	Lvs					Fruit - Imm.		Fruit - Ripe		Seed											
	Girth	Flush	Length	Width	L/W rat	Ridge ii	Fur. int.	Length	Width	Weight	Ridge ii	Fur. int.	Wall thi	Numbe	Fresh v	Pulp co	colour	shape	length	width	thick.	
	(cm)	0-7	(cm)	(cm)		0-7	0-7	(cm)	(cm)	(g)	0-7	0-7	(mm)		(g)	1-3	1-6	1-3	(cm)	(cm)	(cm)	
36	53	3	37	13	2.8462	7	7															
41	39	3	36	12	3	7	7															
28	12	0	23	9	2.5556	7	7															
26	42	0	36	13	2.7692	7	7															
37	44	0	46	14	3.2857	7	7															
25	37	3	44	11	4	7	7															
22	39.4	0	34	12	2.8333	7	7															
23	73.5	0	34.6	11.5	3.0087	7	7	23	15	575	0	0	20	48	20	2	5	3	1.4	1.5	0.5	
5	58	3	31.5	12	2.625	7	7	20	10.5	500	3	2	24	32	29	2	5	3	2.6	1.4	1	
24	25.4	5	35	13.6	2.5735	7	7	26	14	534	5	3	26	43	14	1	6	3	3.5	0.7	0.5	
1	76	6	41	17	2.4118	7	6	23	9	850	6	5	12	43	28	1	5	3	3	1.8	1.6	
4	75	5	35	13.5	2.5926	7	7	24	11.5	925	6	3	25	43	43	1	6	3				
6	70	3	35.5	14	2.5357	7	7	22.5	9.5	725	7	4	18	41	44	1	5	3	3.5	2.4	1.8	
7	45	6	39	15	2.6	7	6	16	9	400	7	7	12	38	32	3	5	3	3.2	2	1	
Mean=	49.236	2.6429	36.257	12.9	2.8312	7	6.8571	22.071	11.214	644.14	4.8571	3.4286	19.571	41.143	30	1.5714	5.2857	3	2.8667	1.6333	1.0667	
n=	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	6
SD=	18.698	2.2235	5.3153	1.8462	0.396	0	0.3499	2.9812	2.2497	179.32	2.3561	2.0603	5.4473	4.6423	10.212	0.7284	0.4518	0	0.725	0.5312	0.4955	
SE=	4.9972	0.5943	1.4206	0.4934	0.1058	0	0.0935	1.1268	0.8503	67.777	0.8905	0.7787	2.0589	1.7546	3.8598	0.2753	0.1707	0	0.296	0.2169	0.2023	

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Tree K..	Bud		Peduncle		Sepal			Stamen		Pests						
	n	Anth. i	Lengt	Int.	Ab	Int. Ba	Anth. i	Lengt	Width	Glad. i	Anth. Int.	Capsic	Thrips	Ants	Mealy	Black pod
1	0	20	0	0	0	8	2	1	6	#		#				5%
2	3	15	7	6	2	8	2	1	7							5%
3																
4																
5																
6																
7																
8																
9																
10													#			
11	7	14	1	0	0	6	1.5	1	7			#				5%
12	1	20	2	0	1	7	1.5	1	7							
13	1	15	1	0									#	#		
	2.4	16.8	2.2	1.2	0.75	7.25	1.75	1	6.75							
	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4							
	2.498	2.638	2.482	2.4	0.829	0.829	0.25	0	0.433							
	1.117	1.18	1.11	1.073	0.415	0.415	0.125	0	0.217							

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32	33	0	32	13.5	2.3704				5	
33	38.3	0	34.2	11.3	3.0265				20	1
34	16.5	0	31.5	11.9	2.6471				5	
35	47.5	0	29	11	2.6364				5	
36	15.5	0	32	10.3	3.1068				7	
37	26	0	37	12.3	3.0081				5	
38	41	0	27	9.5	2.8421				22	
39	16.3	0	24	7.2	3.3333				10	
40	45	0	31.4	11.1	2.8288				3	
41	39.5	0	30.5	9.5	3.2105				40	
42	36	0	32.2	10.2	3.1569				15	
43	40.4	0	45.5	14.4	3.1597				10	
44	17	0	29	10.3	2.8155				0	
45	45	0	36	14	2.5714				5	
46	44.6	0	32	11.5	2.7826				35	
47	28.8	0	31	11.5	2.6957	0	0		3	1
48	24.2	0	37	11	3.3636				3	
49	16	0	35	10	3.5				2	
50	9.5	0	44.9	13.2	3.4015				7	
51	5	0	43	13.6	3.1618				4	
53	9	0	49	15	3.2667				5	
54	6.5	1	51.5	15	3.4333				50	
55	8	0	37	12	3.0833				15	
56	5.5	0	32	11.4	2.807				10	
57	9.6	0	35	14	2.5				8	
58	10	0	38	11.5	3.3043				15	
59	9.5	0	32	11.5	2.7826				5	
60	9	0	39.8	12.9	3.0853				17	
61	10	0	37.4	9.1	4.1099				10	
62	8.5	0	32.5	12	2.7083				10	
63	7.8	0	39	10.1	3.8614				10	
64	15.5	0	36.3	12.4	2.9274				5	
65	8.5	0	31	10.5	2.9524				7	
66	19.5	0	32	9.5	3.3684				4	
67	41.5	0	39.4	12.3	3.2033				5	
68	25	0	22	9.5	2.3158				5	
69	17	0	23	7.5	3.0667				4	
70	11	0	31.5	11.4	2.7632				13	
71	19.5	0	17	8.5	2				3	
72	18.5	0	25	11	2.2727				4	
73	27	0	31	12.3	2.5203				5	1

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197	12.4	0	33.2	11.1	2.991				15
198	9	0	32	12.2	2.623				10
199	23.4	0	39	13.8	2.8261				15
200	25	3	36.8	13.1	2.8092				5
201	26.4	3	39	13	3				20
202	7.4	3	45.1	15.2	2.9671				25
203	27.5	0	41	13.4	3.0597				5
204	10.4	0	32	11.2	2.8571				3
205	40.2	0	32	12.3	2.6016	0	0		7
206	15.8	3	41	15.5	2.6452			1	3
207	13.4	3	37.1	13.6	2.7279				10
208	21	3	35.7	13.2	2.7045				5
209	18	0	38	12.7	2.9921				3
210	10	0	33.4	12.3	2.7154				10
211	13.6	0	41.7	14.7	2.8367				10
212	23	0	37	12.9	2.8682				3
213	25.7	0	35	12.6	2.7778				5
214	11.4	0	35.7	13.1	2.7252				20
215	10	0	34	11.5	2.9565				10
216	13	0	37.5	13.7	2.7372				5
217	8.9	0	40.4	14.2	2.8451				5
218	36.6	0	41.2	13.7	3.0073				2
219	39	0	38	3.2	11.875				5
220	23.4	0	35.4	11.7	3.0256				3
221	33.5	0	37.6	13	2.8923	0	0		3
222	24.6	0	33.4	11.7	2.8547			1	2
223	14.9	0	37.5	12.4	3.0242				5
224	35.6	0	38.5	13.2	2.9167				4
225	15.2	0	34.5	12.5	2.76				10
226	47.5	3	38	12.9	2.9457	0	0		3
227	15.1	0	34.5	11.4	3.0263			1	5
228	29.3	0	45.5	14.6	3.1164	0	0		5
229	20.5	3	37.5	11.4	3.2895			1	10
230	47.9	3	39.5	13	3.0385				10
231	10.7	0	36.4	13.5	2.6963	0	0		2
232	45	3	37	13.4	2.7612	0	0		5
233	43.1	0	32.4	9	3.6	0	0	1	10
234	16	0	34.7	11.7	2.9658				15
235	19.5	0	37.8	12.8	2.9531				8
236	28.4	0	41.7	12.9	3.2326				3
237	30.4	0	38	12.4	3.0645				5

238	18.5	0	38.6	12.3	3.1382																	10	
239	24.8	3	33	11.4	2.8947	0	0	22	14	500	0	0	17	47	4.3	2	6	2	2.9	3.7	0.9	3	1
240	54	0	34	10.3	3.301																5		
241	38.4	0	37	13.2	2.803	0	0														3	1	
242	20.5	0	39	13.7	2.8467																10	1	
243	27.5	0	35.5	11.1	3.1982	0	0	19.5	13.5	375	0	0	13	48	6.8	2	6	3	3.2	2	0.7	3	1
244	24	0	38	10.4	3.6538																5		
245	16	0	35	12.1	2.8926																1		
246	18	0	38.8	12.7	3.0551																10		
247	12.7	3	39	11.9	3.2773																10		
248	36.6	0	38.4	11.5	3.3391																7		
249	35.5	3	37	13.6	2.7206																15	1	
250	10.2	0	39.5	10.5	3.7619																5		
251	33.5	0	32	11.3	2.8319			22.7	14	425	0	0	26.3	43	11	2	6	3	3.5	2.3	0.9	5	
252	35	3	48	15	3.2																15		
253	9.7	0	34	12.5	2.72																25		
254	9.8	0	30	9.8	3.0612																10		
255	8.5	0	37.3	12.9	2.8915																20		
256	14.8	0	45	13	3.4615																3		
257	31	3	34	13.9	2.446																20		
258	40.9	0	35	10	3.5																3		
259	16.9	3	38	11.4	3.3333																3		
260	8.9	0	38.5	12.5	3.08																20		
261	21	0	39	12	3.25																5		
262	16.5	0	36	11	3.2727																5		
263	44.5	0	40.4	13.2	3.0606	0	0	21	14.5	475	0	0	19	49	10	1	6	3	2.9	1.9	1.1	5	1
264	24	0	39	11.4	3.4211																3		
265	33	0	35	10.2	3.4314																2		
266	38.5	0	34.9	12.4	2.8145																10	1	
267	12.4	0	53	15.5	3.4194																115		
268	9.8	0	35	11.7	2.9915																15		
269	20	0	33	10.6	3.1132																5		
270	29.5	3	39	12	3.25	0	0														2		
271	44.8	0	28.3	12.8	2.2109																10	1	
272	22.5	3	37.4	12.2	3.0656																7		
273	8.1	3	32.5	10.9	2.9817																10		
274	2.8	0	29.7	11	2.7																30		
275	33.4	3	42	12.9	3.2558																10		
276	21.5	3	36	12.9	2.7907																5		
277	24.9	0	38	12	3.1667																4		
278	5	0	34.7	12	2.8917																2		

279	15	0	32.5	11.3	2.8761				2
280	17.4	0	39	12.5	3.12				2
281	34.7	0	37.2	10	3.72				5
282	9.5	0	37.5	12.2	3.0738				10
283	36.4	0	33.5	12	2.7917				3
284	31.9	0	37.6	12.5	3.008				5
285	24.1	0	42	13.7	3.0657				1
286	25.5	0	34	12.3	2.7642				2
287	16	0	40	10	4				5
288	25.5	0	41	12.8	3.2031				9
289	12	0	43	14	3.0714				10
290	9	0	40.5	11.5	3.5217				10
291	18.6	0	38.6	11.6	3.3276				10
292	11	0	40	12	3.3333				15
293	40.5	3	38	12.7	2.9921	0	0		5 1
294	43	0	36	12.5	2.88				4
295	40.8	0	40.2	13.6	2.9559	0	0		5 1
296	13	0	34	10.6	3.2075				10
297	28	0	44	12.1	3.6364				5 1
298	28	0	41	13.7	2.9927				3 1
299	13.4	0	37	10.7	3.4579				5
300	27	3	41	13.4	3.0597	0	0		5 1
301	20.4	0	35.5	12.7	2.7953				3 1
302	5.6	3	38	11.7	3.2479				10
303	33.5	3	37.6	12.4	3.0323				10
304	21.2	0	37.6	12.3	3.0569				5
305	18.6	0	40	13	3.0769				2
306	5.2	0	38.4	11.1	3.4595				10
307	18.7	3	38	12	3.1667				10
308	43	0	37	13	2.8462	0	0		5 1
309	14	0	29	8.7	3.3333				5
310	28.7	0	39	13.9	2.8058				5
311	12.5	0	38	11.9	3.1933				2
312	6.2	0	39	13.7	2.8467				40
313	10.4	0	33	10.5	3.1429				5
314	7.3	0	39.9	12.7	3.1417				2
315	11.6	0	37	12.7	2.9134				5
316	8.5	0	37	13.2	2.803				5
317	8.5	0	36.3	14.8	2.4527				2
318	8.6	0	26	10.5	2.4762				10
319	9.4	0	34.6	11.4	3.0351				5

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Orchard plantation

Tree no. PF..	Tree Girth	Lvs Flush	Length	Width	L/W ratio	Fruit - Imm.		Pests Ants	Black pod
						Ridge int.	Fur. int.		
1	37.5	0	33.5	12.8	2.617188	0	0	2%	#
2	23	0	42	30	1.4	5	7	5%	#
3	32	0	39.5	12.7	3.110236	7	7	3%	#
4	31.4	0	40	13.5	2.962963			4%	
5	34	0	48	18	2.666667			5%	#
Mean	31.58	0	40.6	17.4	2.551411	4	4.666667		
n=	5	5	5	5	5	3	3		
SD	4.790157	0	4.662617	6.596666	0.604155	2.94392	3.299832		
SE=	2.142223	0	2.085186	2.950119	0.270186	1.699673	1.905159		

