

Fun facts

- With over 2000 varieties, the cocoa genebank is the largest in the world
- The area of the genebank is roughly the size of about 37 football fields.
- The genebank is a living collection. Most other plant collections are stored as seeds. Cocoa seeds cannot be stored this way.
- The genebank was established in 1983. It brought together a number of smaller collections
- In 1937, F. Pound, began the venture to collect cocoa from its source in the Amazon, searching for varieties that were resistant to the crippling cocoa disease Witches' broom. This was the beginning of the international cocoa genebank!



Keep a sharp eye out for me and other species that call the genebank our home!

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Taking precautions

The material in the genebank is a precious resource and special quarantine measures are in effect. All visitors must fill out a travel history form when applying for permission to visit the genebank.



Visiting the Cocoa Genebank

Supporting our stakeholders

Why collect cocoa?

In a time when wild spaces are being lost at an alarming rate, the International Cocoa Genebank Trinidad (ICGT) protects and conserves for future generations, the widest variety of cocoa trees to be found anywhere in the world.

This extraordinary collection is a repository of still to be discovered genes for new cocoa products, as well as new flavours of chocolates. The collection is also a source of raw material to help us prepare for emerging cocoa diseases, and the vagaries of climate change.

The value of the cocoa genebank is therefore incalculable!

Adopt a cocoa tree



Scan the code to learn how you can sponsor a part of our cocoa treasure

How many species can you see?



Name: *Theobroma cacao*
Common name: cocoa
Known for: beans used in chocolates and cocoa products
Cultivation: Tropical zones



Name: *Theobroma grandiflorum*
Common name: cupuassu
Known for: fruity pulp used in juices and sweets
Cultivation: mainly in Brazil



Name: *Theobroma speciosum*
Common name: cacaui
Known for: red flowers with lemon scent and tart, sweet pulp
Cultivation: Wild species



Name: *Theobroma microcarpum*
Known for: deep ridges
Cultivation: Wild species



Name: *Theobroma obovatum*
Known for: fruit is one inch long
Cultivation: Wild species