



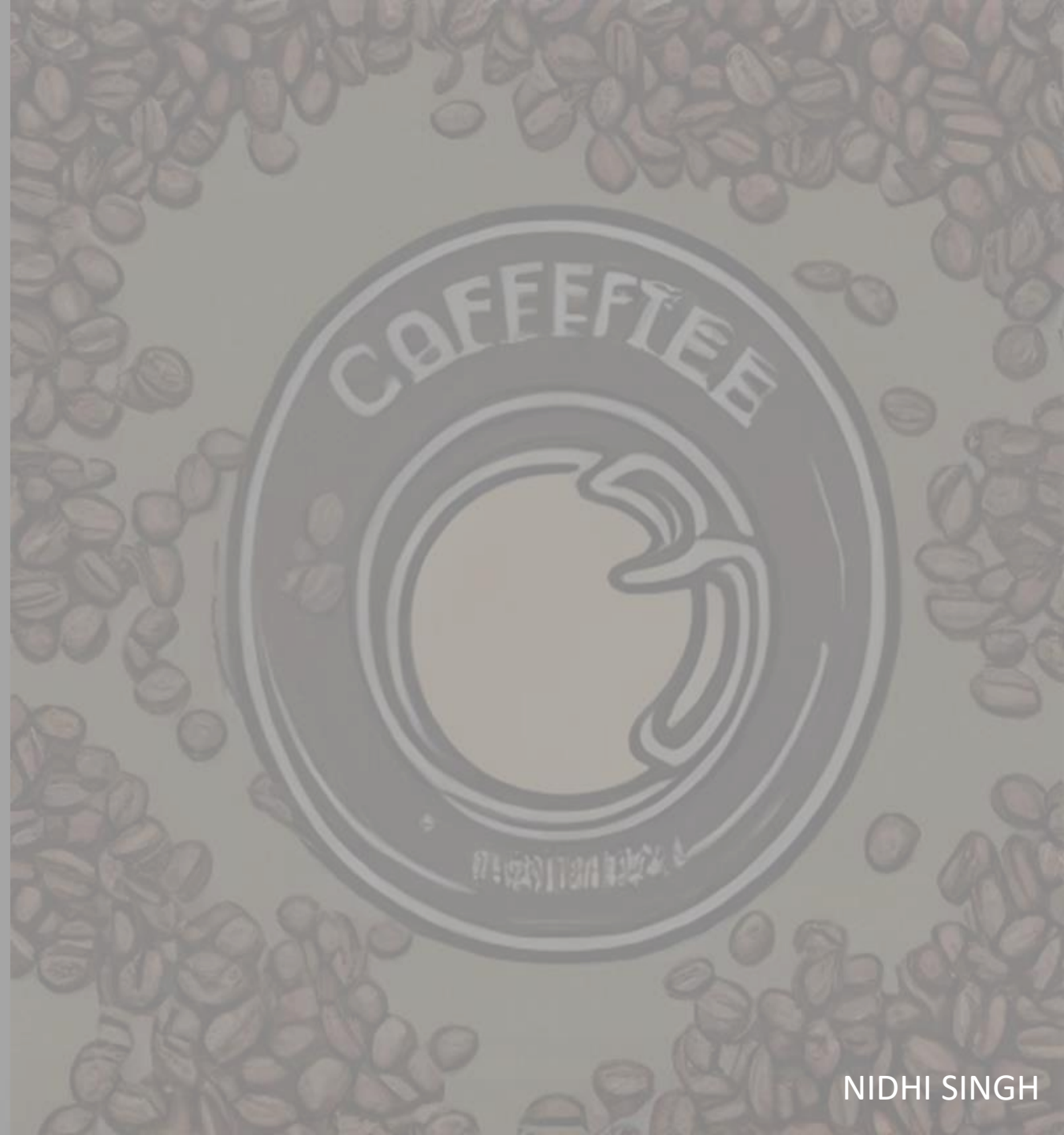
# ARABICA COFFEE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



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# BUSINESS PROBLEM

The primary goal of this project is to leverage the rich dataset provided by Coffee Quality Institute (CQI) to understand the factors that contribute to coffee quality.



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# TOOLS USED

- Microsoft Power BI Desktop



# ABOUT DATASET

## **Coffee Quality Institute:**

- The Coffee Quality Institute (CQI) is a non-profit organization that works to improve the quality and value of coffee worldwide. It was founded in 1996 and has its headquarters in California, USA.
- CQI's mission is to promote coffee quality through a range of activities that include research, training, and certification programs. The organization works with coffee growers, processors, roasters, and other stakeholders to improve coffee quality standards, promote sustainability, and support the development of the specialty coffee industry.

## **Data:**

- The data includes a range of information on coffee production, processing, and sensory evaluation. It also contains data on coffee genetics, soil types, and other factors that can affect coffee quality.

# ABOUT COFFEE

- A process known as **Coffee Cupping** is used to find the quality score of a coffee.
- Every coffee in the world is given a quality score out of 100, which is broken down into sections.
- The final coffee quality score is the sum of the total score of each cup, minus the defects.
- The scores in every category (Fragrance/aroma, Flavour, Aftertaste, Acidity, Body, Uniformity, Balance, Cleanliness, Sweetness, Overall score) are then added together (subtracting any defects) to achieve the final cup score.
- Cuppings are typically carried out by **Q graders**, who are trained by the Coffee Quality Institute to analyse and grade coffee.
- A specialty coffee must score at least 80 points.
- Coffee that scores closer to 80 points is really good but can contain many more faults than the sample that enters the 90+ hall of fame.

| TOTAL COFFEE CUPPING QUALITY SCORE |                                |                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 90 - 100                           | OUTSTANDING                    | SPECIALTY COFFEE     |
| 85 - 89.99                         | EXCELLENT                      |                      |
| 80 - 84.99                         | VERY GOOD                      |                      |
| < 80.0                             | BELOW SPECIALTY COFFEE QUALITY | NOT SPECIALTY COFFEE |

# SENSORY EVALUATIONS (COFFEE QUALITY SCORES)

- **Aroma:** Refers to the scent or fragrance of the coffee.
- **Flavor:** The flavor of coffee is evaluated based on the taste, including any sweetness, bitterness, acidity, and other flavor notes.
- **Aftertaste:** Refers to the lingering taste that remains in the mouth after swallowing the coffee.
- **Acidity:** Acidity in coffee refers to the brightness or liveliness of the taste.
- **Body:** The body of coffee refers to the thickness or viscosity of the coffee in the mouth.
- **Balance:** Balance refers to how well the different flavor components of the coffee work together.
- **Uniformity:** Uniformity refers to the consistency of the coffee from cup to cup.
- **Clean Cup:** A clean cup refers to a coffee that is free of any off-flavors or defects, such as sourness, mustiness, or staleness.
- **Sweetness:** It can be described as caramel-like, fruity, or floral, and is a desirable quality in coffee.

'**Total Cup Points**' is the total of 9 features given above and 1 **Overall** parameter where the graders can show their personal consideration. The more the sample reflects the typical features based on its origin, the higher the coffee score.

# DATA UNDERSTANDING

- **Dataset file type:** Comma Separated File.
- **Columns provided:** ID, Country of Origin, Lot Number, Altitude, Region, Number of Bags, Bag Weight, In-Country Partner, Harvest Year, Grading Date, Variety, Status, Processing Method, Aroma, Flavor, Aftertaste, Acidity, Body, Balance, Uniformity, Clean Cup, Sweetness, Overall, Defects, Total Cup Points, Moisture Percentage, Category One Defects, Quakers, Color, Category Two Defects, Expiration
- **Added columns:** Life Span, Species, Quality, Speciality Coffee, Moisture Range, Harvest Year, Expiration Year
- **Data Dimensions:** 207 rows and 31 columns.



# DATA DICTIONARY

- **ID:** A unique identifier for each entry in the dataset.
- **Country of Origin:** The country where the coffee beans were grown.
- **Lot Number:** The specific lot number associated with the batch of coffee beans.
- **Altitude:** The altitude at which the coffee beans were grown.
- **Region:** The specific region within the country where the coffee beans were cultivated.
- **Number of Bags:** The quantity of bags containing coffee beans in the batch.
- **Bag Weight:** The weight of each bag of coffee beans.
- **In-Country Partner:** The local partner or organization involved in the coffee production process within the country of origin.
- **Harvest Year:** The year in which the coffee beans were harvested.
- **Grading Date:** The date when the coffee beans were graded or evaluated.
- **Variety:** The variety or species of coffee beans, such as Arabica or Robusta.

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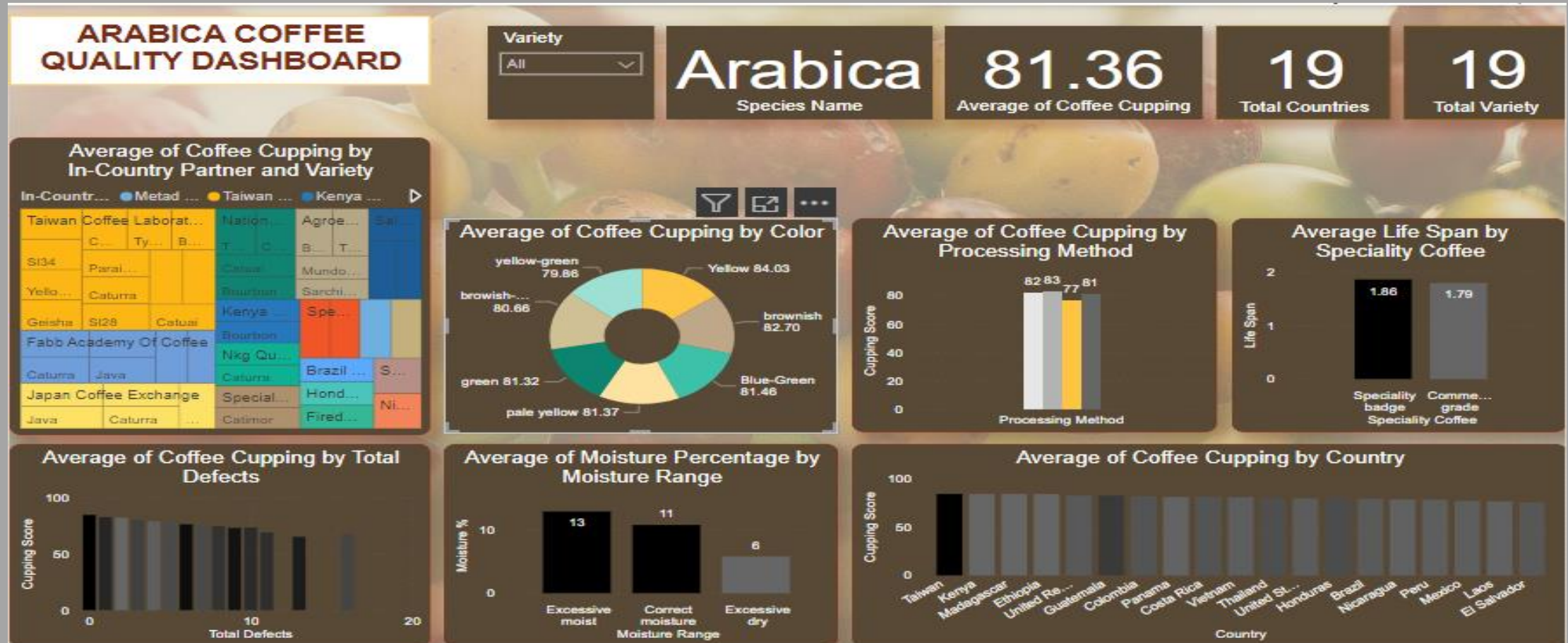
- **Status:** The status of the batch, indicating whether it's completed or ongoing.
- **Processing Method:** The method used to process the coffee beans, such as washed/wet, natural/dry, or semi-lavado.
- **Defects:** Defects are the detected unpleasant flavors warranting a negative score.
- **Total Cup Points:** The total points awarded to the batch based on its sensory evaluation.
- **Moisture Percentage:** The percentage of moisture present in the coffee beans.
- **Category One Defects:** The number of category one defects found in the batch.
- **Quakers:** The presence of quaker beans, which are underdeveloped or defective beans.
- **Color:** The color of the coffee beans.
- **Category Two Defects:** The number of category two defects found in the batch.
- **Expiration:** The expiration date associated with the evaluation or certification of the coffee beans.

# DATA DICTIONARY

|    | A  | B                   | C          | D         | E          | F        | G         | H          | I          | J          | K         | L        | M           | N     | O      | P          | Q       | R    | S       | T         | U     |
|----|----|---------------------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|-------|--------|------------|---------|------|---------|-----------|-------|
| 1  | ID | Country o           | Lot Numb   | Altitude  | Region     | Number o | Bag Weigh | In-Country | Harvest Ye | Grading D  | Variety   | Status   | Processing  | Aroma | Flavor | Aftertaste | Acidity | Body | Balance | Uniformit | Clean |
| 2  | 0  | Colombia            | CQU20220   | 1700-1930 | Piendamc   | 1        | 35 kg     | Japan Cof  | 2021 / 202 | Septembe   | Castillo  | Complete | Double Ar   | 8.58  | 8.5    | 8.42       | 8.58    | 8.25 | 8.42    | 10        |       |
| 3  | 1  | Taiwan              | The 2022 F | 1200      | Chiayi     | 1        | 80 kg     | Taiwan Cc  | 2021 / 202 | Novembe    | Gesha     | Complete | Washed /    | 8.5   | 8.5    | 7.92       | 8       | 7.92 | 8.25    | 10        |       |
| 4  | 2  | Laos                | The 2022 F | 1300      | Laos Borot | 19       | 25 kg     | Taiwan Cc  | 2021 / 202 | Novembe    | Java      | Complete | Semi Was    | 8.33  | 8.42   | 8.08       | 8.17    | 7.92 | 8.17    | 10        |       |
| 5  | 3  | Costa Rica          | CQU20220   | 1900      | Los Santos | 1        | 22 kg     | Japan Cof  | 2022       | Septembe   | Gesha     | Complete | Washed /    | 8.08  | 8.17   | 8.17       | 8.25    | 8.17 | 8.08    | 10        |       |
| 6  | 4  | Colombia            | CQU20230   | 1850-2100 | Popayan, C | 2        | 24 kg     | Japan Cof  | 2022       | March 6th  | Red Bourk | Complete | Honey, Mc   | 8.33  | 8.33   | 8.08       | 8.25    | 7.92 | 7.92    | 10        |       |
| 7  | 5  | Guatemala           | The 2022 F | 1668      | Chimalter  | 5        | 30 kg     | Taiwan Cc  | 2022       | Novembe    | Gesha     | Complete | Washed /    | 8.33  | 8.33   | 8.25       | 7.83    | 7.83 | 8.17    | 10        |       |
| 8  | 6  | Taiwan              | The 2022 F | 1250      | Chiayi     | 1        | 27 kg     | Taiwan Cc  | 2021 / 202 | Novembe    | Gesha     | Complete | Washed /    | 8.33  | 8.17   | 8.08       | 8       | 7.83 | 8.25    | 10        |       |
| 9  | 7  | Taiwan              | The 2022 F | 1200      | Chiayi     | 1        | 90 kg     | Taiwan Cc  | 2021 / 202 | Novembe    | SL34+Gesh | Complete | Natural / I | 8.25  | 8.25   | 8.17       | 8       | 7.92 | 8.08    | 10        |       |
| 10 | 8  | Taiwan              | The 2022 F | 1250      | Chiayi     | 1        | 30 kg     | Taiwan Cc  | 2021 / 202 | Novembe    | SL34      | Complete | Washed /    | 8.08  | 8.08   | 8.25       | 8.08    | 7.92 | 8       | 10        |       |
| 11 | 9  | Tanzania, CN 412723 | 1400-1700  | KILIMANJA |            | 320      | 60 kg     | Kenya Cof  | 2022 / 202 | February   | Bourbon   | Complete | Washed /    | 8.08  | 8.17   | 8.08       | 8.17    | 8    | 8       | 10        |       |
| 12 | 10 | Ethiopia            | 010/0296/  | 1800-2200 | Guji       | 10       | 30 kg     | Japan Cof  | 2021 / 202 | May 31st,  | Ethiopian | Complete | Natural / I | 8.08  | 8.25   | 8          | 8.08    | 7.92 | 7.92    | 10        |       |
| 13 | 11 | Guatemala           | The 2022 F | 2000      | Acatenang  | 5        | 15 kg     | Taiwan Cc  | 2021       | Novembe    | Gesha     | Complete | Natural / I | 8.08  | 8      | 8          | 7.75    | 8.25 | 8.17    | 10        |       |
| 14 | 12 | Taiwan              | The 2022 F | 1250      | Yunlin     | 1        | 60 kg     | Taiwan Cc  | 2021 / 202 | Novembe    | Gesha     | Complete | Washed /    | 8.08  | 8      | 8.08       | 8.08    | 8    | 8       | 10        |       |
| 15 | 13 | Ethiopia            | Grade 1, G | 1900-2000 | Guji       | 40       | 60 kg     | METAD Ag   | 2021 / 202 | August 26  | Gesha     | Complete | Natural / I | 7.67  | 8.17   | 8          | 8.33    | 8    | 8       | 10        |       |
| 16 | 14 | Colombia            | The 2022 F | 1850      | tolima     | 70       | 35 kg     | Taiwan Cc  | 2021 / 202 | Novembe    | Caturra   | Complete | Washed /    | 8.08  | 8      | 8.08       | 7.92    | 8.08 | 8       | 10        |       |
| 17 | 15 | Taiwan              | The 2022 F | 1100      | Chiayi     | 1        | 60 kg     | Taiwan Cc  | 2021 / 202 | Novembe    | SL34      | Complete | Pulped na   | 8.17  | 8.08   | 8          | 7.92    | 8    | 7.92    | 10        |       |
| 18 | 16 | Ethiopia            | CQU20230   | 1900-2100 | Gedeb, Yir | 8        | 5 kg      | Japan Cof  | 2022       | April 7th, | Wolishalo | Complete | Washed /    | 8.17  | 8.08   | 7.92       | 8.17    | 7.75 | 7.92    | 10        |       |
| 19 | 17 | Taiwan              | 202203     | 1300      | Shibi, Guk | 5        | 2 kg      | Blossom V  | 2022       | October 2  | Gesha     | Complete | Natural / I | 8     | 8.17   | 8          | 7.92    | 7.92 | 7.92    | 10        |       |
| 20 | 18 | Taiwan              | 202112     | 1200      | Gukeng To  | 8        | 1 kg      | Blossom V  | 2021 / 202 | October 2  | Gesha     | Complete | Natural / I | 8.08  | 8.17   | 7.75       | 7.92    | 7.83 | 8       | 10        |       |
| 21 | 19 | Tanzania, CN 412723 | 1570-1600  | Arusha    |            | 200      | 30 kg     | Kenya Cof  | 2022 / 202 | February   | Bourbon   | Complete | Washed /    | 8.17  | 8      | 7.92       | 7.92    | 8.17 | 7.75    | 10        |       |
| 22 | 20 | Guatemala           | The 2022 F | 1900      | Guatemala  | 8        | 30 kg     | Taiwan Cc  | 2021 / 202 | Novembe    | Gesha     | Complete | Natural / I | 8     | 7.92   | 8.08       | 7.92    | 7.75 | 8       | 10        |       |
| 23 | 21 | Taiwan              | 2022/02    | 950       | Chiayi     | 1        | 20 kg     | Taiwan Cc  | 2022       | December   | Typica    | Complete | Natural / I | 8.08  | 8      | 7.92       | 7.92    | 8    | 7.82    | 10        |       |

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# VISUALIZATION





# INSIGHTS

- The species taken into consideration is **Arabica**.
- The total number of countries taken into consideration is **19**.
- The total number of varieties taken into consideration is **19**.
- **Taiwan** is the best-working country when it comes to upgrading Arabica coffee quality.
- Highest number of variety are grown by **Taiwan Coffee Laboratory**.
- **Defects** are inversely proportional to coffee quality.
- **Yellow** beans should be plucked to obtain good quality beans.
- Coffee beans should contain **9-12 % moisture**. The moisture present in the coffee beans of the dataset is correct.
- The **Pulped Natural/Honey** processing method should be adopted.
- **Taiwan Coffee Laboratory** is the best in-country partner.
- The better the coffee quality, the **longer** the lifespan of the coffee.



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# RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Focus on Quality Control:** Implement stringent quality control measures throughout the production process to minimize defects and maintain high coffee quality standards.
- **Collaborate with Taiwan's Laboratory:** Strengthen partnerships with Taiwan's laboratory to leverage their expertise and resources in coffee research, analysis, and quality assurance.
- **Prioritize Pulped Natural/Honey Processing:** Emphasize the use of the Pulped Natural/Honey processing method for coffee beans to ensure cleaner, brighter flavors and higher cup scores.
- **Control Moisture Content:** Monitor and regulate the moisture content of coffee beans to fall within the optimal range of 9-12%, as this contributes to superior cup scores and overall coffee quality.
- **Quality Yellow Coffee Beans:** Source and select yellow coffee beans, indicating fully developed beans as they give the coffee its best flavors and ensures a better starting point for coffee production.
- **Invest in Training and Equipment:** Provide training for coffee producers on best practices for cultivation, processing, and quality control. Additionally, invest in equipment and infrastructure to support these efforts and enhance overall coffee quality.

**THANK YOU**