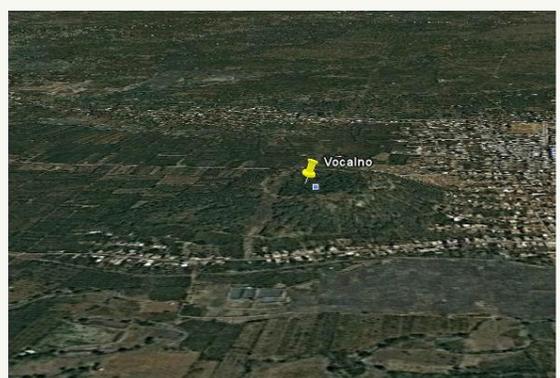




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| <p>Organising entity:</p> | <p>DAK MAN, a Volcafe member</p> |
| <p>Producer group:</p> | <p>The Sustainable Group of Cum'gar founded in 2006 first received certification from UTZ in 2009.</p>  |
| <p>Background:</p> | <p>Cum'gar lies peacefully in the eastern highlands of Dak Lak. Together with Buon Ma Thuot, the coffee is of the highest quality with distinct natural aroma thanks to traditionally devoted cultivation techniques as well as local climate and thick basaltic layer once formed from the Cum'gar volcano.</p>  <p><i>Aerial Photograph – 1970 (Source: Google Earth)</i></p>  <p><i>View from Google earth (source: Google Earth)</i></p> <p>Cu M'gar is a combination of "Cu" and "M'gar". In E-de (a Vietnam ethnic minority) language "Cu" means mountain; "M'gar" means Flower, named for Volcano. Thus, It could be mean in English: Flower mountain.</p> <p>Initiated with 602 farmers in 2006, now the group grows up with 1,267 farmers, of which 708 farmers are certified by UTZ.</p> <p>Cum'gar group cultivates 1,012 ha which can annually produce up to 2,000 tons of high quality robusta coffee.</p> |



Testimonial

Y Phon Buon To,

One of the E-de ethnic minority people, a member of Cum'gar group:

Under the UTZ seal I can improve agriculture practices, control my cost of production and save money from making right investments before selling coffee at higher prices.

I am now more aware of protecting water resources and the environment, not only for enhancing the quality of my family life, but also for our community and later generations as well. Finally I found that we are enjoying our happy life with visible and invisible benefits from UTZ. It's not small, but huge really!



Before being UTZ certified, we used to apply pesticides widely and uncontrolled agrochemicals. As a result, important insects such as ants disappeared; the environment was polluted causing bad effects for us and our community. Harmful insects without enemies multiplied rapidly becoming an epidemic and seriously destroyed our crops (Cicada, Pseudococcus sp).



pests with IPM (Integrated Pest Management). We just apply pesticide based on the **4-step method**, use **approved** pesticide, at the **right** time for the **correct** type of **pest** or **disease**. We can do grafting of new coffee varieties ourselves which can produce highly productive good quality coffee, and resist incurable fungus (Hemileia vastatrix) as well.

Now, we can let all forms of wildlife live together, and they can control and balance themselves. We partly share our annual investment in organic fertilizer (manure) instead of applying all chemical fertilizers, since knowing that apart from supplying necessary dietary minerals like Mg, S, SiO₂, Zn, Cu, Fe, Mn, organic fertilizer can play a role as a store that can absorb chemical fertilizer preventing it from evaporating into the air. We know why, what, when and how to apply the right **quality** and **quantity** of fertilizer as well as agrochemicals. **We hardly buy anything at pesticide shops anymore. We know how to take care of our bean quality from farms to the ports. Benefits we receive are not small. What we want to say about our coffee is it is GOOD INSIDE!**

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