



The Heirloom Cacao Preservation Fund

Pre-Submission Form

Please complete all required questions and submit to the HCP prior to your official submission of beans. The HCP will review your submission and follow up with you with any additional questions and instructions for submitting your beans for analysis.

Contact Name:

Email:

All Applicant Questions

Heirloom Cacao is an ancestral or traditional cacao varietal propagated on farms or found in wild or semi-wild conditions that exhibit exceptionally complex, balanced, and unique flavor profiles.

In order to be evaluated for Heirloom status, your submission must align with all parts of the HCP mission to: "discover, identify and preserve fine flavor Heirloom cacao varieties for the conservation of biological diversity and the empowerment of farming communities".

Environmental Sustainability/Biodiversity

Describe how your organization supports and sustains biodiversity in your farms and region.

Describe how your cacao contributes to an agroforestry system.

What other trees and plants are present?

How have your farming practices changed over time to support environmental responsibility?



Social Initiatives

What do you do to support the quality of life for your farmers, staff, and daily workers?

In what ways does your organization support and empower farmers and farming communities?

Tell us more...

How has your approach and your processes evolved to support biological diversity and community empowerment? How do you see them evolving in the future?



Farm Description

Producer Type	
Landscape details: topographical features, hydrological features, separation from other growing areas	
What is the average annual production of dry cacao that is of the same type as the submission?	
Are there commercial volumes of chocolate or cacao available that match the sample being submitted?	
Are the trees grown from seedlings, clones, or a mix?	
Seedlings: Please provide information regarding original source of seeds.	
Clones: Please provide list of clones.	
What, if any, is the local name of the variety (or varieties) of cacao from the sample submission?	
Is submitter/grower willing to allow HCP to collect DNA samples from trees?	
Is there any known cultural, historical, conservation value related to the variety/varieties cultivated, clones, or a mix?	
Are the trees believed to be a wild population?	



Small Holder & Single Estate Questions

Is there more than one variety of cacao grown on the land?	
If yes, are the different varieties of trees mixed, or planted in identifiable areas or groups?	
If yes, are the different varieties separated for fermentation and drying?	
What degree of lot traceability is there for the sample submission?	
Approximate number of trees harvested to produce the lot used for intended sample submission:	
Total number of cacao trees on farm:	

Research Farm Questions

Have the trees harvested for this submission been propagated and released to growers?	
Will trees be released to public domain?	
Can the intended sample submission be traced exactly to the trees that were harvested?	



Central Processor Questions

Is there any information known about the types of cacao grown in the network?	
If yes, please describe different varieties by name.	
What is source of information regarding types of cacao and/or source of planting materials?	
Are different varieties grown in different areas or mixed?	
How many farms are a part of the farmer network and supply wet cacao for central processing?	
Is the cacao grown in one geographic area (valley, district, etc.?)	
If more than one, how many?	

Please feel free to provide any additional information to support your submission as necessary:

Next Steps

Once you complete this pre-submission form. Please send a copy to info@hpcacao.org

An HCP representative will contact you within 1-month with any questions or feedback. If the Pre-Submission is approved by the committee, then you will be sent the link to the official HCP Submission Database to finalize your application and bean shipment details.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at info@hpcacao.org

Thank you for your submission, and for taking action to preserve exquisite cacao.