



50 years of Excellence

COCOA RESEARCH CENTRE



**securing the
local, regional
and
global
cocoa industries**

Supporting sustainability of cocoa

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CONSERVATION

International Cocoa Genebank, Trinidad

Collection

> 2500 accessions

- * Seedlings
- * Grafts
- * Cuttings

Characterisation

- * Morphology
- * Agronomy
- * Pathology
- * Quality

Enhancement

- * Hybridisation
- * Selection



The Genebank is the foundation for all work in Research, Training and Technical services.



RESEARCH

Supporting a sustainable cocoa industry



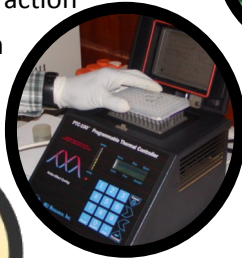
Morpho-Physiology

- Grafting studies
- Rooting of cuttings
- Abiotic stress tolerance
- Assessing agro-economic traits



Pathology

- Disease resistance
- Host-Pathogen interaction
- Molecular detection
- Epidemiology



Genetics

- DNA Fingerprinting
- Molecular markers
- Quantitative genetics
- Bioinformatics



Quality

- Sensory
- Chemical profiling
- Food safety
- Nutraceuticals



OUTREACH

Strengthening capacity and alliances

Training

- Disease management
- Germplasm management
- Germplasm characterisation
- Molecular tools for breeding
- Flavour profiling



Services

- DNA fingerprinting
- Organoleptic profiling
- Value Addition
- Incubators
- Certification
- Tours



Technical Assistance

- Quality management
- Post-harvest
- Genebank & breeding support
- Germplasm sharing



Dissemination

- Publications
- Annual reports
- Newsletters
- Website/Facebook



COLLABORATIONS



Government of the Republic of
Trinidad and Tobago



DNA Fingerprinting
Molecular characterisation



Witches' Broom
disease screening



Cocoa Productivity
Screening
CFC Project Collection
Flavour
Enhancement
Assessment



Mission

- ✧ To support the sustainability of the cocoa sector through management of genetic resources, research, innovation and outreach.
 - ✧ Maintaining a diverse, representative and well-curated field collection of cocoa genetic resources.
 - ✧ Creating a learning environment of global excellence with a set of core professional staff, project contract staff, adjunct staff from other institutions, adjunct staff from other departments across faculties, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students.
 - ✧ Supporting public policy and decision-making with respect to cocoa industries in the region.
 - ✧ Developing an innovation-oriented research programme, capable of spawning competitive industries.
 - ✧ Developing a strong outreach programme by serving as a portal to all the University's resources to support the regional, and international cocoa industries.

Vision

To develop Cocoa Research Centre into a globally recognised centre of excellence in research and genetic resources by 2020.

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