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<i>Exporter</i>	R & B Import Export Ltd.
<i>Washing Station</i>	<u>Kinini</u>
<i>District</i>	Rulindo
<i>Altitude</i>	1800 masl +
<i>Varietals</i>	BM139, BM71, Bourbon Jackson
<i>Processes</i>	Fully Washed
<i>Harvest</i>	February - August

The Cocatu washing station was founded in 2007 by twenty farmers and grew at one point to cover 6000 small scale farmers. The global financial crisis caused considerable difficulties that saw the group shrink, leading to asking Kinini for help in 2017 having established a great reputation with their own washing station and coffee.

Now comprised of around 260 small holder farmers, the cooperative makes use of the Kinini washing station as it is more efficient and has better quality control. They also help with quality training, as well as financial advice, encouraging saving when they get paid.

Some are also using those savings to loan to other farmers and earn profits, a system they call “A Cocatu Microfinance”. They continue to encourage cooperative work amongst the many farmers and provide agronomic assistance and advice where needed.

Most of the smallholder plots are located in the high mountains of Tumba. Recently, the coop has started expanding with more than thirty thousand new coffee seedlings this year. This is fed by utilising worm technology learned from another DRW supplier from Honduras, COCAFELOL.

Joseph from Kinini at the worm composting facility

