

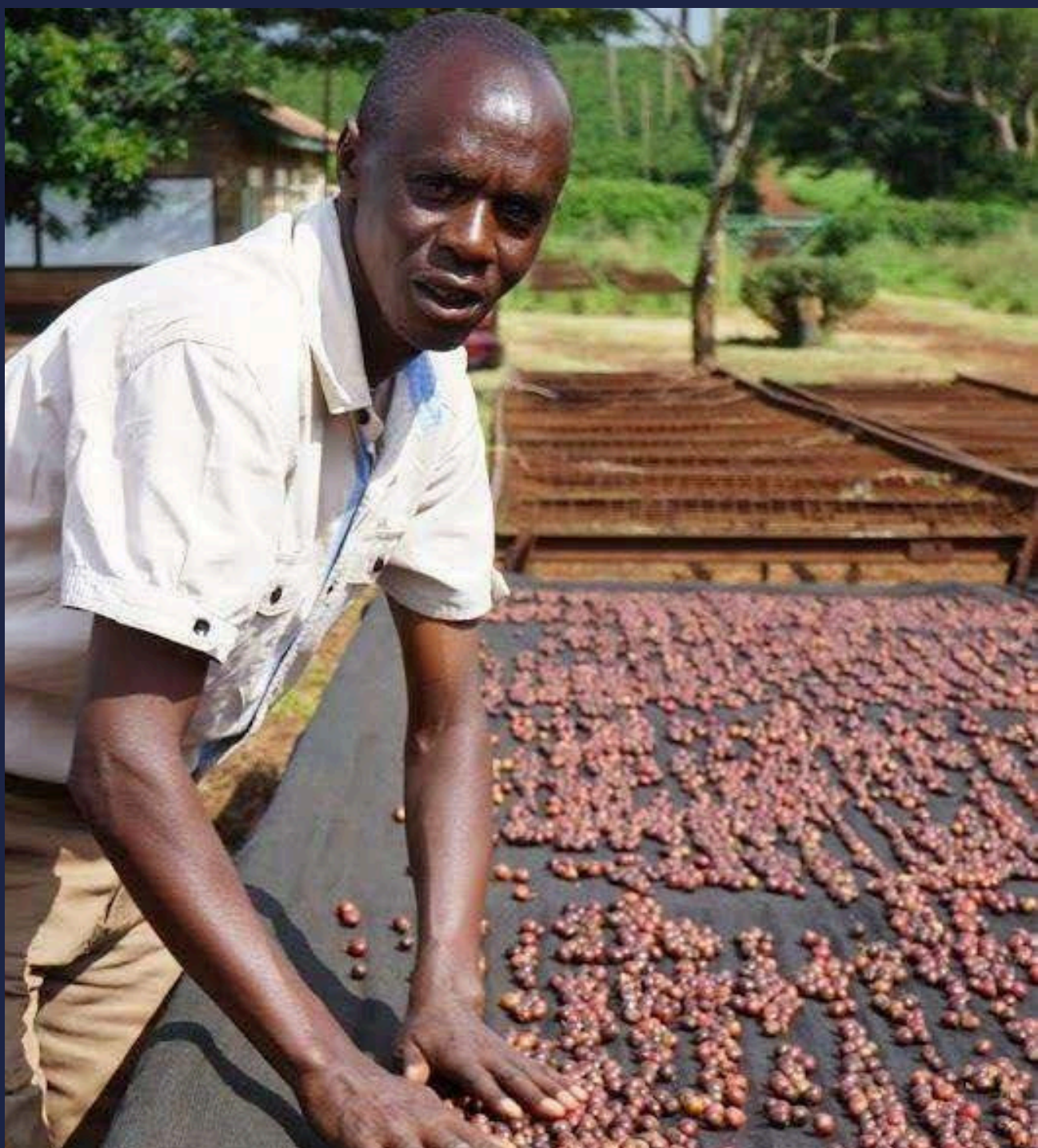


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<i>Country</i>	Kenya
<i>Region</i>	Kiambu
<i>District</i>	Ruiru
<i>Altitude</i>	1600 - 1800 masl
<i>Varietals</i>	SL28, K7, Ruiru, Batian
<i>Processes</i>	Natural, Washed
<i>Harvest</i>	November to January

Mchana Estate is one of Kenya's largest coffee estates and sits in Kiambu, a region closely linked to the country's coffee trade and research sector. Located near Ruiru and Nairobi, the estate operates alongside substantial coffee infrastructure, including its own dry mill, helping connect production with export and processing activities.

The estate covers a large agricultural property, with the coffee-growing area remaining broadly similar to that recorded in the mid twentieth century. Although parts of the farm fell into disrepair during the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries, continued investment and management have helped maintain its position within Kenya's coffee industry.

Today Mchana is owned by Kofinaf Co. Ltd., a locally based company with longstanding involvement in coffee. The estate was originally acquired by a French company following the Second World War before eventually transitioning into local ownership, reflecting wider changes across Kenya's coffee sector after independence.

Coffee production at Mchana relies on a sizeable workforce. Around 172 permanent employees work on the estate, while seasonal labour requirements can increase the workforce to well over a thousand people during peak harvest periods. The estate provides a range of services for workers and their families, including childcare facilities, medical support, and educational opportunities. Ngewe Primary School serves both estate families and children from the surrounding area, while dedicated daycare facilities support parents during the working day.

The estate also maintains policies focused on worker welfare, health and safety, equal treatment, and non-discrimination. Beyond coffee production, Mchana plays a wider role in the local agricultural community through its nursery operations and other support activities.

