

Kopi Luwak

October 25, 2025 • vajiramandravi.com



Kopi Luwak Latest News

A recent study revealed that civet-processed Robusta coffee, known as Kopi Luwak, differs significantly from naturally harvested Robusta beans in its fatty acid composition and total fat content, providing new scientific insight into the unique aroma and flavour that make it famous.

About Kopi Luwak

- Kopi Luwak, also known as **Civet Coffee**, is one of the **world's most expensive** and exclusive coffees.
- It's **made from beans** that have been **partially digested and excreted by** the **Asian Palm Civet**.
- After the civet eats ripe coffee cherries, the beans are excreted, **collected, washed, dried, and then roasted** to produce coffee with a **unique, smooth, and silky texture**.
 - The **beans' fermentation process** results in a coffee with **distinctive flavor notes** of **chocolate, caramel, and nuts**, accompanied by **low acidity**.
 - The distinct flavour may derive **from the animal's gut and digestive fluids**.

- Gastric juices and enzymes from the civet's stomach increase the level of citric acid in the beans, resulting in a coffee with a lemony tanginess and a more delicate aroma.
- This rare coffee is **highly sought after** and is considered a **luxury item**.
- However, the **production** of Kopi Luwak has **sparked ethical concerns**.
- **Civets are sometimes kept in small cages** and are **force-fed coffee cherries**, leading to calls for more ethical and sustainable production methods.
- Despite these concerns, Kopi Luwak remains a **highly prized delicacy**, and can cost more than **US\$1,300 per kilogram**.

Key Facts about Asian Palm Civet

- The Asian Palm Civet, also known as the **Toddy Cat** or **Common Palm Civet**, is a **small, nocturnal mammal** that is found throughout **South and Southeast Asia**, including **India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and the Philippines**.
- It is a member of the Viverridae family, which also includes other civet and mongoose species.
- Scientific Name: *Paradoxurus hermaphroditus*.
- **Features:**
 - It has a **long, slender body, short legs**, and a **pointed snout**.
 - It weighs between 2 to 5 kg and measures around 53 to 71 cm in length, including the tail.
 - Its **fur is brownish-gray with black spots**, and it has a **white mask-like marking around its eyes**.
 - It is a **nocturnal animal** and feeds on a variety of prey, including insects, small mammals, and fruits.
 - They are also known for their **strong sense of smell** and **excellent climbing skills**, allowing them to easily climb trees and forage for food.
 - They are **not very social** animals.
- **Conservation Status:**
 - IUCN Red List: **Least Concern**

Source: **TH**

Source: <https://vajiramandravi.com/current-affairs/kopi-luwak/>

© Vajiram & Ravi. For personal use only.