

Coffee stories: exploring and highlighting material and intangible heritage of coffee

Stoffelen Piet, Paulussen Femke, Houben Claudia, Roels Peter & Segers Yves

Introduction: Coffee connects people. With partners, from the field of heritage and beyond, we investigate, register, document and value material and immaterial coffee heritage in Flanders and Brussels. Public-oriented activities highlight this coffee heritage from different perspectives, ranging from artifacts to history, from scientific knowledge to stories, traditions and rituals.

Methods:

- Volunteers, 'The Coffee Noses', we are surveying the coffee heritage in public and private s, and they are looking for interesting stories on coffee.
- Coffee experts were gathering in meetings and workshops.
- Making of expo & writing of a book

Results:

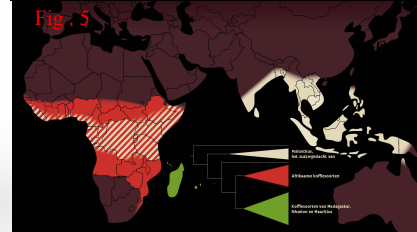
- Website (koffiestories.be; Fig. 1)
- Travelling expo (Fig. 2)
- A book (Fig. 3)
- A overview expo (Fig. 4 & 5)
- A festival (was cancelled)



Fig. 4



Fig. 5



Conclusion/Perspectives: The project brings together people with different background: botanists, historians, coffee professionals and volunteers experienced or not experienced on coffee. This resulted in an interesting cross-over of expertise and knowledge and resulted in a broad view on coffee which is accumulating in a website 'koffiestories.be', an exhibition, a book and other public oriented activities on coffee. Unfortunately most of the public events were cancelled due to COVID-19 but the travelling expo was reworked to an online expo.