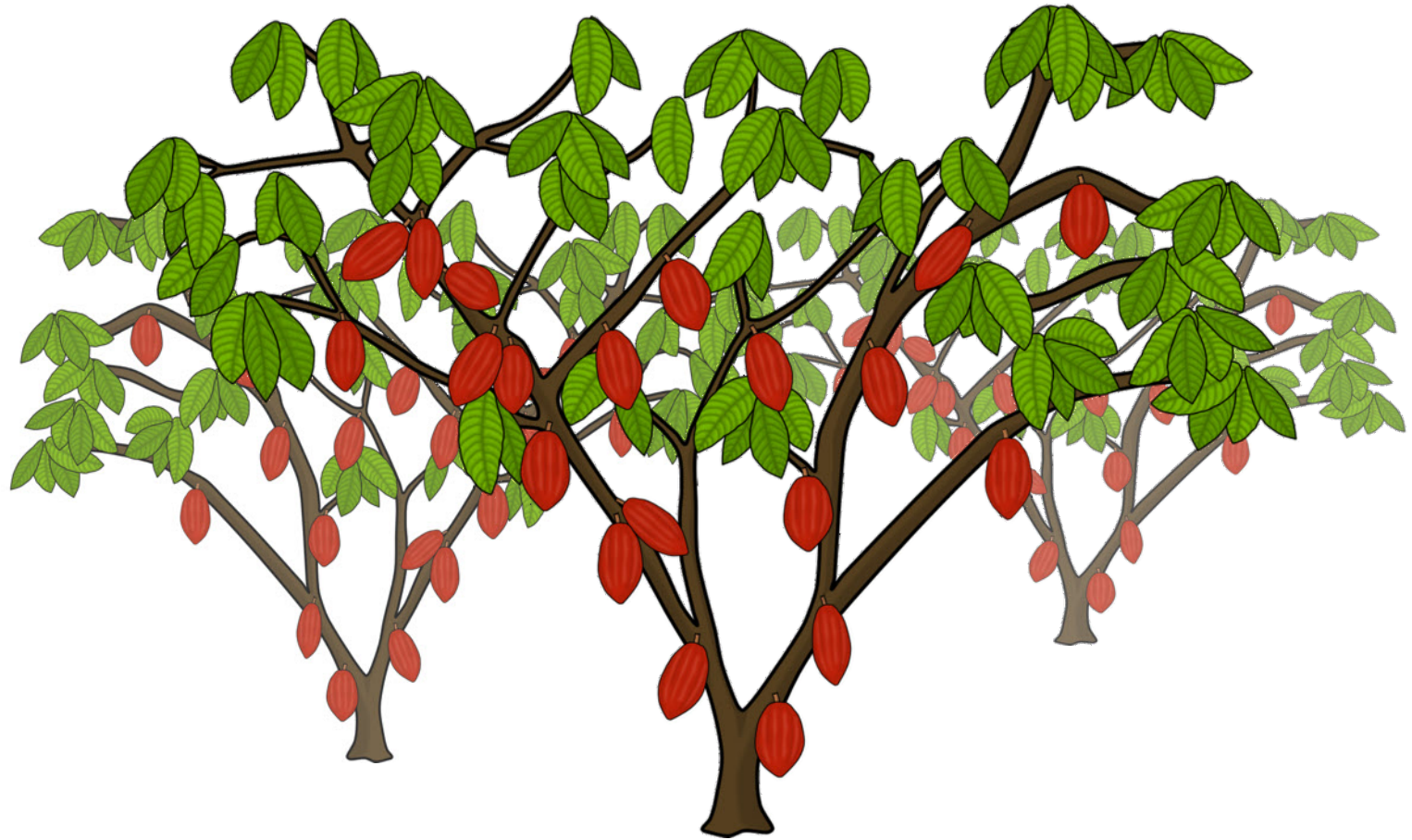


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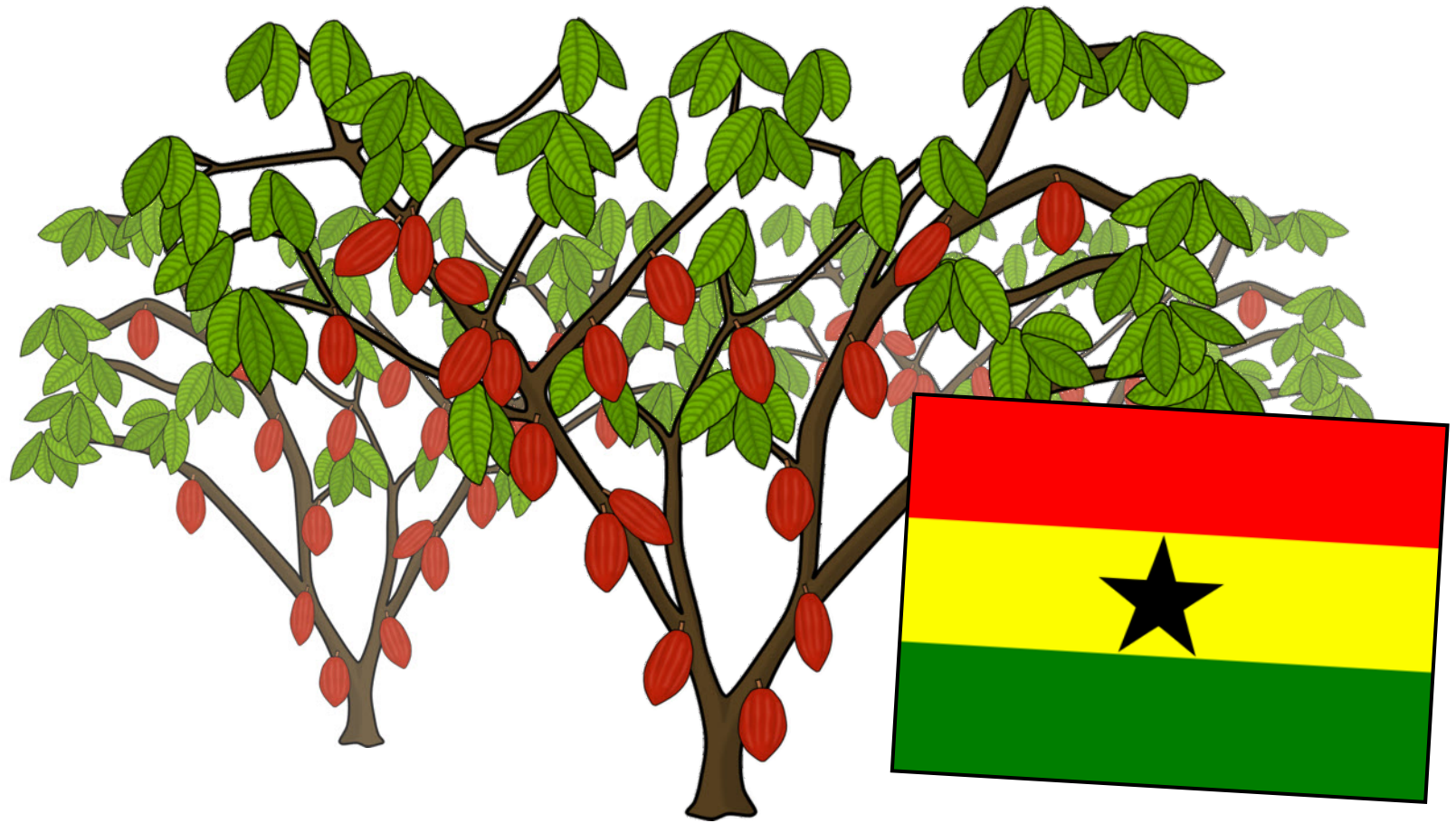


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Cacao trees are grown in large plantations in tropical regions.

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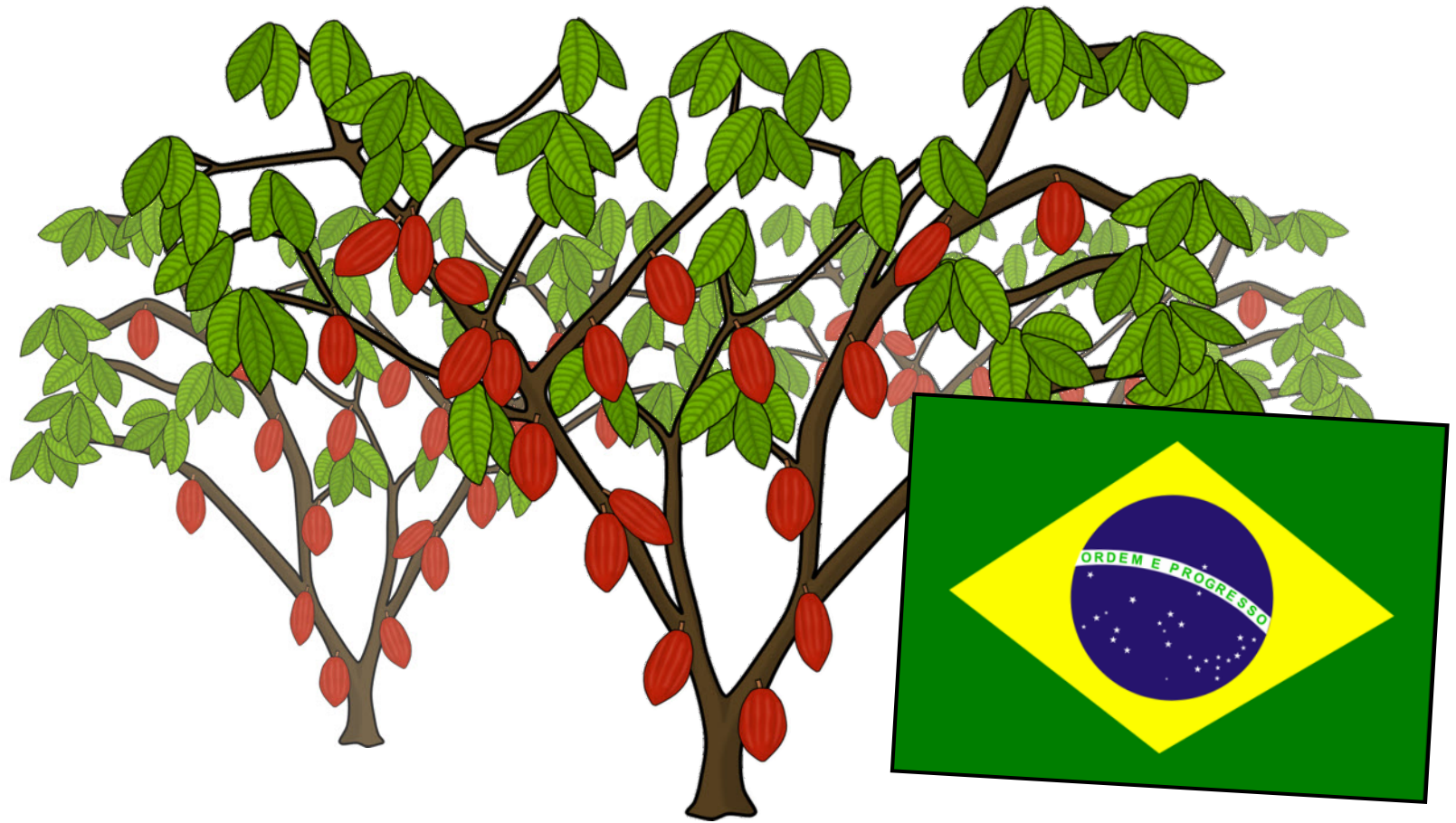
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Cacao trees are grown in large plantations in Ghana, West Africa.

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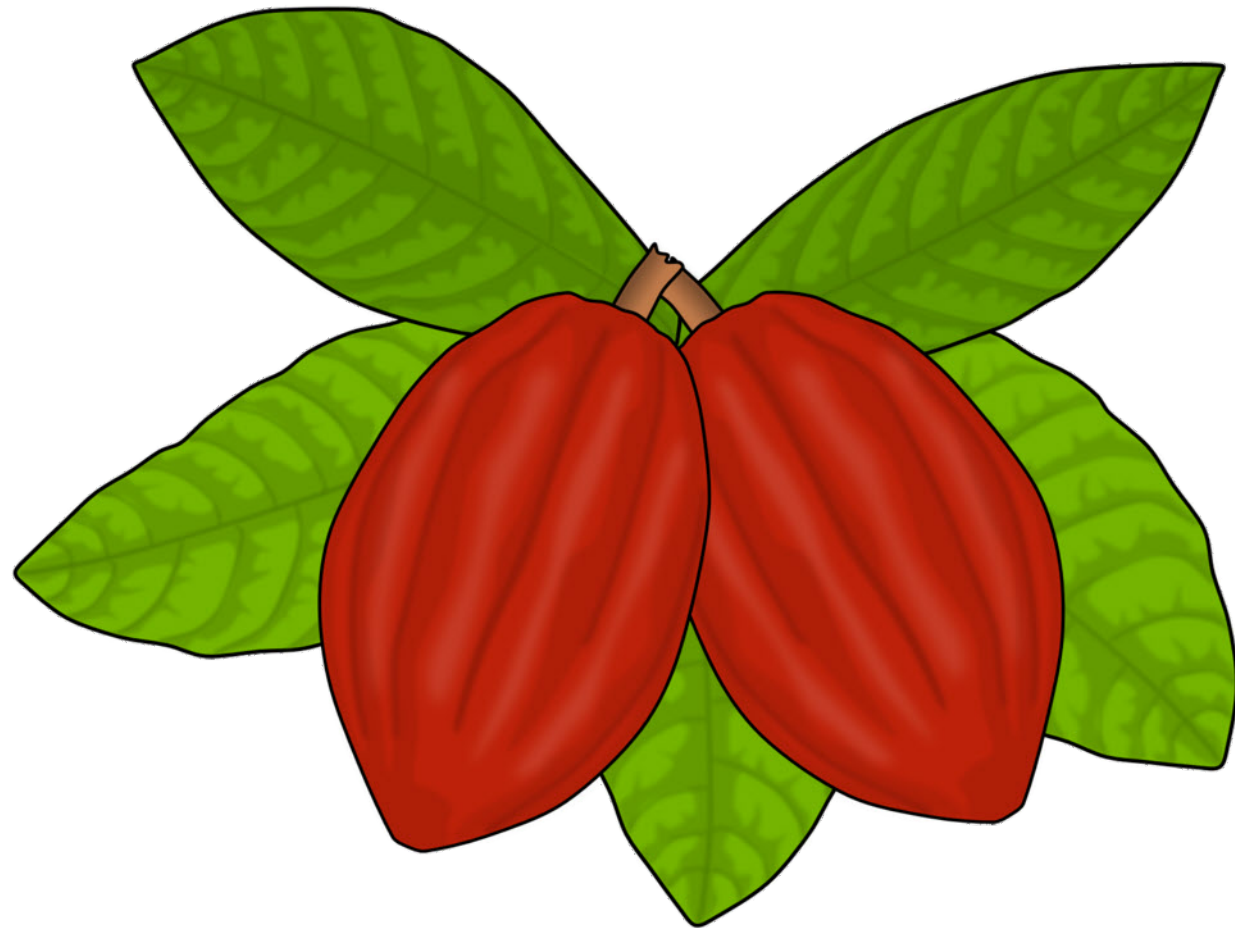
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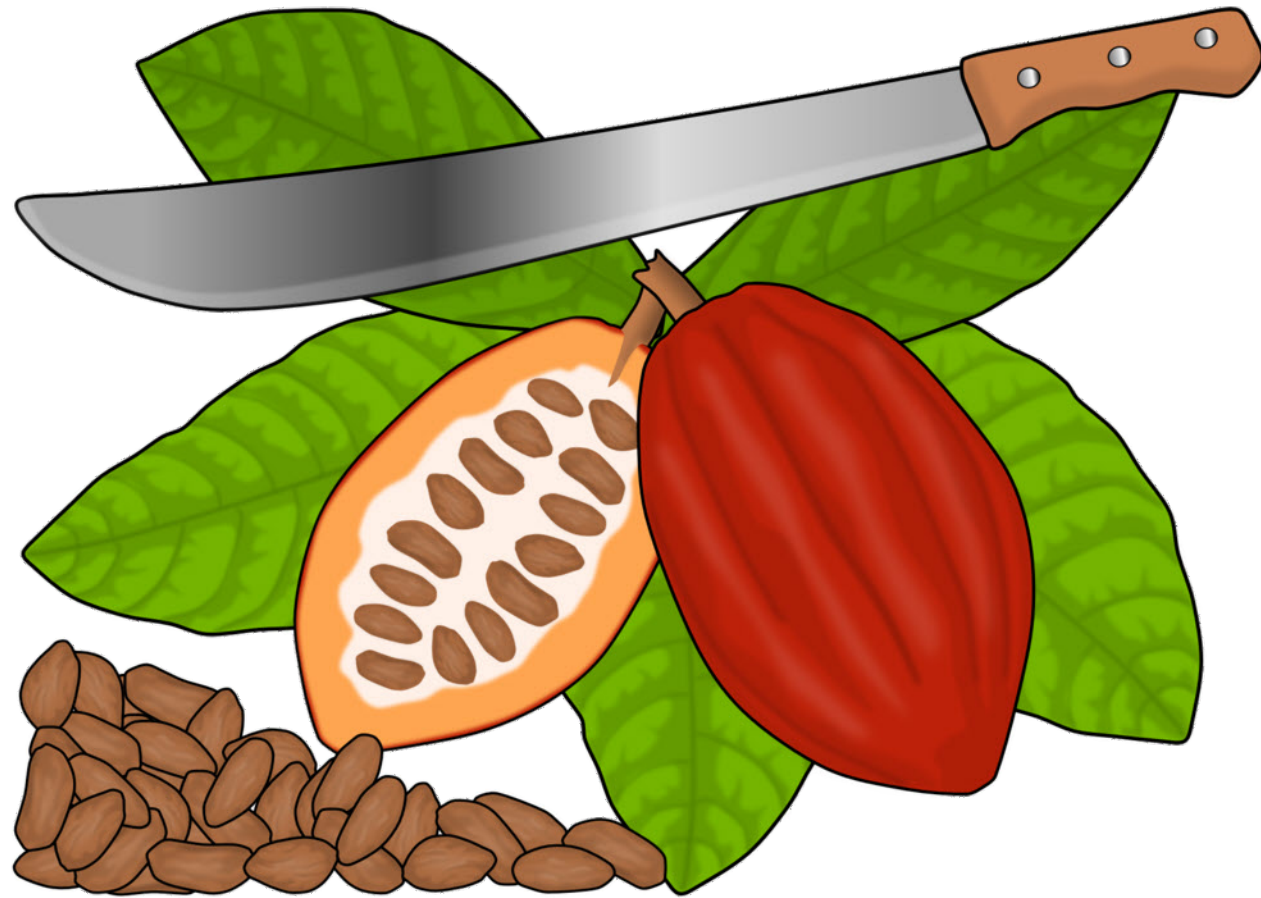
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After about 6 months the cocoa pods are ripe and they are harvested.

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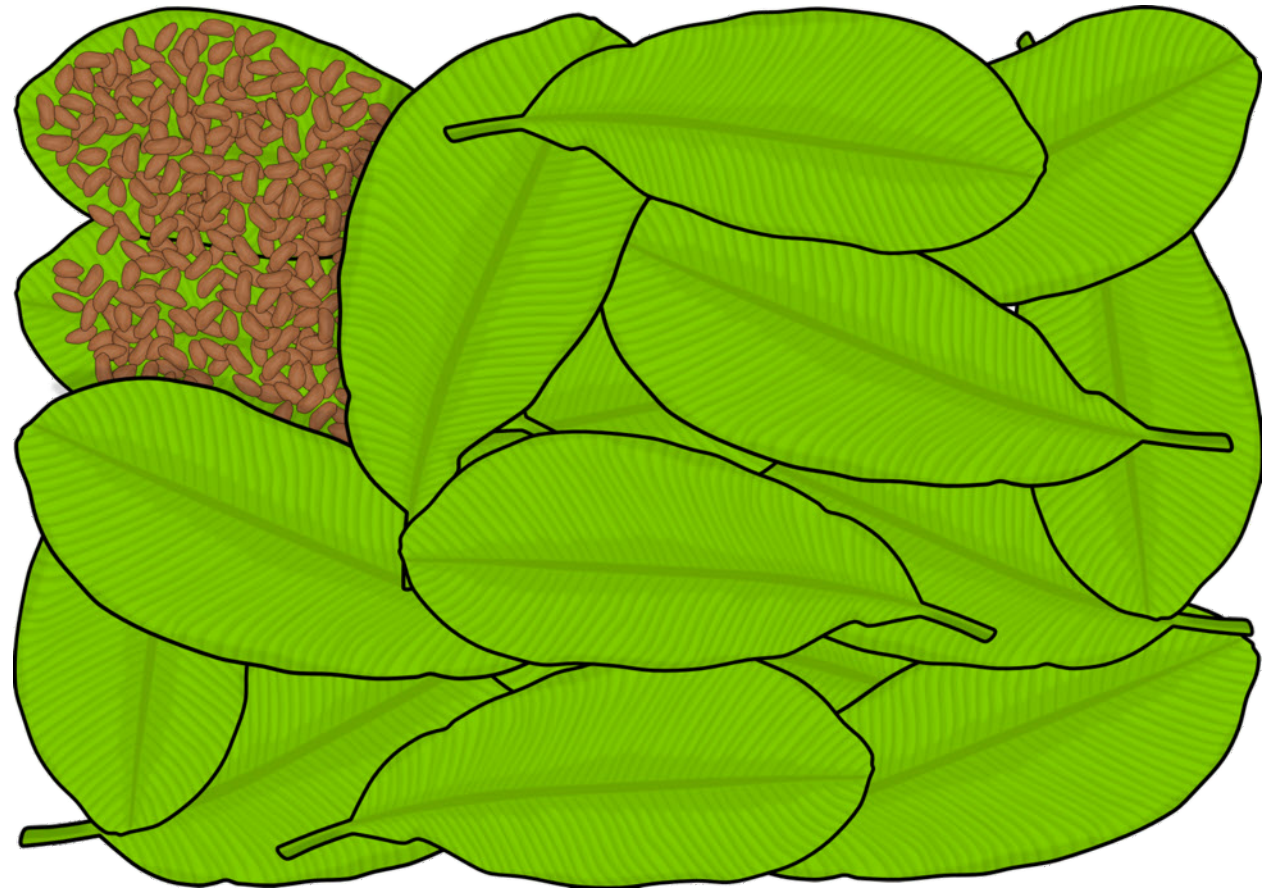
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The pods are split with a machete and the cocoa beans are removed.

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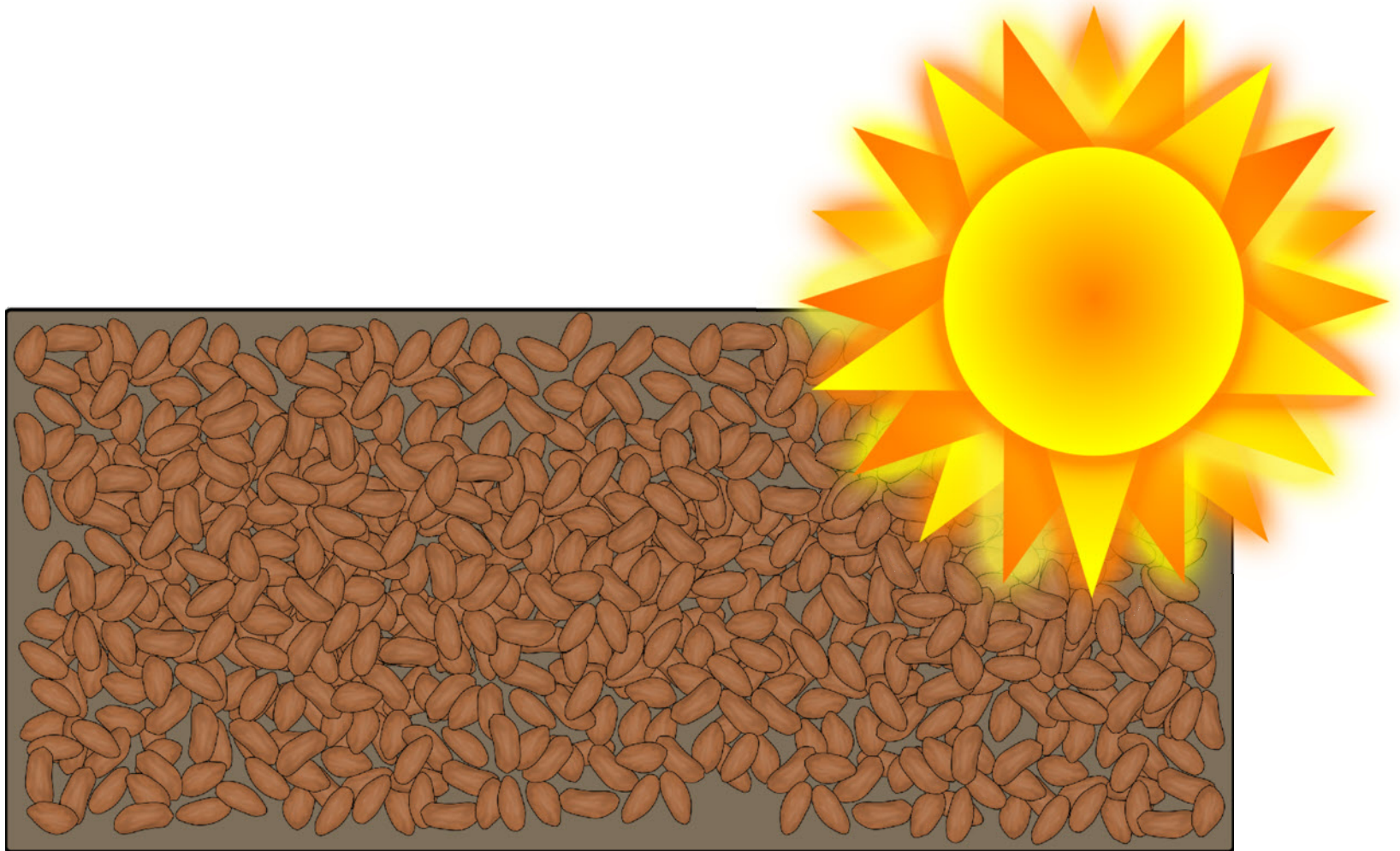
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The beans are covered with banana leaves and left to ferment for 5 days.

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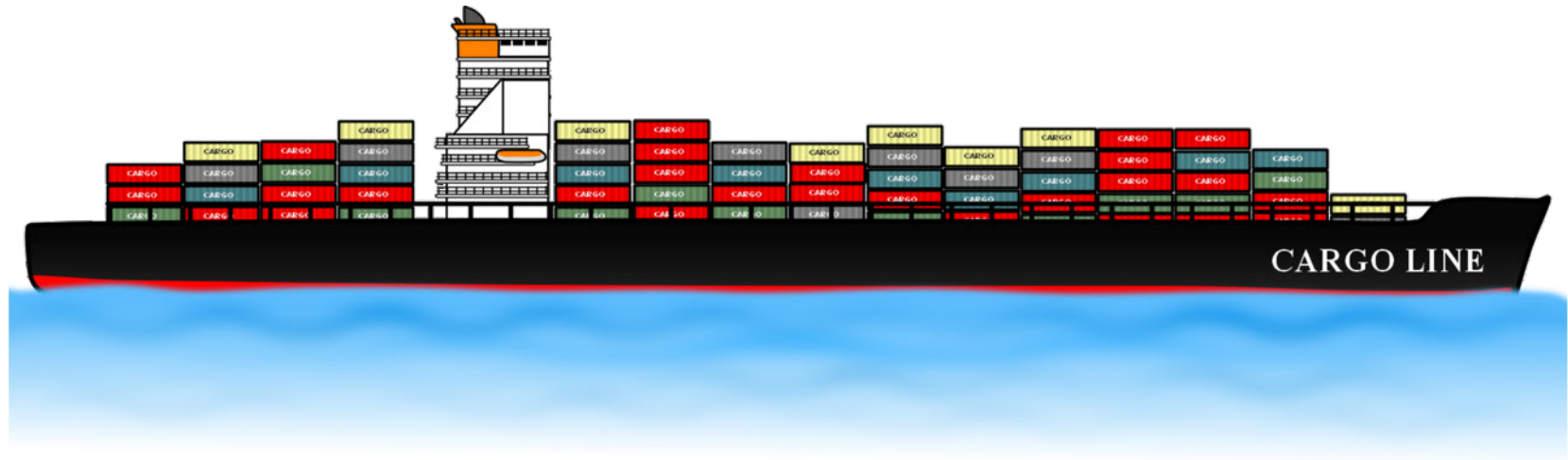
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Then the beans are dried in the sun.

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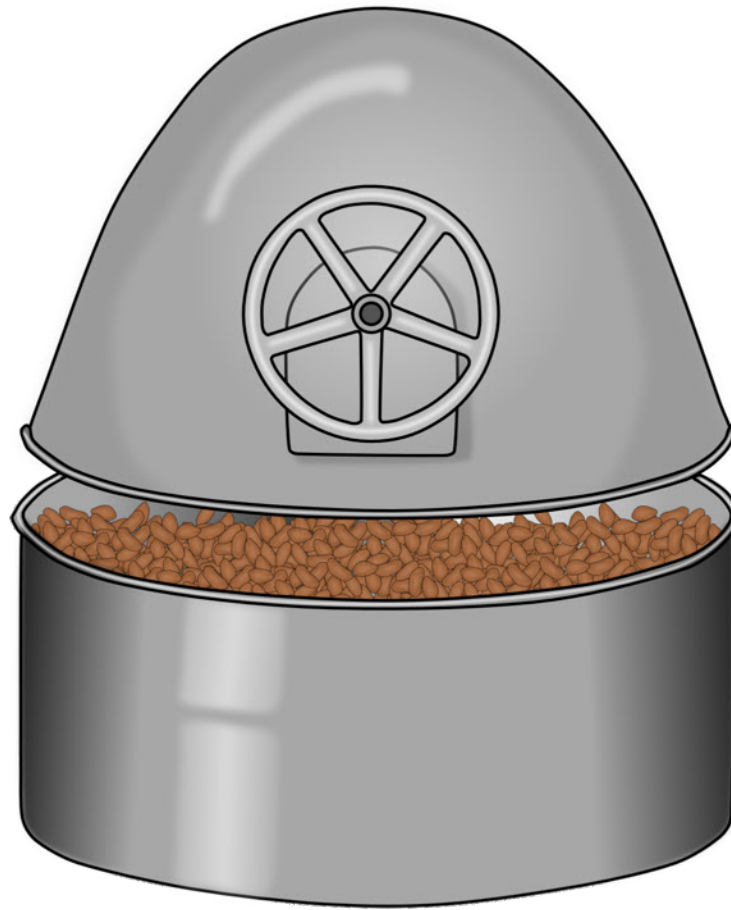
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The beans are shipped to chocolate factories around the world.

Where does chocolate come from?

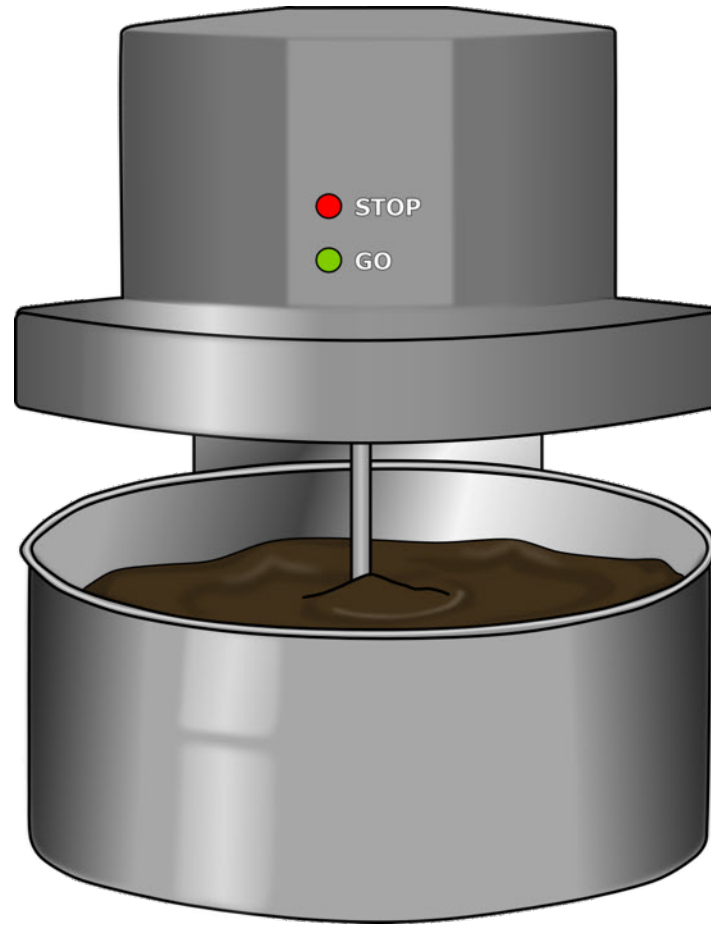
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At the factory the beans are cleaned and then roasted.

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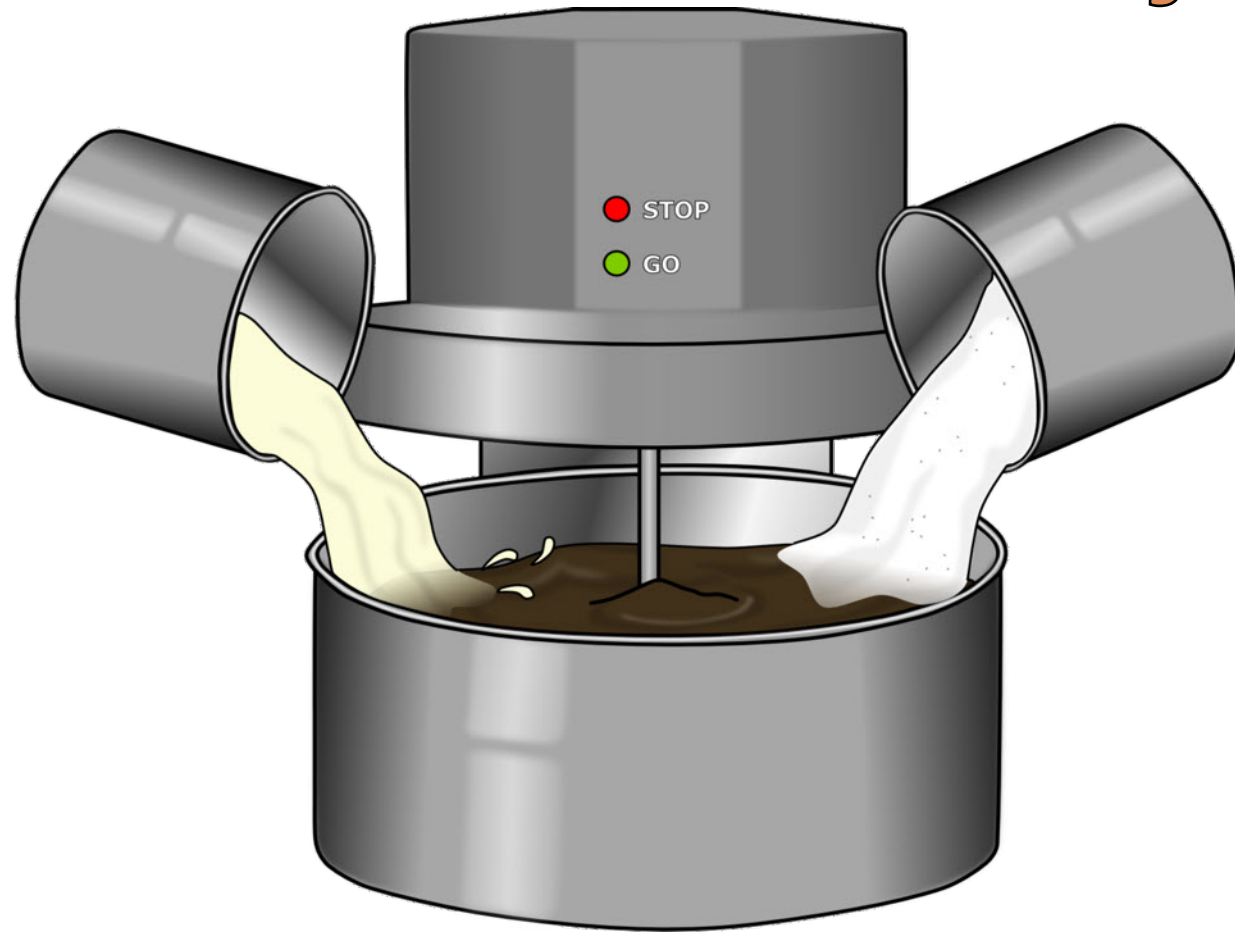
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Then the shells are removed and the beans are ground into a thick liquid.

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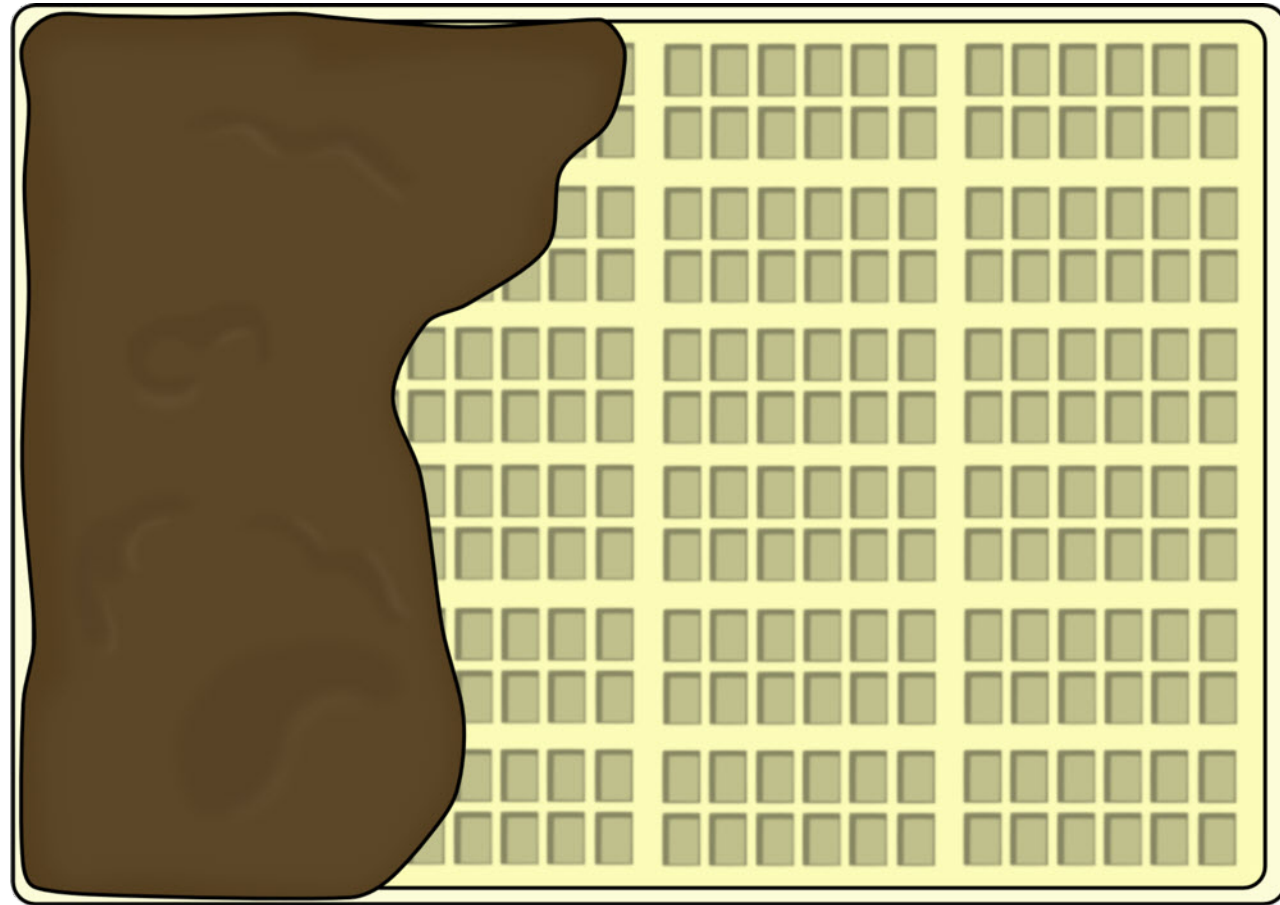
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Milk and sugar are mixed
into the liquid.

Where does chocolate come from?

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The mixture is smoothed, rolled and churned and finally poured into moulds.

Where does chocolate come from?

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The chocolate is cooled.

Where does chocolate come from?

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Finally, it is packaged to be sold in the shops.