



Star fruit (*Averrhoa carambola*) which makes a delectable fruit drink!

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The sporadic rain that began earlier in June continues as I write this. While precipitation of this kind is most welcome, the stormy interludes are not welcomed by our old faithful *Natta* who can't find a secure enough refuge at such times!

While our vanilla beans are maturing they are not yet ready for harvest which we now expect will be about the middle of July.



The vegetation around HPH with Dr. Michael van der Poorten in the middle ground

It seems like our persistent agitation with regard to restoration of our approach road to the condition it was in more than 40 years ago could soon bear fruit. We had a visit from the local MP's (and Cabinet Member's) emissary with a staffer from the Road Development Authority in tow, promising to start the rehabilitation of the 1.2

For July, as in month's past, we'll continue our very popular "Sampler pack" of HPH-grown and -roasted coffee and a "Surprise Basket" of HPH "goodies" that appears to delight visitors as they take their leave of us and HPH!

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kilometres of what is little more than a jeep track currently.

Keep your fingers crossed for us!



Coffee blossoms

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Wild mushroom at HPH (Unfortunately inedible!)