BBC LEARNING ENGLISH **Media English** 媒体英语 **Future-proofing coffee in a warming world** 经得住气候变暖考验的咖啡品种



科学家们表示,一种之前"被遗忘"的、能生长在更温暖环境中的咖啡植物或许能帮助未来的咖啡饮品抵御气候变化。据预测,我们也许很快就能品尝到狭叶咖啡 (Stenophylla)的味道,这是一种来自西非的稀有野生咖啡品种,味道很像小粒咖啡(Arabica),但生长在更温暖的环境中。

A fresh **brew** prepared from the **roasted beans** of Arabica, the **high-quality** coffee that dominates the multibillion-pound coffee industry.

这是用烘焙过的小粒咖啡豆制作的一杯新鲜咖啡,在价值数十亿英镑的咖啡产业中,小粒咖啡是最主要的优质咖啡品种。

But as temperatures rise and **droughts intensify**, good coffee will become increasingly difficult to grow and expensive to buy.

但随着气温上升和干旱加剧,优质咖啡将越来越难以种植,购买成本也越来越高。

That's why experts are searching among more than a hundred wild coffee species for a plant that can **tolerate** warmer and drier conditions.

这就是为什么专家们正在从上百个野生咖啡品种中寻找一种能耐受更温暖、更干燥环境的植物。

And they say we could soon be **sipping on** Stenophylla, a coffee from Sierra Leone that was recently **rediscovered** after not being seen **in the wild** for more than fifty years.

专家们说,我们可能很快会品尝到来自塞拉利昂的"狭叶咖啡"了,它在野生环境中 消失了五十多年后,最近被重新发现了。

1.	词汇表
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brew	煮好的饮料,此处指冲泡咖啡
roasted beans	经过烘焙的咖啡豆
high-quality	优质的
droughts	干旱,旱灾
intensify	加剧
tolerate	经受, 耐受
sipping on	啜饮,小口喝
rediscovered	被重新发现
in the wild	在野生、自然环境下

2. 阅读理解:请在读完上文后,回答下列问题。(答案见下页)

1. True or false? *Good coffee will become cheaper to buy.*

2. What is Arabica?

3. Experts are searching among more than a hundred wild coffee species for something. What are they looking for?

4. Where does the coffee Stenophylla come from?

3. 答案

1. True or false? *Good coffee will become cheaper to buy.*

False. As temperatures rise and droughts intensify, good coffee will become increasingly difficult to grow and expensive to buy.

2. What is Arabica?

It is the high-quality coffee that dominates the multibillion-pound coffee industry.

3. Experts are searching among more than a hundred wild coffee species for something. What are they looking for?

They are searching for a plant that can tolerate warmer and drier conditions.

4. Where does the coffee Stenophylla come from?

It comes from Sierra Leone.