

## Cacao seed pods



**Plant Botanical Name:**

*Theobroma cacao*

**USBG Plant Location:**

Conservatory

**Conservatory Room Location:**

Garden Court

**Sunlight:**

Light shade

**Plant Moisture Requirements:**

evenly moist

Cacao pods are most famous for being the source of chocolate, and the Latin name *Theobroma* is derived from the Greek for "food of the gods." Each cacao pod, which is about 4-6 inches long and 1-2 inches wide, is shaped like a football and contains between 20 and 60 lima bean-sized seeds. The pods grow close to the trunk of the cacao tree and change color from green to yellow to orange to red as they ripen.

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