Mapping chocolate

Stage	Time	Needs
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	5 years	Sun, rain, shade trees providing protection, weeds removed
From planting cocoa trees to producing first pods		
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	6 to 8 months	Good rainy season, lots of warm sunshine Keep away pests
From white flowers appearing on the trees, to forming ripe cocoa pods		
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	A few weeks or months, depending on the size of the farm	Drier weather A machete or cutlass Strong arms!
Ripe cocoa pods are harvested		
Stage	Time 7 days	Needs Banana leaves to wrap the cocoa beans
The cocoa beans are scooped from the pods, and left to ferment		

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Drying the beans	7 to 10 days	Hot sun, dry weather, drying tables
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Sacks of beans travel from the farms by truck to the port, and by ship to Europe	2 to 3 weeks	Transport
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Cocoa beans are processed and mixed with other ingredients, such as sugar and milk	A few hours	Machinery for mixing and moulds to pour it into
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Finished chocolate is transported to warehouses and on to shops, and bought by you!	Chocolate can last for a few months from being made	Wrappers, buyers, transport, shoppers