The banana was domesticated in the hot and humid forests that extend from India to the Solomon Islands, where wild species of bananas are native. Like their wild ancestors, edible bananas are cut from the same cloth.

The objective of this portal is to provide general information on the banana plant. To find out how the various types of cultivated bananas differ from each other, visit the portal on banana diversity.

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