

Brazil - Natives Scraping Manioc Roots



Brazilian Indians in Bahia scraping manioc, or cassava, roots. Three men and one woman sit around a large pile of manioc roots, scraping off the skin with knives. The men in the foreground are both wearing hats. Manioc is a staple of many native peoples in Brazil, but it requires a great deal of preparation before it is suitable to eat. Manioc contains a toxin known as hydrocyanic acid, which can only be removed by an extensive cooking process, (1933).

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