
Tamanu Oil smells like old curry.

Posted by Belle - 2006/04/22 01:11

I got some Tamanu oil that smells like an old curry. I've sent it back to my supplier thinking it might be rancid. He says that every batch he has stocked has smelt like that and may be I'm after the bleached and deodorised one. Has any one ever been offered the choice of unrefined or RBD Tamanu oil? Or is he just blowin' smoke?

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Re: Tamanu Oil smells like old curry.

Posted by Puppy - 2006/04/22 06:15

hmm:: 3 different places, 3 different descriptions of its odor... pecan ice cream, heavy fatty odiferous, nutmeg. no mention of different types or process.

Tamanu oil, also known as Foraha oil in Africa, is obtain by mechanically crushing the dried nuts of the Tamanu tree. The Tamanu tree is typically found in the Pacific and Asian Tropical regions. The oil is rich and deep in color, and it smells similar to butter pecan ice cream. Tamanu oil has a soothing effect on the skin, and it helps to relieve irritations such as sun burn, inflammation and general rashes. Tamanu oil also helps regenerate skin cells and has a hydrating effect on the skin. Research shows that Tamanu oil is a strong anti-inflammatory, making it useful for the treatment of rheumatism, eczema and inflammatory skin conditions. The oil has been used for its ability to help heal cuts and wounds while acting as a germicide to prevent infection. Use tamanu oil undiluted as a treatment for eczema, psoriasis, cuts and wounds or in creams and lotions for general treatment of dry skin. Tamanu oil can also be healing in lip balms and lotion bars at 5%.

Tamanu Oil Profile

Botanical Name- Calophyllum tacamahaca

Origin- Tahiti

Extraction- Cold Pressed/Unrefined/Virgin

Shelf life- 10-14 months

Notes- Stores well under any condition but extreme heat will lessen the shelf life. Tamanu oil has a rich, deep scent with a bold green color and it may alter the color and aroma of your cosmetic creations. Can be used directly on the skin or diluted with a suitable carrier oil.

Specifications

Color- Light green with a slight yellow hue

Odor- Heavy, fatty and odoriferous

Free Fatty Acids- 3.0%

Peroxide Value- <4.5

Non-Saponifiables- 0.6

Saponification Value- 180-200

Iodine Value- 100-112

Specific Gravity- 0.91

pH- 4.11

Tamanu Oil- The seed of this tropical tree are carried by ocean currents from the Phillipines to Indonesia. Rich in fatty acids, this oil from the dried nut seed is a traditional skin protectant used by native islanders for centuries. New studies show regenerative properties, making this oil ideal for troubled or scarred skin. Tamanu has a nutty-spicey odor, reminiscent of nutmeg. For more information on Tamanu Oil, [click here](#). Sap value =

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Posted by Belle - 2006/04/22 07:02

I had the "Calophyllum inophyllum" Tamanu, slightly green in colour and viscous. It sounds great for the skin, with the anti-inflammatory effects etc which was why I was interested. I just cant get past the smell, its more Bombay curry than butter pecan!

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