

The Gift of Plants ● The Power of Nature

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The Use of Essential Oils in the
Professional and Therapeutic Environment



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SOURCED DIRECT FROM THE GROWER

The therapeutic value and quality of an essential oil depends on many factors: The plant itself: how, where and in what soil it is grown; how it is distilled (slowly under gentle heat over a longer time); and how it is handled after distillation. All these factors go to determine the quality of the oil, and the successful outcome of a treatment. Sadly many oils are adulterated. This can be because they are destined for the fragrance of flavour industry (which has less exacting standards of purity), or in some cases by unscrupulous merchants and middlemen in order to fill out volume, and increase profit. Therefore where possible we always source our oils direct from the grower (or farmers' co-operative). This also enables us to ensure the farmer receives a fair price.

CULTIVATION METHODS

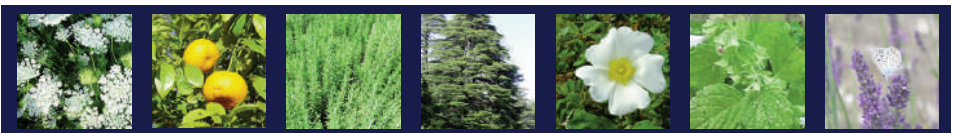
We classify our essential oils as follows:

- **Certified organic:** No use of chemical fertilizers, etc. Slow water or steam distillation to preserve maximum active ingredients and olafactive compounds.
- **Traditional cultivation:** Similar to certified organic, but without certificate from public or private institutions. Cultivation and distillation is generally by long-established family businesses.
- **Wild grown certified organic:** Identical to organic, but from wild-grown plants
- **Wild-grown:** From plants found in natural habitat (e.g. conifers & eucalyptus.)
- **Selected:** Many essential oils in this category come from countries where organic cultivation is not yet known. This does not mean that the plants have necessarily been treated chemically. We select these oils on the basis of our traditional standards of purity and olafactive quality. Some of these oils can be less expensive alternatives to certified organic oils from the same plant.

TESTING

Comprehensive analysis and quality control is in place for all our products, supported by ongoing state-of-the-art laboratory tests. This includes:

- Optical rotation
- Density
- Refraction
- Gas Chromatography, and if necessary
- Mass spectography



LABELLING AND AUTHENTICITY

Every Oshadhi essential oil carries the following information on the label:

- Common Name (including chemotype as applicable)
- Botanical Name
- Part of the plant
- Country of origin
- Cultivation
- Expiry date
- Known allergens
- Bar Code
- Batch number

Furthermore, information about the main chemical constituents may be found on our website, and GC readouts are also available (see below).

DOCUMENTATION

Gas Chromatography (GC) readouts and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) documentation is available for all our oils. Our oils are bottled in Germany and Organic Certification is by *Ecocert*, the main European certifying body, and *EcoControl* for Food Grade Organic Certification.

DELIVERY

We know that, having placed your order, you will want to receive your products as soon as possible. We process and send most orders the day we receive them, so you should receive them the next day. Larger orders requiring courier will probably take a day longer. If we do not have the oil you ordered in stock we will let you know immediately, and either suggest an alternative, or let you know when we expect it to become available.

TRADE ACCOUNTS

We offer special rates to professionals and also to institutions such as research organisations, hospices and hospitals. We are happy to set up trade accounts and accept Purchase Order numbers. We are, however, very appreciative of prompt payment.



The Story of Oshadhi

The inspiration for the Oshadhi collection of essential oils comes from the enthusiasm of Dr Malte Hozzel, a naturalist and teacher, who has a passionate interest in therapeutic plants. Over the past 25 years Dr Hozzel has travelled the world in a quest to find the best and purest oils, sourcing them direct from growers. Here he explains his motivation:

Our Goal: Our goal has always been simple: to create and distribute a collection of essential oils which stand out through their uncompromising purity. The magic of Oshadhi essential oils - their outstanding therapeutic efficiency and depth of fragrance - stems of course from the plants themselves. What we have added is our understanding. We do our best to ensure that each product contains the intelligence and healing power of the plant in its purest form. It is wonderful that this healing power can be available in a little cobalt blue bottle: so simple, neat, and beautiful.

Our Quest: Our 'treasure hunt' for the best essential oils goes on and on, never ending, always more surprising, always more demanding. This is a challenge we relish. During our quest, we have established strong ties with over 100 farmers of medicinal plants throughout the world.

Working with Farmers: These farmers are committed to the wise and prudent treatment of the soil and have demonstrated a deep respect for nature. Many do the same work as their father and grandfather did, often using traditional stainless steel or copper stills which provide the optimum conditions for the full aroma of the essential oils and maintenance of the active ingredients.

Responsible Ecological Farming: During our search we have witnessed ever-increasing degradation of the soil due to the misuse of natural resources. This is specifically due to the clear-cutting of plants, over-harvesting, the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides, and mono-cultural farming. Unfortunately few farmers are aware of the dramatic consequences of these widespread practices. Our commitment is therefore to promote organic farming and to work with producers who know how to handle nature in a loving and caring way. Whenever we make contact with new farmers we immediately draw their attention to the far-reaching positive consequences of responsible ecological farming.

Cooperation and Mutual Respect: We are convinced that cooperation, exchange of knowledge and mutual respect are the best means to echo back the message of nature reflected in the wonderful gift of these plants. We enjoy being able to be a piece in this puzzle of awakening to new values of life, of beauty, of wisdom and of health - and we thank everybody who participates in this goal.

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