Gaharu is a dark resinous heartwood that belongs to the Aquilaria species which has been widely used in the aromatic industry. The resin is also commonly known as agarwood, aloeswood, eaglewood, oud or jinko. Gaharu has a distinctive colour, shape, texture, size, weight and smell.

Production and processing

Before the mass plantation of Gaharu Gopeng, earthworms were cultured for compost, thereby eliminating the need for chemical fertilisers. During the process, manual weeding was employed four to five times each year. As a result, the soil organism such as the earthworm was more active, which provided a healthy and conducive soil for the plantation of Gaharu Gopeng.

Furthermore, as the hills of Gopeng are located slightly higher than the surrounding terrain, there is good exposure to wind and colder temperatures, which was beneficial for the growth of Gaharu Gopeng.

The entire production process of the gaharu is expertly and meticulously controlled with technical expertise to ensure top-quality products.

Link between product and territory

Gopeng is situated approximately 20 kilometres south of Ipoh, the state capital of Perak.

Approximately 200,000 Gaharu trees are currently occupying around 300 acres of terraced hills in Gopeng, due to the suitable climate, the condition of the soil and cultivation techniques.

Gaharu Gopeng was initially cultivated with 200 saplings received from the Japanese in 1992. These saplings were the culmination of more than a hundred years of efforts by cross breeding 12 different pollens using a Japanese ancestral method. This natural forest treasure is known as the ‘Wood of Gods’.

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