

Name **Binh Thuan Dragon Fruit**

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### Main characteristics/features

Binh Thuận dragon fruit weights between 280 and 800 grams. Its flesh is firm, crunchy, sweet and slightly sour and it has a pleasant aroma. The fruit is similar in texture to a kiwi and it also has small black seeds, however, the taste is much sweeter. Dragon fruit is known for its low calorie content.

### Geographical area

The Binh Thuận dragon fruit production area is located in the districts of Hàm Tân, Hàm Thuận Nam, Hàm Thuận Bắc, Bắc Bình and Phan Thiết city in Binh Thuận province.

### Production/processing

Dragon fruit is harvested when ripe, which is about 28 to 30 days after flowering. It is recommended to harvest dragon fruit in the early morning or late evening to avoid direct sunlight, which could damage the quality of the dragon fruit. The fruit is cut using sharp clippers. After cutting, the fruit is carefully placed in plastic or bamboo baskets lined with paper or leaves so as to avoid mechanical damage. After collection the dragon fruit is stored in a cool place and is then transported for packaging as soon as possible. The fruit is transported to the collection point in baskets lined with paper and covered with leaves to avoid damage and direct sunlight.

### Link between product and territory

Dragon fruit is a tropical fruit which is suited to hot and sunny conditions, but not cold weather. It grows well in areas that receive lots of sunny days, with long daytime hours and strong sunlight. It is best suited to grey infertile soil but can also be grown in various other types of soil such as alkaline soil, or latosol red soil, among others.

The geographical conditions in Binh Thuận province are ideal for the biological features of the dragon fruit. Before 1990, dragon fruit was grown in Binh Thuận province, however, it was used for religious celebration purposes. Since 1990 dragon fruit has become widely consumed both in the domestic and overseas markets.

The topography and climate of the area, as well as the cultivation techniques, have made the pure and sweet-tasting dragon fruit a favourite among many consumers.

### Publication in the Official Gazette

#### Competent authority

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Binh Thuận Dragon Fruit Association /Department of Science and Technology of Binh Thuận Province

#### GI right holder/GI association

#### Contact information

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### Type of product

Fruit

### Control body

### File number

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### Websites