Mai Vang Yên Tử flowers are very distinctive. Each flower has five bright lemon-yellow petals. The petals are delicate, with wavy edges and are sparsely arranged. The flower is lightly scented.

Production/processing

Propagation: Either mature seeds or young trees selected from the forest should be used. Propagation should take place from March to April (according to the lunar calendar) and includes the following steps: selection of seeds, treating of seeds, sowing of seeds and care of seedlings.

Planting and care: the most suitable time for planting is from January to March (according to the lunar calendar), when the spring rains fall. Planting consists of four steps: selection of seedlings, preparation of soil, planting, and care of the young trees after planting.

Geographical area

The production area for Mai Vang Yên Tử flowers is located in the wards of Phuong Dong, Vang Danh, Bac Son, Quang Trung and Thanh Son of Uong Bi city, and the communes of Thuong Yen Cong, Trang Luong and Binh Khe, in the Dong Trieu district of Quang Ninh province.

Link between product and territory

While light conditions determine the lemon-yellow colour of the Yên Tử ochna flower, humidity determines its scent. Because of the local topography (high mountains with separate peaks), the area is very foggy and slightly windy (particularly at a height of 500 m) during the flower-formation stage, and daily humidity ranges from 75-90 % — 2-4 % higher than surrounding areas. This forms a light ‘rain’, which leaves dewdrops on the leaves and petals. The high humidity allows the flowers to bloom even in the cold climate, while the light ‘rain’ softens the petal colour and makes the flowers more durable and beautiful.