

AGARWOOD TREE

Agarwood, Aloeswood, Eaglewood, Jinkoh and Gaharu are all names for the world's most valuable incense. This resinous material is produced by tropical rainforest trees and has been used for centuries as incense and in traditional medicine. In the past, old growth ***Aquilaria*** and ***Gyrinops*** trees were indiscriminately cut to find the resin (usually hidden within the center of only a few old trees). Today in many countries of Southeast Asia where the tree was once native, it has become very rare due to increased harvesting, hence the value of the Oud produced by this tree is extremely high.

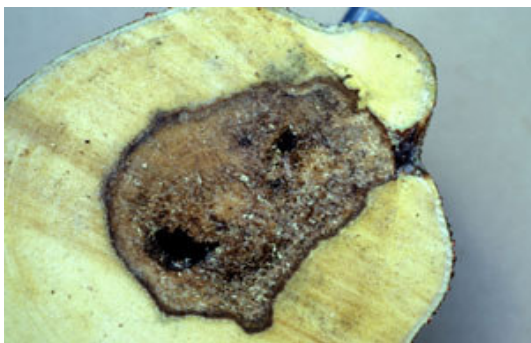
The resinous wood or oil extracted from the inside of some trees is extremely valuable since it is highly regarded for use during Buddhist and Islamic cultural activities as well as an important ingredient in many traditional medicines. It is also an extremely important component in traditional Japanese incense ceremonies.



Aquilaria trees grow in the tropical rainforests of Asia and produce Agarwood inside the tree. Old growth trees are rare due to extensive harvesting by collectors of Agarwood during past centuries.



Flowers produced by the of *Aquilaria* Tree



A cross section of an Agarwood tree showing dark regions formed inside.



Cultivated Agarwood Chips