

## Kokum Butter (*Garcinia Indica Seed Butter*)



### Source

Kokum butter is obtained from the fruit kernel of *Garcinia indica* (Fam: Guttiferae),

### Habitat

Kokum is a tropical evergreen tree. It grows as a solitary tree in tropical forests on the west- coast of India.

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The kokum tree is slender with sloping branches. It may reach heights of 15m. The thin bark is lined and the leaves oblong. The dark purple fruit is round, about 4cm in diameter with 5-8 seeds.

Obtained from its fruit kernel as a soft, **butter-like lipid** called **Kokum Butter**.

It has very **high content of stearic-oleic-stearic triglycerides**.

It is the most stable and hardest exotic butter for topical applications, with a melting point of about 40 C.

### Uses

Kokum butter is being used as an astringent, topical application in skin ailments such as in the treatment of rashes, burns, scalds, ulceration and fissures of lips, hands, and sole.

It is suitable for applications in skin and hair products, anti-acne products, and skin tonics.

**Kokum butter** is suitable for use in cosmetics and toiletries.

**Kokum Butter** exhibits excellent emollient properties and has high oxidative stability.

### Applications

#### Anti-wrinkle agent

Prevents drying of the skin and inhibits **wrinkles**. Reduces degeneration of skin cells and **restores skin elasticity**.

#### Stabilizer

**Enhances stability** of certain emulsion systems.

#### Moisturizer

Soothes, softens, protects and **nourishes dry, cracked, rough and callused skin**.

#### Cosmetic Base

Melts at body temperature, making it ideal for use in **lipsticks and balms**;

#### Toiletries

Functional additive in **bar soaps and skin lotions**.

- Versatile Cosmetic Topical applications
- Emulsion & viscosity stability
- High oxidative stability

#### Suggested Usage Levels:

Lotions & Creams:	1-3%
Balms:	5-100%
Bar Soaps:	2-5%
Conditioners:	1-3%

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