



desert secrets®

BODY CARE PRODUCTS

Inspired by the stirring aromas and intriguing plants of the Namib Desert, we are proud to introduce a range of body care products created with natural scents and time-tested oils.



Inspired by the mystery and magic of the ancient Namib Desert. Like this ancient land, the exciting body-care range is rich in secrets: golden replenishing oils extracted from copper-coloured life-giving seeds and enticing scents.



Desert Secrets is handmade with heart and soul in Namibia, using natural ingredients discovered over time and carefully selected. They are the desert's secrets. Timeless, with an ancient wisdom that has taken aeons to form under the vast blue and starlit sky, they hold a magic that you find only in the rare and special places of the Earth.

Natural

The indigenous Namibian botanicals, our 'desert treasures', form the basis of our products. They have been used by Namibians since ancient times for their natural benefits and include Namib Myrrh and Mopane essential oils, Marula oil, Namibian Pearl Salt, Namibian Olive Oil and Tsamma Melon Seed oil.

Sourced locally from plants grown sustainably and wild-harvested, our ingredients are used in their purest and most natural form. Originating from as far afield as the Kaokoland and the Kalahari, they hold the deep enriching properties proven to rejuvenate skin in an arid land. All our products are eco-friendly, ideal for today's conscious consumer. They are earth friendly, free of synthetic compounds and chemicals, and are not tested on animals.

Local at heart

Desert Secrets is an artisanal range of natural body-care products, made in small batches with love and care to ensure the finest quality. All our ingredients are proudly Namibian. This extends to our packaging where we showcase Namibian craftsmanship, creating a wholly and uniquely Namibian product.

Only women are employed in our production facility and the entire production process is undertaken manually for maximum employment creation. All packaging and labelling is done by hand to create a well-finished and attractive product.



SOLID PERFUME

with Namib Myrrh

Desert Secrets' solid perfume subtly responds to your body heat creating an attractively intimate and uniquely individual scent.

HOW TO USE: Rub your finger on the perfume and softly apply to your pulse points for slow release of the lasting scent.

INGREDIENTS: Cera Alba (Beeswax), *Simmondsia Chinensis (Jojoba) Oil, Commiphora Wildii (Namibian Myrrh) Oil, Pelargonium Graveolens (Rose Geranium) Oil, Citrus Aurantium (Neroli) Flower Oil, *Cananga Odorata (Ylang Ylang) Oil, Citrus Bergamia (Bergamot Fruit) Oil, Tocopherol, Benzyl Alcohol, Benzyl Benzoate, Benzyl Salicylate, Cinnamyl Alcohol, Citral, Citronellol, Coumarin, Farnesol, Geraniol, Limonene, Linalool

* from organic farming

100% of total ingredients are from natural origin

Discontinue in case of sensitivity. Not suitable during pregnancy. Sunscreen is recommended.

14g



Store in a dry, cool place, out of direct sunlight.



Namib Myrrh

A preferred perfume used by the strikingly beautiful Himba women since time immemorial, Namib myrrh has an alluring scent that is fresh and alive, yet holds a deep and ancient soulfulness redolent of the Namib Desert.

The fragrant oil, distilled from the golden resin of the *Commiphora wildii*, has a lively citrus note and earthy, sensual undertones.



MOISTURISES
DRY LIPS



LIP BALM

with Marula and Tsamma
Melon Seed Oils

A nourishing balm to
rejuvenate dry lips, rich in
moisturising oil and softly
scented with tantalising
natural fragrances.

HOW TO USE: Apply to lips as needed,
particularly in dry conditions.

INGREDIENTS: *Cocos Nucifera (Coconut) Oil,
Sclerocarya Birrea (Marula) Seed Oil, Citrillus
Lanatus (Watermelon/Tsamma) Seed Oil, Cera
Alba (Beeswax), *Butyrospermum Parkii (Shea)
Butter, Olea Europaea (Olive) Fruit Oil, *Ricinus
Communis (Castor) Seed Oil, *Citrus Aurantium
Dulcis (Orange) Peel Oil, Commiphora Wildii
(Namibian Myrrh) Oil, Pelargonium Graveolens
(Rose Geranium) Oil, Tocopherol, Ascorbyl
Palmitate, Citral, Citronellol, Geraniol,
Limonene, Linalool

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10g



Store in a dry, cool place,
out of direct sunlight.



Marula

One of Namibia's great indigenous trees, *Marula Sclerocarya birrea* has been valued for thousands of years by local cultures. Marula fruit is an important food source for humans and animals alike, and elephants are known to trek for many kilometres to feast on its bounty.

Marula has also been known for its nutritious oil, a valuable ingredient in beauty and skin products, prized for its moisturising qualities and chemical stability. Marula oil is naturally rich in Vitamin E and recognised for its anti-ageing properties.



NOURISHES
DRY SKIN



SOLID HAND CREAM

with Tsamma Melon Seed
and Marula Oils

Two beneficial oils are
combined in this innovative
and practical hand
cream, providing natural
nourishment that deeply
nurtures dry and thirsty skin.

HOW TO USE: Rub the solid hand cream
gently between the palms of your hands
where it will begin to soften. It can be
applied to any dry areas on the body.

INGREDIENTS: Cera Alba (Beeswax), *Cocos
Nucifera (Coconut) Oil, *Butyrospermum
Parkii (Shea) Butter, Olea Europaea (Olive)
Fruit Oil, Sclerocarya Birrea (Marula)
Seed Oil, Citrillus Lanatus (Watermelon/
Tsamma) Seed Oil, *Citrus Limon (Lemon)
Oil, *Lavendula Angustifolia (Lavender) Oil,
Commiphora Wildii (Namibian Myrrh) Oil,
Pelargonium Graveolens (Rose Geranium)
Oil, Pogostemon Cablin (Patchouli) Leaf
Oil, Tocopherol, Ascorbyl Palmitate, Citral,
Citronellol, Geraniol, Limonene, Linalool

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*Discontinue in case of sensitivity. Not suitable during pregnancy.
Sunscreen is recommended.*

30g



Store in a dry, cool place,
out of direct sunlight.



Tsamma Melon

Commonly found growing in the
sander areas of the Namibian
countryside, especially the Kalahari,
the Tsamma Melon *Citrillus lanatus*
is easily identifiable by its long
creeping stem and bright yellow
flowers.

Tsamma Oil has proven to be rich in
antioxidants and Omega 6 and 9,
and is a valuable ingredient in
natural skincare products. Liquid
gold, courtesy of Mother Nature.



MOISTURISES
DRY SKIN



RICH BODY CREAM

with Namibian Ximenia Oil

Ximenia oil has been found to be a true tonic for dry and aging skin. While it is easily absorbed into the skin as a moisturiser, it also stimulates the functioning of the sebaceous tissue improving skin elasticity.

HOW TO USE: Apply cream after a hot bath or shower, rubbing gently into the dry areas of your body that need extra care.

INGREDIENTS: Aqua, *Helianthus Annuus (Sunflower) Seed Oil, *Cocos Nucifera (Coconut) Oil, Theobroma Cacao (Cocoa) Seed Butter, *Butyrospermum Parkii (Shea) Butter, Glyceryl Stearate SE, Glycerin, Cera Alba (Beeswax), Ximenia Americana Seed Oil, Stearic Acid, Dehydroacetic Acid, Benzyl Alcohol, *Citrus Aurantium Dulcis (Orange) Oil, *Cananga Odorata (Ylang Ylang) Oil, Commiphora Wildii (Namibian Myrrh) Oil, Pelargonium Graveolens (Rose Geranium) Oil, Xanthan Gum, Pogostemon Cablin (Patchouli) Leaf Oil, Tocopherol, Colophospermum Mopane (Mopane) Seed Oil, Citric Acid, Ascorbyl Palmitate, Benzyl Alcohol, Benzyl Benzoate, Benzyl Salicylate, Cinnamyl Alcohol, Citral, Citronellol, Farnesol, Geraniol, Limonene, Linalool

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Discontinue in case of sensitivity. Not suitable during pregnancy. Sunscreen is recommended.

125ml



Store in a dry, cool place,
out of direct sunlight.



Ximenia

One of the little-known Namibian treasures Ximenia americana (sour/wild plum) is attracting attention internationally in the natural cosmetic industry for its anti-aging properties.

There is much more to the medium-sized shrub or small tree with its orange-coloured fruit than initially meets the eye. Although the fruit of the Ximenia is occasionally eaten when it ripens in the summertime, it is the oil from the kernel that has been used traditionally in northern Namibia as an emollient and hair-conditioner.

PROTECTS & NOURISHES DRY SKIN



BODY OIL

with Namibian Mopane and Tamma Melon Seed Oils

Revitalise your skin with this invigorating body oil. A combination of two rich and nourishing oils, Desert Secrets' body oil penetrates deeply into the skin, moisturising and rejuvenating dry and damaged skin.

HOW TO USE: Gently massage oil into the skin after a hot bath or shower.

INGREDIENTS: Olea Europaea (Olive) Fruit Oil, Vitis Vinifera (Grape) Seed Oil, Citrillus Lanatus (Watermelon/Tamma) Seed Oil, Persea Gratissima (Avocado) Oil, *Simmondsia Chinensis (Jojoba) Seed Oil, *Citrus Aurantium Dulcis (Orange) Oil, Tocopherol, *Cymbopogon Schoenanthus (Lemongrass) Oil, Pelargonium Graveolens (Rose Geranium) Oil, Juniperus Communis (Juniper Berry) Fruit Oil, Colophospermum Mopane (Mopane) Seed Oil, Ascorbyl Palmitate, Citral, Citronellol, Geraniol, Limonene, Linalool

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50 ml



Store in a dry, cool place, out of direct sunlight.



Mopane

Before the summer rains when the earth is dry, the Mopane trees *Colophospermum mopane* feel the soft stirring of the seasons and burst into a green celebration of life, brightening the landscape. This resilient butterfly-leaved tree is an important food source for the many browsers in the animal world that feast on its nutritious protein-rich leaves.

Its gold-speckled seed pods have revealed other benefits. The oil contains chemical components that act as a natural insect repellent. It blends well with range of essential oils to create soothing and fragrant mélanges to refresh and revitalise body and soul.



EMPOWERING PEOPLE

Advocating the rights of people in rural communities, we deal directly with small enterprises reiterating Fairtrade's philosophy to promote greater equity in trading partnerships through dialogue, transparency and respect.

Desert Secrets supports projects that empower women in the often male-dominated rural communities, enabling them to access health care, pay school fees and purchase food when the earth is barren and the cattle are thin, while maintaining their traditional lifestyle and household responsibilities.

It is of utmost important to us that the entire process from beginning to end is sustainable and that our ingredients are ethically sourced, benefitting everyone in the value chain.

We strive to keep indigenous traditional plant knowledge alive by supporting local enterprises that sustainably utilise natural products. These small enterprises provide a livelihood for many in areas where there is little or no opportunity for employment. These include:

Opuwo Processing Facility

In north-western Namibia, a small 'perfume factory' distils and processes *Commiphora wildii* resin collected by the Himba women to extract the fragrant Namib Myrrh essential oil. Mopane seeds are also distilled for their rich and radiant oil. The facility is owned by the five conservancies in the area who hold the traditional plant knowledge and are managed by a trust with representatives from all five conservancies.

Eudafano Women's Cooperative

Located on the outskirts of Ondangwa, Eudafano Women's Cooperative manually cold-presses Marula kernels, extracted and brought in by local women, to produce a high-quality Marula Oil. 'Omagadhi' or 'ondjove' has been identified as a valuable ingredient for natural body products to keep skin soft and supple. Melon seeds are also pressed for their fine oil used in moisturisers and massage oils. Eudafano means 'agreement' in Oshikwanyama, conveying the harmonious synergy of the project.

Tulongeni Twahangana Cooperative

Namibian Ximenia oil is produced in collaboration between the Tulongeni Twahangana Cooperative (TTC) in north-central Namibia and CRIAA SA-DC (the Centre for Research, Information, Action in Africa – Southern Africa Development and Consulting), both members of PhytoTrade Africa.

Safe and Sound

Desert Secrets has ensured superlative quality of its products by sourcing local and organic indigenous products. By never compromising on quality and authenticity, we ensure that our products are as natural as possible.

For optimal satisfaction, care must be taken to store the products in a dry, cool place, out of direct sunlight. We recommend following the directions on the label to achieve the best results.

Although rigorous safety tests have been conducted to produce Desert Secrets' range of natural body care products, some essential oils may provoke a reaction on sensitive skins. It is therefore advisable to first test the product on a small area of skin before use.

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