

dōTERRA®

Madagascar Vanilla



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Vanilla planifolia is a species of orchid, originally native to Mexico and Central America. Though it's now grown in tropical regions globally, natural pollination can only be done by a specific bee found in Mexico. Outside of Mexico, there's less than a 1% chance the flower will be pollinated on its own, so farmers must pollinate each flower by hand when it blooms, and the vanilla flower typically only blooms one day a year!

Vanilla is an absolute, not an essential oil. Ours comes from a CO₂-extraction process that involves grinding the beans into small pieces and placing them in a pressurized extraction vessel. CO₂ extraction is cleaner than chemical extraction, leaves less residue, and is greener and more sustainable.

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Students at Mahadera Agricultural Training Center | ©ComByAVM



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Through Cō-Impact Sourcing®, the dōTERRA Healing Hands Foundation® helped fund a social impact project called the Mahadera Agricultural Training Center, which is being implemented in the growing and harvesting areas of Madagascar. This center, built and operated by our partners, offers a three-year training for the children of vanilla farmers, afterward providing access to further education opportunities and a more secure future for themselves and their families. The center focuses on teaching important skills like crop diversification and financial management.

Sourcing Location

