

Tagua

the eco ivory

In the tropical rainforests in South America grows a palm called Tagua.

This palm grows up to 8 meters high and produces yearly up to 15 spikes that are like balls with a diameter of 30 to 60 cm.

The spike has a hard shell with thick thorns. Each spike is made of up to 20 compartments. And here the nuts (the fruits) are embedded.

History

In old times tagua was much more known and used than today.

After ivory had become scarce and before the invention of plastics, tagua was for over 200 years an important raw material for luxury articles.

It was being processed in 3 continents around the globe, for dices, domino, chessmen, knobs of canes, umbrellas, needle boxes, religious figures, toys and most of all for buttons.



The last decades tagua is valued again as a natural material, because of its beauty and because the use of the tagua protects the rain forests.

Its harvest leaves the rain forest untouched. Even more: the use of tagua gives an economic use to the rain forest.

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the advantages of tagua nuts:

- beautiful
- attractive
- light weight
- durable
- eco-friendly
- sustainable
- organic
- natural
- CO2 positive
- fair trade
- preserving elephants (as an alternative to ivory)
- preserving rainforests
- non toxic
- even edible
- bio degradable
- versatile
- trendy
- reasonable priced