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#### **FENNEL** [41670]

Native to Europe, fennel was widely consumed by the Romans, who also used it to decorate their victorious soldiers. Later, Ayurveda practitioners adopted fennel as a digestive tonic and diuretic. It also helps eliminate toxins from the body.

**Cosmetic properties**Seboregulator and calming.

#### **THYME (ECO)** [40391]

In Ayurvedic medicine, thyme is prized as a powerful cold and flu remedy.

**Cosmetic properties**Purifying, soothing and antioxidant.





#### **CINNAMON** (42791)

Cinnamon is used in Ayurvedic medicine to improve digestion, cleanse, and stimulate perspiration, as well as a vasoconstrictor and as an aphrodisiac.

#### Cosmetic properties

Energizing and anti-aging via anti-alycation activity.



Developed almost a thousand years ago, traditional Chinese medicine is thought to be one of the most ancient medicinal philosophies in the Orient. Based on the concept of chi or vital energy, traditional Chinese medicine aims to balance these energy currents to promote well-being.



#### **GINSENG** (40581)

Ginseng derives from the Chinese term Jen Shen meaning "shaped like a man". This plant is a stimulant that can increase mental activity, concentration, and reduce fatigue.

Cosmetic properties
Anti-aging, anti-wrinkle, firming.

#### **TEA (ECO)** [48610]

Tea was first consumed in China around the year 250 BC. Since, its usage has spread to almost every part of the world. Initially prepared as a medicinal tonic, tea's reputation as a mystical plant led to new traditions and rituals for consumption.





#### **RICE** (41691)



Considered the most important cereal in the human diet, rice was used to invigorate the stomach as it was thought to "contain neutralized vital energies of heaven and Earth". Rice powder was also used in traditional cosmetics to make the face white.

**Cosmetic properties**Moisturizing, hair restructuring.





scholars. Now, its teachings are mostly found in Arabic scripts.



#### **GINGER (ECO)** [43340]

Ginger was recommended as an aphrodisiac by Avicena, a Persian doctor highly regarded by classical Islamic culture. It has powerful action against digestive problems and increases vitality.

#### Cosmetic properties

Photoprotection, anti-inflammatory, suitable for sensitive skin.

#### **ALOE VERA (ECO)** (41831)

Aloe vera plants were the spoils of war that led Alexander the Great to conquer the island of Socotra, in northern Africa. The plants' healing properties soothed wounds and calmed skin, which made it prized by doctors, warriors, and adventurers for centuries to come. Christopher Columbus used aloe vera plants during his voyages to the New World.



#### Cosmetic properties

Moisturizing, refreshing, soothing.



#### **CHAMOMILE (ECO)** (43660)

In ancient Egypt, chamomile was used as an offering to the sun god, Ra and also used to lower fevers. Later, it was applied in Unani medicine as a sedative and to soothe stomach pain.

#### Cosmetic properties

Calming, anti-acne.

# Traditional Andean medicine

Traditional medicine from the Andes is rooted in animist philosophy.

Practitioners view the body as a divine gift and base their interventions on the restoration of the body's warm/cold balance.



#### **QUINUA** (40381)

Ancestrally, quinoa was a medicinal plant for most traditional Andean cultures. Among its most frequent uses were for the treatment of abscesses and sprains, as well as cosmetic uses. Since, it has become an extremely popular health food.

#### **Cosmetic properties**

Moisturizing, nourishing, emollient.

#### **CHIA** (45791)

Chia was consumed by the ancient civilizations of Mexico. The Aztecs, in particular, highly prized this grain and used it as a currency and an offering to the gods.



#### Cosmetic properties

Antioxidant, calming.



#### **AVOCADO** (43391)

Avocado was cultivated by pre-Columbian civilizations. Since, it has been attributed the ability to strengthen bones, improve vision, and alleviate the symptoms of colds, migraines, and neuralgias.

### Cosmetic properties Moisturizing, healing.

