

Importance of “Vetiver Oil” in Perfumery

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Abstract

The genus *Vetiveria* is one of the rare crops being important both economically as well as ecologically.

Many ecotypes of *Vetiveria zizanioides* L. produces odoriferous roots which are being used for extraction of essential oil of great olfactive value. The oil is known as Vetiver oil in commercial parlour. However, the ecotype grown in Northern India is producing an oil which is known as “**rooh khas**” and is found to contain different chemical constituents which are of unique olfactory value and are valued as “**aroma jewels**”.

The paper discusses the importance of Vetiver oil / Rooh Khas in perfumery highlighting the variations of constituents.

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