



# NATURAL SOURCING™

Specialists in Cosmeceutical Ingredients

## NILOTICA SHEA BUTTER

**Suitable for cosmeceutical applications.**

**INCI:** Vitellaria nilotica (Shea) Fruit Butter

**Extraction Method:** Expeller Pressed

**Shelf Life:** 2 Years

**Country of Origin:** Uganda

### Background

The shea tree is native to Africa. Shea trees bear fruit once annually after they are approximately 20 years old. The fruit of the shea tree is also referred to as a nut. Africans have traditionally referred to the trees as God's gift to Africa because of their long, 300-year lifespan and the rich, highly nourishing butter that they yield.

Most shea butter that is commercially available is produced in West Africa. West African Shea Butter is typically produced by crude, inferior methods. West African Shea Butter tends to have a hard texture and distinctive odor that can be detected in the finished product.

Nilotica Shea Butter (*Vitellaria nilotica*), however, is produced in Northern Uganda and is far superior in texture, nutritive value and aroma. Nilotica Shea Butter offers a significantly higher content of olein, a glyceride of oleic acid. Nilotica Shea Butter, therefore, is softer and creamier than West African Shea Butter, and it is more readily absorbed into the skin and hair. Nilotica Shea Butter also possesses a lighter, more pleasant aroma than West African Shea Butter.

Although the political climate of Uganda makes the sourcing of Nilotica Shea Butter difficult, Natural Sourcing is able to provide this superior quality butter sourced in a manner that fully protects the valuable shea trees. Our procurement methods also support the economic growth of the region's tribes.

Natural Sourcing's Nilotica Shea Butter is 100% natural. It is produced in a manner that uses newly developed technology to carefully process the butter without the use of chemicals.

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### Nilotica Shea Butter Properties:

- Highly Moisturizing
- Natural Emollient
- Quick Absorption
- Rich in Vitamins A and E
- Significantly High Content of Omega 3 and Omega 6 Essential Fatty Acids, Especially  $\alpha$ -linolenic and linoleic Acids
- Anti-inflammatory
- Soft Consistency
- Creamy Texture
- Light, Pleasant Aroma

### Cosmeceutical Uses:

Nilotica Shea Butter is a highly nourishing ingredient that is remarkably effective in healing dry and cracked skin, eczema, psoriasis and sun damaged skin. It possesses a high content of unsaponifiable fatty acids, giving it the ability to moisturize and retain the elasticity of the skin. It helps combat the signs of aging and can reduce the appearance of stretch marks. It moisturizes the lips and repairs brittle, damaged hair. Nilotica Shea Butter may also help to protect the skin against the damaging effects of the sun while repairing cellular degeneration. Nilotica Shea Butter is a noteworthy anti-inflammatory and is a beneficial ingredient in formulations intended to reduce swelling and ease muscular aches and pains.

### Nilotica Shea Butter is a Highly Recommended Ingredient in Personal Care Products Intended for the Following:

- Mature, Aging Skin
- Dry, Cracked Skin
- Eczema, Psoriasis and Other Skin Conditions
- Fading of Scars
- Preventing and Reducing the Appearance of Stretch Marks
- Sun Exposed or Damaged Skin
- Dry, Brittle and Damaged Hair
- Lip Care
- Muscular Aches and Swelling

**Standard Packaging:** Nilotica Shea Butter is available in 25 kg, 180 kg and 1 MT quantities.

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