

**Scientific Name:** *Boswellia samhaensis*

**Common Name:** Indian Frankincense

**Family:** Burseraceae

**Genus:** *Boswellia*

**Species:** *B. samhaensis*

*Boswellia samhaensis*, commonly known as Indian frankincense, is a rare and aromatic tree in the Burseraceae family, native to the island of Socotra in the Arabian Sea. This tree is particularly valued for its fragrant resin, which has been used for centuries as incense and in traditional medicines. It is a slow-growing species that thrives in rocky, dry, and mountainous habitats, where it develops a distinctive, gnarled trunk and peeling bark. The resin of *B. samhaensis* contains essential oils with potential anti-inflammatory properties, making it sought after in natural remedies. The tree is highly adapted to arid conditions and contributes significantly to the biodiversity of its unique ecosystem.

