

SONG OF INDIA

REGION OF ORIGIN

Tropical islands Indian Ocean



LIGHT

The Song of India thrives in bright, indirect light. It loves light but should not be exposed to direct sunlight, as this can scorch its leaves. In lower light, the plant can survive, but its growth may slow, and the vibrant variegation on the leaves may fade.



SOIL

For tropical plants we recommend our Rooted Goods All-Purpose Potting Mix, Uncle Mike's Organic Potting Mix, or Espoma's Organic Potting Mix. All three options are great choices for ensuring healthy growth and thriving plants.



WATER

The Song of India prefers moderate watering. Allow the top 1-2 inches of soil to dry out before watering again, as overwatering can lead to root rot. Make sure to water thoroughly, ensuring that water drains from the bottom of the pot. This helps hydrate the entire root system. Be sure not to let the plant sit in standing water.



FERTILIZER

We recommend fertilizers like Espoma Organic Indoor! Houseplant Food, Jack's Houseplant Special, or Organic Plant Magic. These options provide essential nutrients to keep your plants vibrant and thriving.



TEMPERATURE

The Song of India thrives in temperatures between 65-75°F (18-24°C). It prefers a warm, stable environment and should be kept away from cold drafts, air conditioners, or heaters. Temperatures below 50°F (10°C) can cause damage to the plant, so it's important to keep it in a temperature-controlled space.



ISSUES + FIXES

Brown leaf tips on the Song of India are a common issue and are usually caused by inconsistent watering, low humidity, or over-fertilizing. Dracaenas are also sensitive to fluoride in tap water, which can lead to brown tips. Additionally, yellowing leaves may indicate overwatering, poor drainage, or a nutrient deficiency.



PRUNING & PROPAGATION

To propagate the Song of India, cut a 4-6 inch healthy stem just below a node (where the leaves emerge), removing the lower leaves. Place the cutting in water with the node submerged, changing the water every few days until roots form. Once roots develop, replot the cutting into well-draining soil.



PET FRIENDLY ?

The Song of India is not pet-friendly. It is toxic to both cats and dogs if ingested. Symptoms of poisoning can include vomiting, drooling, and lack of appetite. To keep your pets safe, place the plant out of their reach or consider opting for a pet-safe alternative.