

SHIZHU COPTIS (石柱黄连)

Country of origin: China

Type of product: *Coptis chinensis* (Chinese medicine)

Geographical Area: Chongqing Shizhu Tujia Autonomous County of Huangshui Township, Maple Township, Lengshui Township, Wyatt Town, Stone Township, Sand Town, Pro Town, Wang Township, Sanyi Township, Qiaotou Township, Zhongyi Township, Longtan Township Xinxiang, Jinxiang Township, Jinling Township, Six Township, Sanxing Township, Yuchi Town, Longsha Town, Dahe Township, Huanghe Township, Mawu Town, Xinle Township, Xialu Town, Sanhe Township and Nanbin Town

Specificity of the Product: Shizhu Coptis has a very bitter taste, works as a branch fertilizer, has a high active ingredient content, and is very valuable medicinally. The product has a curved, clustered shape that resembles chicken feet; that is why it is commonly known as "chicken feet." The coptis can be pale yellow or brown, rough and slightly shiny, with irregular details on the uplift and hair residues. The branches have intermittent stripes and nodes and knotted enlargements. This coptis has 1,300 years of history, and in the past it was used as court tribute.



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