

# Dave's Tips

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## No. 7 Excoecaria 'Jungle Fire'

### STARTING METHODS

There are 2 starting methods; from rooted cuttings or from 144 cell pack ellepots.

*The 'Jungle Fire' is extremely difficult to establish from unrooted cuttings as growers experience very high losses. This is why we provide these as rooted cuttings or cell packs.*

### RC (Rooted Cuttings)

from our farm in Costa Rica, Ornamentales Sapo Verde:

- Plant with some limited mist to keep foliage hydrated.
- Keep soil moist only.
- Drench with a fungicide.
- Once there are sufficient roots, start fertilizing.

### 144 Cell Pack Ellepots

from our greenhouse facility in Central Florida, Phoenix Foliage.

- Plant and water in.
- Start fertilizer regime immediately.

### General Growing:

Light: Plant will thrive best "for optimum production rates" in high light (2,000 foot candles and up to filtered sunlight).

High temperatures - 80°F to mid 90's are not a issue for this plant as long as there is enough humidity.

Optimum night: 65°F day: 86°F

Growing Conditions - Will tolerate a wide range of growing conditions; cool nights to warm days.

Water - Do not keep soil too wet. Note: Will tolerate wet to dry cycles with little to no leaf drop.

Fertilization - Keep fertilizer rates high. Will respond to a healthy fertilizer program of 20-10-20 ratio.

Pests - Not a host/scout for Mealy Bugs.

Note: Crop can be pinched to enhance fullness as it is not specifically a fast grower.



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