Sisal

Fibres & other raw materials

A hard leaf fibre cut from agave plants, used for agricultural twine, rope and polishing cloth.

Key facts

World production, 2024
233,961 tonnes

Top producer
Brazil, 40%

Top exporter, sisal (HS 5305), 2024
India, 39% of export value

HS code
5305 Coconut, abaca, sisal and other vegetable textile fibres

FAOSTAT item
789 Sisal, raw

Also called
sisal fibre, agave sisalana, henequen

Top producers, 2024

Country	Tonnes	Share
Brazil	93,261	40%
Tanzania	61,216	26%
Kenya	20,940	9%
Madagascar	17,592	7.5%
China	14,292	6.1%

FAOSTAT Crops and livestock products (QCL), 2024.

Top exporters, 2024

Country	Export value	Share
India	268.2 million USD	39%
Sri Lanka	169.8 million USD	25%
Kenya	49.2 million USD	7.2%
Brazil	39.1 million USD	5.7%
Philippines	21.9 million USD	3.2%

CEPII BACI international trade database (HS22, V202601).

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