

Coir compost (Kokos Kompost) + grit

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Hello Ernst,

Thank you for your help and advice.

I was interested to read your suggestion to keep coir to only 20% and use high mineral content. I think high mineral content is a good idea. Here in the UK it is difficult to get lava or pumice but I may be able to substitute with grit and perlite or other products.

Yes I would feed to keep plants growing.

It seems experienced growers do prefer traditional cacti potting soil.

Perhaps I am going in the wrong direction!

I understood commercial cacti growers use peat because they can very accurately control water content, and they grow plants warm for quick production. Soil is far too heavy for transport and lifting onto benches.

There may be many reasons!

Thank you for your information about seedling compost. It is complicated because I understand seedlings have different metabolism to adult cacti.

With adaptation for seedling to grow damp and adult plants to grow in dry conditons in natural habitats.

Thank you for your guidance and help.

[quote='muddyliz','http://www.hybridenforum.de/fw5/forum/index.php?thread/&postID=9729#post9729']Hi Lee Alan,

you might use about 20 percent of chopped coir in your mix, but the rest should be minerals as pumice and lava. Please note that coir doesn't contain digestible fertilisers, so an additional application of fertilisers is necessary from the beginning. So it's better to use normal potting-soil instead of coir in your cacti-substrate.