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PHALAENOPSIS

Origin: Filippine and Indonesia

- \bullet TEMPERATURES: phlaenopsis like warm greenhouse and they love particularly the house temperatures,
- between 18 and $20\,^{\circ}\text{C}$. But they have not to stay near the heaters.
- LIGHT: they are not plants from intense light. Anyway they need sufficiently light, in order to give them the possibility to flower normally. The ideal: a window exposed to south, shaded with an awning.
- \bullet WATER: the morning once the week in summer, every 10 days in winter. Fertilize 1 time every 2
- waterings. Don't water the heart of the plant and let it drain before replacing to their place. Between 1
- watering and the other, vaporize the leaves in order to maintain a good humidity and set the plant on trays $\frac{1}{2}$
- of gravel partially filled with water so that the pot never sit in water.
- \bullet POTTING: it is made the beginning of the period of increase, towards March April. To choose medium
- pine bark: it is light and aired and a plastic pot. To remove from the plant all bark and the roots dead. Don't
- begin again watering before three or four weeks after the repotting (hold the plant humid with frequent spray).
- \bullet PARTICULAR CARE: it is enough to give a night temperature of approximately 15°C for 2 weeks and the
- plants of phalaenopsis flower after 4 or 6 months. When all the flowers die, cut the spike low if the young
- plant. If the plant is stronger, cut the spike in the half: a second spike will grow.
- \bullet DISEASE: phalaenopsis are strong plants, but they are subject to rottenness (it is for this reason that it is

important to not leave water in the heart of the plant). If such aggression were taken, cut the infect part

and proceed with a adequate treatment.

 \bullet PLANTS AND FLOWERS SIZES: generally plants size is between 20 and 25 cm and flower size is between 7 and 15 cm.