

## *Larimar*

*Formed by volcanic activity and found in only one square kilometer of the world, Larimar is one of the rarest and most recently discovered gemstones found only in the Dominican Republic.*

*Originally discovered in the mid 1950's, by local fishermen, when small blue pebbles washed up on the shore. The pebbles were collected and sold for many years until the early 1970's when the demand out-weighed the supply and villagers followed the local river upstream in search of the source. Due to its limited locality this natural and untreated stone is twenty times more rare than Tanzanite, making it one of the rarest gemstones in the world. The extraordinary color of the stone comes from the unique composition of the minerals including copper, vanadium and magnesium.*

*The name, Larimar, is a combination of the name (Larissa), the daughter of a Dominican citizen and the Spanish word "mar", which means sea.*

*...The exquisite beauty of the stone truly portrays the magnificent blue Caribbean Sea.*

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