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Sapele

Latin Name *Entandophragma cylindricum*

Also known as Saplewood (Nigeria) Aboudikro (Ivory Coast) Sapelli (Cameroon)



Wood Type	Hardwood
Environmental	Not Listed in CITIES , available from well managed sources. FSC [®] -C019582 available.
Distribution	West Africa from the Ivory Coast through to Ghana, Nigeria, Camerouns and extends eastwards to Uganda and Tanzania
The Tree	Reaches a height of 45m or more with a diameter of 10m
The Timber	Sapwood is pale yellow or whitish, the heartwood pinkish when freshly cut darkening to typical mahogany colour of reddish brown Sapele is characterised by a marked and regular stripe particularly





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The Timber cont.	pronounced on quarter sawn surfaces. Occasionally mottle figure is present. The grain is interlocked and is fairly fine textured.
Colour	Pinkish brown darkening to reddish brown
Density	650kg/m ³ when dried
Durability	Moderately Durable
Movement	Medium
Drying	Dries rapidly with a tendency to distort.
Texture	Medium
Working Qualities	Works fairly well, optimum planning requires a 15 degree cutting angle, good nailing and screwing properties, takes an excellent polish glues satisfactorily, moderately blunting due to interlocked grain.
Uses	Exterior / Interior Joinery, Furniture , Cabinet work, Doors, Windows, Conservatories, Flooring.

