



Afrosmosia



Other Names

Afrosmosia, African teak

Scientific Name

Pericopsis elata

Family

Fabaceae

Description

Afrosmosia's heartwood darkens upon exposure to deep orange-brown. The straight to interlocked grain produces a "rope" figure when radially cut. The texture is medium fine, (finer than teak without its oiliness). It has a fine texture and small pores. A heavy, dense timber, with high bending and crushing strength, medium stiffness and resistance to shock loads. It is very resistant to decay but must not be used in contact with ferrous metals in wet situations to avoid corrosion. The timber bending classification is moderate as it distorts during steaming and is intolerant of pin knots.

Density

(H=12%) : 0,77

Treatability

Not permeable

Seasoning

The wood air dries slowly and with little degrade; it can be kiln dried under moderate schedules with good results.

Stability

moderately stable

Class & Durability

A very durable timber, highly resistant to termites and extremely resistant to preservative treatment.





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