

— TROPICAL HARDWOOD · RIBBON-STRIPED

Sapele

Entandrophragma cylindricum

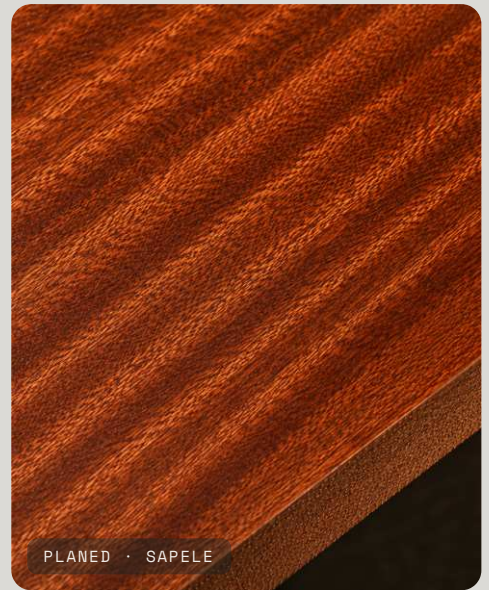
A rich reddish-brown mahogany-family hardwood famed for its lustrous ribbon-stripe figure on quartered surfaces — a staple of quality joinery, doors and furniture.

Family **Meliaceae**Origin **West & Central Africa**

Tropical hardwood

FSC / PEFC available

ALSO KNOWN AS — GOLD COAST CEDAR · PENKWA · ABOUDIKRO



DENSITY

≈630kg/m³ · 12% MC

DURABILITY

Class 2

Durable

WORKABILITY

Moderate

Watch interlocked grain

MOVEMENT

Medium

Quartered is steadier

STEAM BENDING

Poor

Buckles when bent

■ APPLICATIONS

Quality furniture and cabinetmaking, joinery, shopfitting, office furniture, solid doors, boatbuilding, musical instruments, sports goods, countertops and flooring; extensively used as constructional veneer for plywood.

■ DESCRIPTION

Heartwood is medium to dark reddish-brown with a well-defined ribbon-stripe figure on quartered surfaces; wavy grain can produce an attractive mottle.

■ PROPERTIES

High crushing and medium bending strength and good shock resistance but low stiffness, and a poor steam-bending classification — the wood buckles and ruptures severely.

■ DURABILITY & DRYING

Durable and resistant to decay, extremely resistant to preservative treatment; sapwood liable to powder-post beetle and heartwood moderately resistant to termites. Dries fairly rapidly with a marked tendency to distort — quartered material is steadier — and medium movement in service.

■ AVAILABILITY

Held in standard stock — thicknesses **25.4–101.6 mm** · kiln- & air-dried · supplied PAR, sawn or machined to your cutting list.

Typical values for kiln-dried stock; properties vary with origin and growth conditions. Confirm critical specifications and current availability with our team before ordering.

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