



Bubinga

BOTANICAL NAMES

Guibourtia demeusei

It belongs to the Leguminosae cesaipiniaceae family

TRADE NAMES

The wood is known everywhere as Bubinga, when peeled it is also called Kevazingo. In the U.S.A. it is also known as Akume.

Bubinga, essingang, ovang - Cameroon

Oveng - Guinea

GROWING AREA

This species is widespread in the equatorial zone of West Africa, from Cameroon to Gabon and Congo.

TECHNOLOGICAL FEATURES

Sapwood and heartwood can be clearly identified. The former is whitish or light brown in color and is unusable, unlike the heartwood, which is pinkish or reddish with slightly darker veins. It is a hard and heavy material with considerable durability and resistance to termites. It also has a fine grain with a homogeneous texture and a characteristic decorative grain effect due to the numerous counter threads.

SPECIFIC WEIGHT

Air-dried, it has an average specific weight of 900 Kg/m³.

DRYING METHOD

Because of the risk of cracking, drying is slow.

MAIN USES AND WORKING

It is possible to obtain from this material veneers of remarkable decorative beauty, and for this reason, it is widely used in the furniture industry. Easy-to-work sawn timber is also suitable for fine finishing.

This wood is difficult to saw, but joints with nails and screws are strong.

It is also used to make turned objects and small tools such as brushes and knife handles, as well as floorboards and railway sleepers.

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and perfection is not a
detail."