



Etimoé

BOTANICAL NAMES

Copaifera salikounda.

It belongs to the Leguminosae caesalpinioideae family.

TRADE NAMES

The wood is known everywhere as Etimoé. In Italy it is sometimes indicate it with the term Rio Camuni.

Oliimi - Gabon

Allihia, Nomatou - Ivory Coast

GROWTH AREA

The tree grows in many parts of West Africa but is mainly found in Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia, Ivory Coast, and Ghana.

TECHNOLOGICAL FEATURES

The tree is large in size and can reach 30 meters in height with a diameter of up to 150 cm. The yellowish-brown sapwood is clearly distinguishable from the red-brown heartwood with well-distributed shades. The wood is hard, heavy, and resistant to xylophagous insect attacks. The wood is not easy to process due to the presence of a copal resin. However, it can be finished in an excellent way.

DRYING METHOD

Since it tends not to shrink much, the drying process is easy, although it is best to proceed carefully.

SPECIFIC WEIGHT

The specific weight of fresh logs can vary from 900 to 1000 kg/m³. Its density at 12% moisture content is an average of 0.80.

MAIN USES AND WORKING

Due to the decorative qualities of this wood, it is used to make fine veneers.

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and perfection is not a
detail."