



Imbuya

BOTANICAL NAMES

Phoebe porosa - Mez.

It belongs to the Lauraceae family.

TRADE NAMES

The wood is known everywhere under the name of Imbuya.

Imbuya Canela imbuya, Embuya, Folha larga - Brazil

GROWTH AREA

This tree can be found only in Brazil.

TECHNOLOGICAL FEATURES

The sapwood is yellow or yellowish brown, while the color of the heartwood, especially if fresh, can have different shades from yellowish to olive and very dark brown.

Its structure is differentiated and varied. The annual growth rings are clearly visible and can be perfectly distinguished even with the naked eye.

It is a fairly durable wood and resists well to insect attacks.

DRYING METHOD

The artificial drying process must be conducted very slowly because of the natural predisposition of this wood to embank or collapse.

SPECIFIC WEIGHT

The specific weight of free air seasoned timber is around 750 Kg/m³.

MAIN USES AND WORKING

This wood is easy to process employing all the normal tools used in the wood and furniture industries. In Brazil, this material is widely used for various purposes, such as making floors, furniture, and carpentry in general. Because of its durability, it is also used to create outdoor structures. Its burl is very valuable, and very decorative veneers can be obtained. In Anglo-Saxon countries, it is also called "Brazilian Walnut", for its vague resemblance to walnut, even though it has no botanical affinity with it.

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"Details make perfection
and perfection is not a
detail."