



# Zebrawood

## BOTANICAL NAMES

*Microberlinia brazzavillensis*.

It belongs to the Leguminosae cesalpiniaceae family.

## TRADE NAMES

Zingana - France

Zebrano - Italy, Germany, Great Britain

Zebrawood - U.S.A.

Amouk - Cameroon

## GROWTH AREA

The tree grows in West Africa, especially in Gabon and Cameroon.

## TECHNOLOGICAL FEATURES

The broad, whitish sapwood is not usable. The heartwood is light brown in color with very pronounced darker veins that characterize the wood in an unmistakable way. Medium-fine-textured, often cross-grained, this wood is moderately hard, not too heavy, with good resistance to compression and bending. In its fresh state it emanates an unpleasant smell. When dried, it has a good durability.

## DRYING METHOD

This process must be carried out very slowly and carefully to avoid the risk of deformation and cracking.

## SPECIFIC WEIGHT

When air cured it has a specific weight ranging from 500 to 800 Kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

## MAIN USES AND WORKING

Easy to work: joints with nails, glue, and screws are easy and resistant. Sanding and varnishing create difficulties due to the presence of counter wire and its resin content. This material is used to make tools, handles, sports equipment, and floorboards. In cabinetmaking, given its particular striated aspect, is used based on the fashion demands of the moment.

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