

Limba

Normally, for Limba there's little difference in colour between the heartwood and the sapwood. The trunks can display a more or less fancifully formed dark heart, but this is an undesirable form of discolouration and no real heart formation. Limba can vary in colour from light yellow or yellow-grey to dark brown and sometimes has a greenish tint.



Properties of this timber species

General

- Botanical name: Terminalia superba
- ATIBT name: Limba
- Other names: Fraké

Uses

- Limba is used for furniture, indoor panelling and interior doors in the form of veneered backing material
- In its solid form, it is used for frames, castings for iron foundries, banisters and such like
- Dark-coloured Limba can provide an attractive veneer, which is sold under the misnomer of Noyer de Mayombe

Durability

- Resistance to fungi: class 4 (poorly durable)
- Resistance to insects: Termites class G (sapwood susceptible to damage), Lyctus (wood-boring beetle) class G.

Density

- (450)-550-560-600-(650) kg/m³ at 12% moisture content
- Fresh 700-825 kg/m³

Additional information

- Prolonged inhalation of sawdust can cause allergies in the respiratory system.

Good ventilation is recommended.
