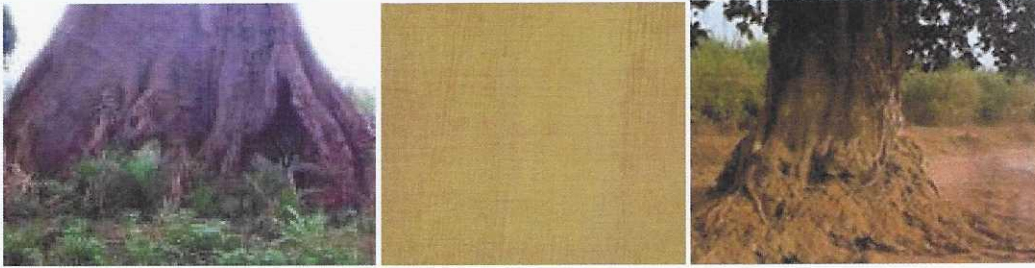


Fact Sheet - Iroko (hardwood)

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Chlorophora excelsa and *Chlorophora regia* (Iroko) - is a hardwood from tropical Africa.



General Description

It is sometimes referred to as African Teak, although it is not always suitable as a substitute for teak. Iroko does not require regular treatment with oil or varnish when used outdoors. Although it is almost as durable as teak it does not have the same stability. Color is initially yellow but darkens to a richer brown over time.

The material may contain large, hard deposits of calcium carbonate in cavities and the timber around them may be darker in colour. The grain is interlocked and sometimes irregular and the texture rather coarse, but even.

The weight is 640 kg/m³ (40 lb/ft³).

Uses

Ship and boat building, interior and exterior joinery, garden furniture, Interior furniture making and carving. It is a structural timber suitable for piling and marine work. Also for plywood manufacture and sliced for wall paneling, flush doors and decorative veneering.