

Common name:	WALLABA
Family:	CAESALPINIACEAE
Scientific name(s):	Eperua spp.

LOG DESCRIPTION	WOOD DESCRIPTION
Diameter:	from 40 to 70 cm
Thickness of sapwood:	from 4 to 6 cm
Floats:	no
Durability in forest :	Good
Note:	Wood red brown to dark brown, with lighter veins. Very important internal stresses. Presence of resin veins. Unpleasant odour when green.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES			MECHANICAL PROPERTIES		
Physical and mechanical properties are based on mature heartwood specimens. These properties can vary greatly depending on origin and growth conditions.					
	mean	standard deviation		mean	standard deviation
Density *:	0.88 g/cm ³	0.06	Crushing strength *:	72 MPa	7
Monnin hardness*:	7.0	1.2	Static bending strength *:	120 MPa	11
Coef of volumetric shrinkage:	0.42 %	0.09	Modulus of elasticity *:	18450 MPa	3100
Total tangential shrinkage:	6.5 %	1.1			
Total radial shrinkage:	2.3 %	0.6			
Fibre saturation point:	29 %				
Stability:	Moderately stable		(* : at 12 % moisture content ; 1 MPa = 1 N/mm ²)		

NATURAL DURABILITY AND TREATABILITY

Fungi and termite resistance refers to end-uses under temperate climate.
 Except for special comments on sapwood, natural durability is based on mature heartwood.
 Sapwood must always be considered as non-durable against wood degrading agents.

Fungi:	Class 1 - very durable	* ensured by natural durability (according EN standards).
Dry wood borers:	Durable; sapwood demarcated (risk limited to sapwood)	
Termites:	Class D - Durable	
Treatability:	4 - not permeable	
Biological hazard class*:	4 - in ground or fresh water contact or high dampness	
Note:	This species is listed in the European standard NF EN 350-2. Due to its high specific gravity, it naturally covers the biological hazard class 5 (end-uses in marine environment or in brackish water).	

COUNTRIES - LOCAL NAMES

Countries	Local names
Brazil (Amazon)	APA
Brazil (Amazon)	APAZEIRO
Brazil (Amazon)	COPAIBARANA
Brazil (Amazon)	ESPADEIRA
French Guiana	BIODOU
French Guiana	WAPA
Guyana	ITURI WALLABA
Guyana	WALLABA
Surinam	BIJLHOUT
Surinam	WALABA
Venezuela	UAPA
Venezuela	PALO MACHETE

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REQUIREMENT OF A PRESERVATIVE TREATMENT

Against dry wood borer attacks:	Does not require any preservative treatment
In case of temporary humidification risk:	Does not require any preservative treatment
In case of permanent humidification risk:	Does not require any preservative treatment

DRYING		Possible drying schedule			
Drying rate:	Slow	M.C. (%)	Temperature (°C)		Air humidity (%)
			dry-bulb	wet-bulb	
Risk of distortion:	High risk	Green	42	41	94
Risk of casehardening:	No	50	48	43	74
Risk of checking:	High risk	30	54	46	63
Risk of collapse:	No	20	60	51	62
		15	60	51	62

This schedule is given for information only and is applicable to thickness < 38 mm.

It must be used in compliance with the code of practice.

For thickness from 38 to 75 mm, the air relative humidity should be increased by 5 % at each step.

For thickness over 75 mm, a 10 % increase should be considered.

Note: Initial surface drying is necessary before kiln drying in order to reduce defects.

SAWING AND MACHINING

Blunting effect:	Fairly high
Sawteeth recommended:	Stellite-tipped
Cutting tools:	Tungsten carbide
Peeling:	Not recommended or without interest
Slicing:	Not recommended or without interest
Note:	Requires power. Resin may clog sawteeth and cutters. Resin exudation is not a problem with dry woods.

ASSEMBLING

Nailing / Screwing:	Good but pre-boring necessary
Gluing:	Correct
Note:	Tends to split in nailing.

END-USES

Main known end-uses; they must to be implemented according to the code of practice.

Important remark: some end-uses are mentioned for information (traditional, regional or ancient end-uses).

Note: Internal stresses restrict the uses. Careful sanding and filling are recommended.

Hydraulic works (fresh water)

Sleepers

Posts

Stakes

Bridges (parts in contact with water or ground)

Bridges (parts not in contact with water or ground)

Exterior panelling

Shingles

Heavy carpentry

Exterior joinery

Current furniture or furniture components

Industrial or heavy flooring

Flooring

Wood frame house

Cooperage
