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### ANDIROBA

#### Source

FSC Andiroba is available in restricted quantities in the forests of Precious Woods, located in the Amazon region of Brazil. The trees have a limited diameter, with a straight and cylindric trunk.

#### Wood

##### *Appearance*

The colour of the heartwood is red brown, with a nice golden lustre. It resembles mahogany. Compression failure appears more often. The grain is mainly straight, sometimes irregular or interlocked. The texture is medium fine.

##### *Working properties*

Machining goes well, with a smooth result. Resawing can be sometimes disappointing because of the deformation. Pre-drilling is recommended. Finishing and gluing are reported to be good. Drying goes slowly with less problems.

#### Durability

Andiroba is less durable in ground contact

#### Uses

The mahogany like timber can be used for furniture and flooring, stairs, mouldings, carpentry, interior window frames and veneer. Exterior application of the timber is restricted by the lower durability.

No picture of application...



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### Wood picture



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