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BOTANICAL NAMES

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ORIGINS FAMILY

It belongs to the family of Fabaceae (angiosperm).

SPECIFIC WEIGHT

Green 950 kg/m³ – Dried 800 kg/m³.

TECHNOLOGICAL FEATURES

The wood is lemon-yellow when freshly sawn, becoming yellow brown over time.

It has clearly demarcated sapwood.

The grain is straight or interlocked and the texture is regular.

If it must be used for external structures it is recommended to treat the wood in order to preserve it from fungi attacks.

DRYING METHOD

It should be carefully and slowly dried to avoid splitting.

MAIN USES AND WORKING

This wood can be easily sawn and cut.

Joints with glue hold firmly such as nails and screws but pre-boring is necessary.

It is usually used for several applications:

- interior: e.g. interior joinery, light carpentry, high class furniture, stairs, flooring and turned goods.
- exterior: e.g. exterior joinery, heavy carpentry, ship building, flooring, floorboards and decking.