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## SIPO

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**BOTANICAL NAMES**

Entandrophragma utile.

**ORIGINS FAMILY**

It belongs to the family of Meliaceae.

**GROWTH AREA**

Sipo grows in the high forests of tropical west and east Africa, specifically from Sierra Leone to Cameroon.

**SPECIFIC WEIGHT**

Green 800 kg/m<sup>3</sup> - Dried 600 kg/m<sup>3</sup> al 12% C.U.

**TECHNOLOGICAL FEATURES**

Heartwood and sapwood are clearly distinguished;  
The heartwood is pinkish-brown when first cut, and darkens to a rich red or purple-brown with sun exposure.  
The sapwood is a paler yellow.  
The attractive grain is usually interlocked, producing a ribbon figure or a wide, often irregular stripe on quarter-sawn surfaces.  
The texture is medium and uniform.

**DRYING METHOD**

It is a very easy and quick process but it must be carried very carefully to avoid splitting.

**MAIN USES AND WORKING**

Easy to saw and work with both hand and machine tools.  
When polished, it acquires a great shine and for this it is much better in furniture finishing, widely used in carpentry, wardrobes, panels, stairs, floors, profiles and frames.  
It is a popular material for decorative plywood and decorative veneer.