

Family: CLUSIACEAE (angiosperm)

Scientific name(s): Symphonia globulifera

Symphonia gabonensis (synonymous)

Commercial restriction: no commercial restriction

Note: This species is also found in Africa (OSSOL in Gabon).

WOOD DESCRIPTION

Color: yellow brown
Sapwood: clearly demarcated
Texture: medium
Grain: straight
Interlocked grain: absent
Note: Wood light brown to yellow brown.

LOG DESCRIPTION

Diameter: from 50 to 80 cm
Thickness of sapwood: from 4 to 8 cm
Floats: no
Log durability: low (must be treated)

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Physical and mechanical properties are based on mature heartwood specimens. These properties can vary greatly depending on origin and growth conditions.

	Mean	Std dev.
Specific gravity *:	0,71	0,05
Monnin hardness *:	3,3	0,6
Coeff. of volumetric shrinkage:	0,61 %	0,06 %
Total tangential shrinkage (TS):	10,1 %	0,9 %
Total radial shrinkage (RS):	4,8 %	0,6 %
TS/RS ratio:	2,1	
Fiber saturation point:	29 %	
Stability: poorly stable		

MECHANICAL AND ACOUSTIC PROPERTIES

	Mean	Std dev.
Crushing strength *:	58 MPa	4 MPa
Static bending strength *:	104 MPa	10 MPa
Modulus of elasticity *:	15630 MPa	1686 MPa
(*: at 12% moisture content, with 1 MPa = 1 N/mm ²)		
Musical quality factor:	123,5 measured at 3033 Hz	

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.

E.N. = Euro Norm

Funghi (according to E.N. standards): class 3 - moderately durable

Dry wood borers: durable - sapwood demarcated (risk limited to sapwood)

Termites (according to E.N. standards): class S - susceptible

Treatability (according to E.N. standards): class 3 - poorly permeable

Use class ensured by natural durability: class 2 - inside or under cover (dampness possible)

Species covering the use class 5: No

Note: Treatability seems rather easy with oily-type preservative products and difficult with saline-type preservative products.

REQUIREMENT OF A PRESERVATIVE TREATMENT

Against dry wood borer attacks: does not require any preservative treatment

In case of risk of temporary humidification: requires appropriate preservative treatment

In case of risk of permanent humidification: use not recommended

DRYING

Drying rate: normal

Risk of distortion: high risk

Risk of casehardening: yes

Risk of checking: high risk

Risk of collapse: no

Note: Air drying under cover recommended. Moderate drying conditions and end-coating are recommended.

Possible drying schedule: 4

M.C. (%)	Temperature (°C)		Air humidity (%)
	dry-bulb	wet-bulb	
Green	42	39	82
50	48	43	74
40	48	43	74
30	48	43	74
15	54	46	63

This schedule is given for information only and is applicable to thickness lower or equal to 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.

SAWING AND MACHINING

Blunting effect: normal

Sawteeth recommended: ordinary or alloy steel

Cutting tools: ordinary

Peeling: good

Slicing: good

ASSEMBLING

Nailing / screwing: good but pre-boring necessary

Gluing: correct

Note: Risks of splitting when nailing.

COMMERCIAL GRADING

Appearance grading for sawn timbers: According to NHLA grading rules (January 2007)

Possible grading: FAS, Select, Common 1, Common 2, Common 3

FIRE SAFETY

Conventional French grading: Thickness > 14 mm : M.3 (moderately inflammable)

Thickness < 14 mm : M.4 (easily inflammable)

Euroclasses grading: D s2 d0

Default grading for solid wood, according to requirements of European standard EN 14081-1 annex C (April 2009). It concerns structural graded timber in vertical uses with mean density upper 0.35 and thickness upper 22 mm.

END-USES

Interior joinery
Flooring
Heavy carpentry
Cooperage
Sliced veneer
Wood-ware
Pulp

Current furniture or furniture components
Interior panelling
Boxes and crates
Veneer for back or face of plywood
Wood frame house
Moulding

MAIN LOCAL NAMES

<u>Country</u>	<u>Local name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Local name</u>
Bolivia	AZUFRE	Bolivia	BREA AMARILLA
Brazil	ANANI	Brazil	CANADI
Brazil	MANI	Colombia	AZUFRE
Colombia	MACHARE	Ecuador	MACHARE
Ecuador	PUENGA	Ecuador	ZAPUTI
Guyana	MANNI	French Guiana	MANIL
French Guiana	MANIL MARECAGE	Peru	AZUFRE
Peru	BREA-CASPI	Suriname	MANI
Suriname	MATAKI	Trinidad and Tobago	MANGUE
Venezuela	MANI	Venezuela	PARAMAN
Venezuela	PERAMANCILLO	United States of America	BOARWOOD

