MUIRATINGA

Family: MORACEAE (angiosperm)
Scientific name(s): Maquira coriacea
Commercial restriction: no commercial restriction

WOOD DESCRIPTION

Color: creamy white
Sapwood: not demarcated
Texture: medium
Grain: interlocked
Interlocked grain: slight
Note: Wood cream white to light yellow. Unpleasant odour when green.

LOG DESCRIPTION

Diameter: from 60 to 100 cm
Thickness of sapwood:
Floats: no
Log durability: low (must be treated)

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

MECHANICAL AND ACOUSTIC 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 *:	0,47	0,04
Monnin hardness *:	1,3	0,3
Coeff. of volumetric shrinkage:	0,46 %	0,05 %
Total tangential shrinkage (TS):	7,0 %	0,9 %
Total radial shrinkage (RS):	3,8 %	1,0 %
TS/RS ratio:	1,8	
Fiber saturation point:	26 %	

Stability: moderately stable

	Mean	Std dev.
Crushing strength *:	39 MPa	4 MPa
Static bending strength *:	58 MPa	12 MPa
Modulus of elasticity *:	10070 MPa	1006 MPa

(*: at 12% moisture content, with 1 MPa = 1 N/mm²)

Musical quality factor: 115,5 measured at 2861 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 5 - not durable
Dry wood borers: susceptible - sapwood not or slightly demarcated (risk in all the wood)
Termites (according to E.N. standards): class S - susceptible
Treatability (according to E.N. standards): class 1 - easily permeable
Use class ensured by natural durability: class 1 - inside (no dampness)
Species covering the use class 5: No

REQUIREMENT OF A PRESERVATIVE TREATMENT

Against dry wood borer attacks: requires appropriate 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: rapid
Risk of distortion: slight risk
Risk of casehardening: no
Risk of checking: slight risk
Risk of collapse: no
Note: Prone to blue stain.

Possible drying schedule: 3

	Temperature (°C)		
M.C. (%)	dry-bulb	wet-bulb	Air humidity (%)
Green	60	56	81
30	68	58	61
20	74	60	51
15	80	61	41

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: high
Sawteeth recommended: stellite-tipped
Cutting tools: tungsten carbide
Peeling: good
Slicing: nood
Note: Fuzzy surface. Very high silica content.

ASSEMBLING

Nailing / screwing: poor
Gluing: correct

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)

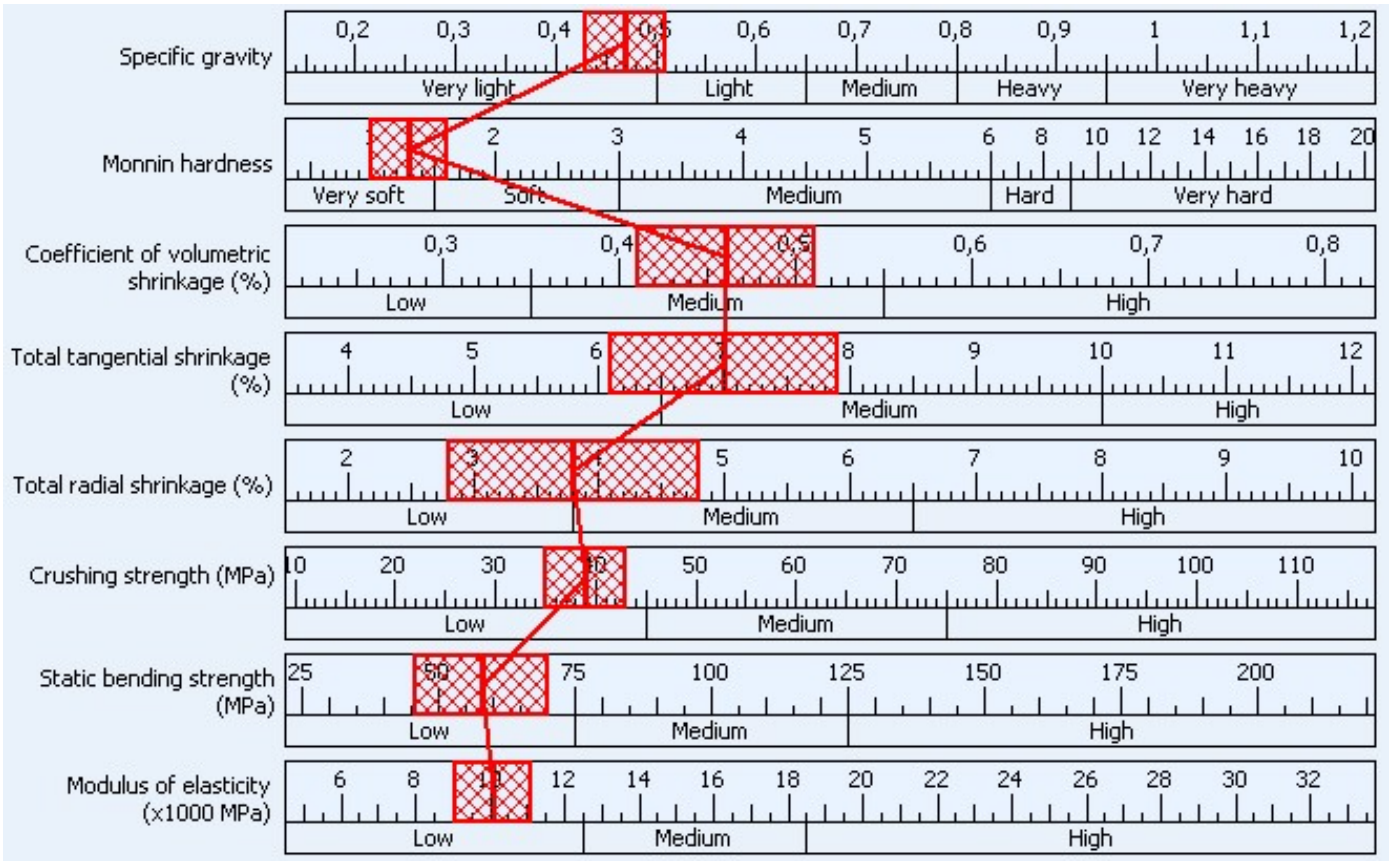
Euroclasses grading: D s2 d0
Default grading for solid wood, according to requirements of European standard EN 14081-1 annex C (April 2009). It concerns structural graded timber in vertical uses with mean density upper 0.35 and thickness upper 22 mm.

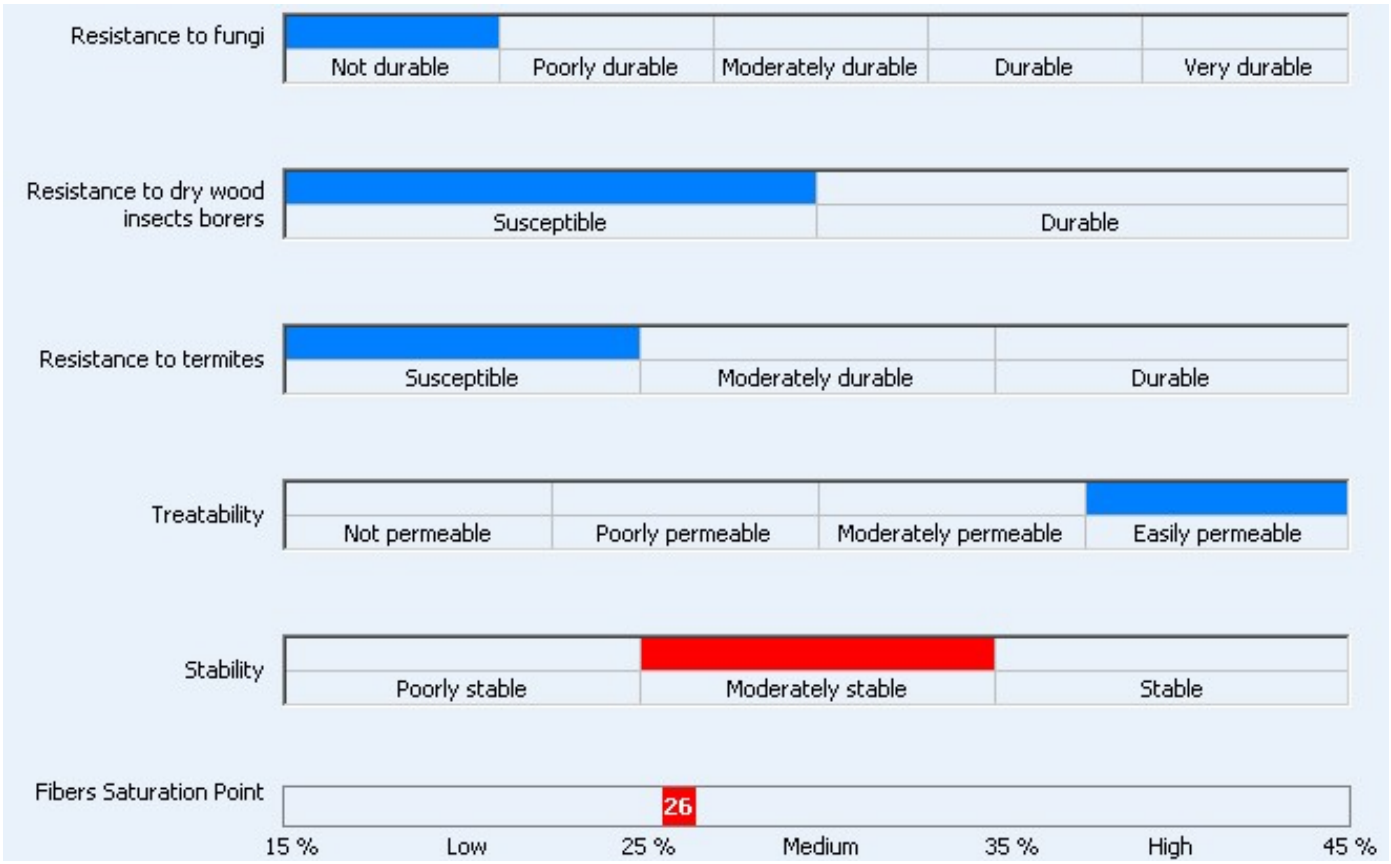
END-USES

Veneer for interior of plywood
Formwork
Interior joinery
Moulding
Sliced veneer
Veneer for back or face of plywood
Boxes and crates
Interior panelling
Current furniture or furniture components
Wood-ware

MAIN LOCAL NAMES

Country	Local name	Country	Local name
Brazil (Amazon)	CAPINURI	Brazil (Amazon)	MUIRATINGA


Specific gravity
0,2 0,3 0,4 0,5 0,6 0,7 0,8 0,9 1 1,1 1,2
Very light
Light
Medium
Heavy
Very heavy
Monnin hardness
2 3 4 5 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20
Very soft
Soft
Medium
Hard
Very hard
Coefficient of volumetric shrinkage (%)
0,3 0,4 0,5 0,6 0,7 0,8
Low
Medium
High
Total tangential shrinkage (%)
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Low
Medium
High
Total radial shrinkage (%)
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Low
Medium
High
Crushing strength (MPa)
10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 110
Low
Medium
High
Static bending strength (MPa)
25 50 75 100 125 150 175 200
Low
Medium
High
Modulus of elasticity (x1000 MPa)
6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30 32
Low
Medium
High


Resistance to fungi
Not durable
Poorly durable
Moderately durable
Durable
Very durable
Resistance to dry wood insects borers
Susceptible
Durable
Resistance to termites
Susceptible
Moderately durable
Durable
Treatability
Not permeable
Poorly permeable
Moderately permeable
Easily permeable
Stability
Poorly stable
Moderately stable
Stable
Fibers Saturation Point
26
15 %
Low
25 %
Medium
35 %
High
45 %