

Zebrawood



Zebrawood - Nomenclature

- Common Name: Zebrawood
- Scientific Name: *Microberlinia Brazzavillensis*
- Family: Fabaceae
- Local Names: Zebrano, Zingana, Allen Elle, Amouk, Izingana

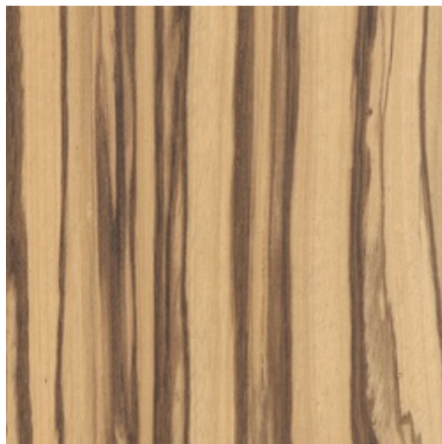
Zebrawood - Geography

- Distribution: West Tropical Africa
- Countries: Gabon, Cameroon
- Habitat: Evergreen and deciduous forests, moist areas, preferring deep, humid soils
- General: Large, discontinuous patches centered on the equatorial belt and between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Tropical and Subtropical Moist Forests (TSMF) are characterized by low variability in annual temperature and high levels of rainfall (>200 centimeter annually). Forest composition is dominated by semi-evergreen and evergreen deciduous tree species.



Zebrawood Tree - Characteristics

- Tree Size: 65-130 ft (20-40 m) tall
- Trunk Diameter: 4-5 ft (1.2-1.5 m) trunk diameter
- Heartwood Color: Heartwood is a light brown or cream color with dark blackish brown streaks
- Sapwood Color: The sapwood is pale white



Sanded



Sealed

Zebrawood is an exotic wood native to the Western African countries of Cameroon and Gabon. It is a hard wood, with a medium to coarse texture. The Zebra-like appearance is due to the light colored sapwood in contrast with the dark colored grain. Zebrawood is excellent for wood turning, veneer, furniture, pens, and knife handles. It works and finishes fairly, and has good gluing properties.

- The tree is a member of the legume family (peas and beans) and produces pods
- If you are old enough, you might remember seeing Zebrawood on car dashboards. Wiki reports the wood was used in Cadillac and Mercedes-Benz automobiles.