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ALMENDRILLO AMARILLO / GARAPA (*Apuleia leiocarpa*)

SPECIES (identity)

- **Trade name:** Garapa.
- **Botanical name:** *Apuleia leiocarpa*.
- **Commercial synonyms:** Cuta del Bajo Paraguá, Almendrillo Amarillo.
- **Origin:** Amazon and Bolivian Chiquitania.

Garapa is a tropical hardwood prized for its light, oak-like tone, which brings warmth and brightness to any project. It combines good durability, mechanical strength, and stability, making it ideal for flooring, decking, facades, and interior and exterior woodwork. Its uniform and elegant appearance offers a natural and sustainable alternative to traditional light-colored hardwoods.



CHARACTERISTICS OF WOOD¹

- **Light and elegant color:** light yellow to golden tones, with an appearance similar to oak.
- **Good natural durability:** wear-resistant and suitable for indoor and protected outdoor use.
- **Dimensional stability:** good performance in the face of changes in humidity and temperature.
- **Uniform and fine surface:** ideal for smooth finishes, floors and modern architectural applications.
- **Basic density:** 0.75-0.95 g/cm³
- **Density at 12% humidity:** ~0.95 g/cm³
- **Visual description:** honey-yellow, soft grain, light tone.

APPLICATIONS

Recommended for:

- Residential and hospital decking (clear aesthetics)
- Parquet and flooring
- Exterior cladding
- Decorative slabs (premium tables)
- Structural constructions

Not recommended for:

- Projects that require a natural dark tone (preferably Curupáú/Purple)

TRADE SUBSTITUTION

- **Technical alternative:** Purslane (*Terminalia* spp.), Palo María (*Calophyllum brasiliense*), Roble (*Amburana cearensis*)
- **Competes to:** Iroko (Excellent militia) – Africa, Teak (*Tectona grandis*) – Asia.

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ALMENDRILLO NEGRO / CUMARÚ

(*Dipteryx odorata*)

SPECIES (identity)

- **Trade name:** Black almond, Cumarú
- **Botanical name:** *Dipteryx odorata*
- **Commercial synonyms:** Tonka
- **Origin:** Bolivia, tropical rainforest and subtropical dry forest.

Cumarú is a high-performing tropical hardwood, renowned for its hardness, natural durability, and excellent outdoor performance. Its density and wear resistance make it an ideal choice for flooring, decking, structural elements, heavy carpentry, and high-traffic applications. With its understated yet elegant aesthetic, Cumarú offers a long lifespan, low maintenance, and high value.

CHARACTERISTICS OF WOOD1

- **Durability:** natural resistance to fungi, insects and extreme weather conditions.
- **Good performance outdoors:** widely used in decking, terraces, bridges and facades.
- **Wear resistance:** withstands heavy traffic and abrasion, ideal for commercial and industrial floors.
- **Structural stability:** good performance against humidity when properly dried and installed
- **Basic density:** ~0.91 g/cm³
- **Density at 12% humidity:** ~0.97 g/cm³
- **Visual description:** medium to dark brown, interlocked grain, medium texture

APPLICATIONS

Recommended for:

- Decking and exterior steps
- Premium residential exterior
- Constructions
- Veneer sheets
- Boats

Not recommended for:

- Projects with “fast” machining without carbide (high hardness)

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TRADE SUBSTITUTION

- **Technical alternative:** Tajibo (*Tabebuia* / *Handroanthus* spp.), Curupau (*Anadenanthera colubrina*)
- **Competes to:** Bilinga (*Nauclea diderrichii*) - África, Doussie (*Afzelia* spp.) - África



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CEDRO

(Cedrela odorata)

SPECIES (identity)

- **Trade name:** Cedar
- **Botanical name:** Cedrela odorata
- **Commercial synonyms:** Spanish cedar
- **Origin:** Tropical, subtropical and temperate rainforests of Bolivia

Cedar is a classic wood for fine joinery, prized for its lightness, stability, and workability. Its natural aroma and insect-repellent properties, along with its uniform grain and warm color, make it ideal for quality furniture, doors, windows, moldings, and cabinetmaking. It offers a balance of beauty, functionality, and durability, making it a reliable choice for projects that prioritize detail and finish.



CHARACTERISTICS OF WOOD¹

- **Ideal for fine woodworking:** appreciated in furniture, doors, windows and joinery.
- **Workability:** Easy to cut, sand, nail and glue, even in detailed designs.
- **Characteristic natural aroma:** acts as a natural insect repellent, especially moths.
- **Warm and uniform aesthetic:** pink to light brown tones, with a straight and pleasing grain.
- **Basic density:** ~ 0.38 g/cm³
- **Density at 12% humidity:** ~0.5 g/cm³
- **Visual description:** light brown to reddish, medium grain, characteristic aroma

APPLICATIONS

Recommended for:

- Luxury interior carpentry
- Interior doors, windows, frames, moldings
- Cabinetmaking products
- Veneer sheets

Not recommended for:

- Exposed exterior decking

TRADE SUBSTITUTION

- **technical alternative:** Laurel (Cinnamomum spp.)
- **Competes to** Sipo (Entandrophragma utile) - África

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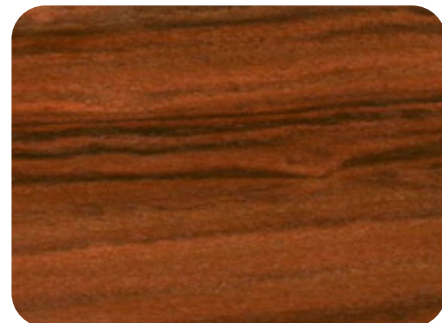
CURUPAÚ

(*Anadenanthera colubrina*)

SPECIES (identity)

- **Trade name:** Curupaú
- **Botanical name:** *Anadenanthera colubrina*
- **Commercial synonyms:** Curupay
- **Origin:** Subtropical rainforest, temperate rainforest of Bolivia

Curupaú is a dark-toned, naturally variegated tropical hardwood prized for its strength, durability, and striking grain. Its density and hardness make it ideal for flooring, stairs, robust furniture, and high-wear applications where character, color contrast, and longevity are desired. Curupau provides an elegant, variegated appearance without the need for stains, offering an authentic and lasting solution.



CHARACTERISTICS OF WOOD1

- Color with a marked vein and strong character, light brown to chocolate tone, without the need for color treatments, brings contrast and elegance to contemporary and rustic designs.
- Good durability, resistant to wear, insects and prolonged use.
- Ideal for high traffic, suitable for floors, stairs and demanding surfaces.
- **Basic density:** ~ 0.85 g/cm³
- **Density at 12% humidity:** ~1.03 g/cm³
- **Visual description:** very dark brown to almost black, marked grain

APPLICATIONS

Recommended for:

- Decking exterior
- Exterior steps
- High-wear parts
- Sleepers
- Construction

Not recommended for:

- Uniform color requirement

TRADE SUBSTITUTION

- **technical alternative:** Tajibo (*Handroanthus* spp.), Cumarú (*Dipteryx odorata*)
- **Competes to:** Wenge (*Millettia laurentii*) – Africa, Iroquois (*Exalted Militia*) – Africa

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MORADO

(Machaerium scleroxylon)

SPECIES (identity)

- **Trade name:** Purple
- **Botanical name:** Machaerium scleroxylon
- **Commercial synonyms:** Pau ferro, Bolivian Rosewood
- **Origin:** Bolivian Chiquitania

Morado is a tropical hardwood with decorative value, renowned for its brown color and expressive grain. Its exclusivity and natural beauty make it the ideal choice for veneers, thin panels, and decorative components, where each piece possesses a unique and aesthetic character. Used in luxury furniture, paneling, architectural details, and high-end interior design, Morado brings distinction, contrast, and sophistication.



CHARACTERISTICS OF WOOD1

- Distinctive natural color, light to dark brown tones that elegantly deepen over time.
- Decorative value, in demand for sheets, thin veneers and design details.
- Sale by selection, each piece is classified by color, grain and uniformity, maximizing its value.
- Fine finish accepts fine polishes, high-level lacquers and oils.
- **Basic density:** ~ 0.75 g/cm³
- **Density at 12% humidity:** ~0.88 g/cm³
- **Visual description:** brown to dark brown, high contrast

APPLICATIONS

Recommended for:

- Decorative sheets (furniture, panels, interiors)
- Boutique instruments and pieces (if applicable)
- Premium slabs (tables, decks)

Not recommended for:

- Massive decking
- Buyers seeking high volume

TRADE SUBSTITUTION

- **Technical alternative:** Curupaú (Anadenanthera colubrina)
- **Competes to:** Purpleheart (Peltogyne spp.)

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PALO MARÍA

(*Calophyllum brasiliense*)

SPECIES (identity)

- **Trade name:** Palo María
- **Botanical name:** *Calophyllum brasiliense*
- **Commercial synonyms:** Santa Maria, Jacareuba
- **Origin:** Tropical rainforest transitioning to subtropical rainforest, Bolivia

Palo María is a semi-lightweight tropical hardwood that offers a balance of strength, stability, and workability. Its reliable performance makes it ideal for general carpentry, furniture, paneling, doors, and protected interior and exterior applications. With a clean, professional look, Palo María is a versatile and efficient alternative for projects seeking good structural performance without the extreme weight of ultra-hardwoods.



CHARACTERISTICS OF WOOD

- **Balanced semi-lightweight profile:** Combines good mechanical resistance with moderate weight.
- **Easy to work with:** Good performance in cutting, brushing, sanding and assembly.
- **Good dimensional stability:** Responds well to changes in humidity when properly dried.
- **Moderate to good durability:** Suitable for indoor and protected outdoor use.
- **Basic density:** ~ 0.55 g/cm³
- **Density at 12% humidity:** ~0.66 g/cm³
- **Visual description:** pinkish brown to medium brown, moderate streak

APPLICATIONS

Recommended for:

- Parquet and flooring
- S4S interior, frames, dimensioned parts
- Interior structural components
- Indoor furniture
- Construction

Not recommended for:

- Exposed exterior without specification/coating
- Decking

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TRADE SUBSTITUTION

- **Technical alternative:** Garapa (*Apuleia leiocarpa*), Roble (*Amburana cearensis*), Santa Maria (*Calophyllum* spp.)
- **competes to:** semi-lightweight tropical joinery woods

PAQUIÓ / JATOBÁ (Hymenaea courbaril)

SPECIES (identity)

- **Trade name:** Paquió, Jatobá
- **Botanical name:** Hymenaea courbaril
- **Commercial synonyms:** Algarrobo, Copal, Nazareno
- **Origin:** Chiquitanía and Bolivian Amazon

Paquió is a tropical hardwood that performs well in high-traffic areas, making it ideal for projects requiring strength, stability, and a long lifespan. Its natural hardness and durability make it perfect for commercial flooring, public areas, and staircases. With a clean and professional aesthetic, Paquió offers a reliable and cost-effective solution for spaces where strength is not just an option, but a necessity.

CHARACTERISTICS OF WOOD¹

- Traffic, for continuous and intensive use in commercial and public spaces.
- **Long lifespan:** maintains its structural and aesthetic performance for years.
- **Dimensional stability:** Good performance in the face of changes in humidity and temperature.
- Sober and versatile aesthetic: Light to dark brown tones, suitable for contemporary and classic designs.
- **Basic density:** ~0.77 g/cm³
- **Density at 12% humidity:** ~0.95 g/cm³
- **Visual description:** Light to dark brown tones, pronounced grain

APPLICATIONS

Recommended for:

- High-traffic floors (hotels, retail, airports)
- Parquet and flooring
- Interior steps
- Construction - structural elements
- Veneer sheets
- Outdoor furniture

Not recommended for:

- Projects where weight is critical (evaluate lighter species)

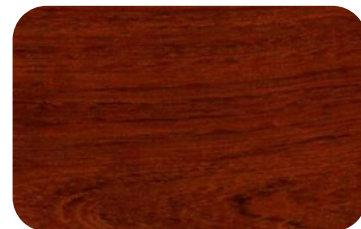
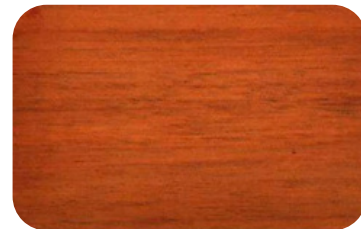
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TRADE SUBSTITUTION

- **Technical alternative:** Almendrillo (*Dipteryx odorata*), Curupaú (*Anadenanthera colubrina*) / Cumarú (*Dipteryx odorata*)
- **Competes to:** Doussié (*Azelaia* spp.) – Africa, Merbau (*Intsia bijuga*) – Asia, Padauk (*Pterocarpus* spp.) Africa



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ROBLE

(*Amburana cearensis*)

SPECIES (identity)

- **Trade name:** Oak, Amburana
- **Botanical name:** *Amburana cearensis*
- **Commercial synonyms:** Cerejeira, Ishpingo
- **Origin:** Bolivian Amazon and Chiquitania

Oak/Roble is a fine wood with a warm and elegant tone, ideal for premium interiors seeking visual comfort and natural sophistication. Its smooth grain, distinctive aroma, and workability make it a standout choice for paneling, high-end furniture, doors, moldings, and decorative details. With a perfect balance of beauty, stability, and lightness, oak brings warmth and distinction to interior spaces.



CHARACTERISTICS OF WOOD

- Warm natural tone, honey to light brown colors, ideal for cozy and elegant interiors.
- Highly valued in fine furniture, wall coverings and decorative woodwork.
- Easy to machine, sand and assemble with quality finishes.
- Distinctive natural aroma, soft and pleasant fragrance, valued in indoor spaces
- **Basic density:** ~ 0.5 g/cm³
- **Density at 12% humidity:** ~0.53 g/cm³
- **Visual description:** light brown to golden, fine grain

APPLICATIONS

Recommended for:

- Interior carpentry (doors, frames, moldings)
- Premium furniture
- Dimensioned components, uprights and crossbeams

Not recommended for:

- Decking/exposed exterior

TRADE SUBSTITUTION

- **Technical alternative:** Yesquero (*Cariniana* spp.)
- **Competes to:** Oak (*Quercus* spp.)

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TAJIBO / BOLIVIAN IPÉ

(Handroanthus spp. – syn. Tabebuia spp.)

SPECIES (identity)

- **Trade name:** Tajibo, Ipé
- **Botanical name:** Handroanthus spp. (syn. Tabebuia spp.)
- **Commercial synonyms:** Lapacho
- **Origin:** Amazonia and Bolivian Chiquitanía

Tajibo is one of Bolivia's most prized hardwoods, renowned for its strength, natural durability, and beauty. Thanks to its density and stability, it is ideal for flooring, structures, high-traffic furniture, and exterior applications, even without intensive chemical treatments. Its fine grain and attractive color make it a premium choice for projects seeking quality, longevity, and sustainability.



CHARACTERISTICS OF WOOD

- **Natural durability:** resists mold, termites and moisture, even in outdoor environments.
- **Hardwood:** ideal for structural and wear-resistant uses.
- **Dimensional stability:** low movement in response to changes in temperature and humidity.
- **Aesthetic appeal:** Tones ranging from intense yellow to golden brown with fine and elegant veins.
- Basic density: $\sim 0.81 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- Density at 12% humidity: $0.95 - 1.05 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- Visual description: yellow to brown

APPLICATIONS

Recommended for:

- Decking, walkways, pool edges, premium outdoor
- Exterior steps
- Construction – structural elements
- Veneer sheets
- Outdoor furniture

Not recommended for:

- Projects that depend on deep impregnation (very dense wood; its protection is natural)

TRADE SUBSTITUTION

- **Technical alternative:** Cumaru (*Dipteryx odorata*)
- **Competes to:** Azobé (*Lophira alata*) – Africa, Okan (*Cylicodiscus gabunensis*) – Africa

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