

TIMBER SPECIES

Kempas – *Koompassia*

Wood Appearance

Colour – Heartwood is pink when freshly cut, darkening to a deep orange-brown to red brown after exposure. Sapwood is pale yellow to pink-brown and distinct from heartwood

Grain – Grain is interlocked, spiral or wavy. Texture coarse and even, except when zones of included phloem (bark) present.

Wood Properties

Density – 880 kg/m³

Durability – Class 3 – Moderately resistant to decay when fully exposed to the weather, clear of the ground and well drained with free air circulation. Not recommended for in-ground use.

Hardness – Hard (rated 2 on a 6 class scale) in relation to indentation and ease of working with hand tools.

Identification Features

Sapwood – Pale yellow to pink-brown, distinct from heartwood

Heartwood – Orange brown to red brown

Texture – Coarse and even, grain variable but rarely straight

Wood Structure

Growth Rings - Indistinct

Vessels – Diffuse porous arrangement, few in number, medium sized to moderately large, solitary or in radial groups of 2 to 3. Deposits frequently present.

Parenchyma – Aliform and confluent

Rays – Fine, barely visible with the naked eye

Other Features

Ripple Marks – Present

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