

Geronggang – Cratoxylon

Wood Appearance

Colour – Heartwood is pink-red, darkening on exposure. Sapwood is yellow, sometimes with a pink or orange tinge, and distinct from the heartwood.

Grain – The grain is straight or slightly interlocked, and the texture coarse but even. Growth rings distinct.

Wood Properties

Density – 490 kg/m³

Durability – Class 4 – Suitable for use in continuously dry situations under cover, well ventilated, clear of the ground and fully protected from the weather and other dampness

Hardness – Soft (rated 5 on a 6 class scale) in relation to indentation and ease of working with hand tools

Identification Features

Sapwood – Lighter coloured and distinct from heartwood.

Heartwood – Pink-red, planed surface lustrous.

Texture – Moderately coarse, uniform; grain may be interlocked; soft to cut

Wood Structure

Vessels – Solitary and in radial groups of 3 or 4 but with occasional groups consisting of a large vessel with a tail-like appendage of small vessels (characteristic). Uniform distribution. Tyloses variable. Deposits often present, sulphur yellow and visible to naked eye on dressed surfaces. Vessel lines prominent being darker than the background.

Parenchyma – Indistinct

Rays – Fine, indistinct due to lack of colour variation.

Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – Wood burns to an ash

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