

• TIMBER SPECIES DATASHEET •

MOVINGUI

(*Distemonanthus benthamianus*)



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| ★ Wood Type | Hardwood |
| ★ Durability | Class 3 - Moderately Durable |
| ★ Average Service Life | 15-25 years (without treatment) |
| ★ Treatability | Moderate |
| ★ Moisture Movement | Low |
| ★ Density (mean, Kg/m³) | 600-700 |
| ★ Texture | Fine to medium |
| ★ Use(s) | High-quality furniture, cabinetry, musical instruments, |
| ★ Colour(s) | Golden to yellow-brown |

Environmental

Movingui wood (*Distemonanthus benthamianus*) is not typically listed on the IUCN Red List. It is commonly sourced from responsibly managed forests, and sustainable practices are often in place to ensure environmentally responsible harvesting.

The Tree

Movingui trees are medium-sized, reaching heights of up to 20-30 meters. They have straight, cylindrical trunks and produce simple leaves. The timber obtained from Movingui is prized for its golden to yellow-brown color and overall quality.

Drying

Movingui wood dries at a moderate rate, and proper drying techniques are essential to prevent defects like warping, checking, or splitting. Careful control of the drying process is important.

Working Qualities

Movingui wood is moderately easy to work with, allowing for cutting, shaping, and joinery. It is often used in fine woodworking applications and is prized for its beautiful finish when polished or finished. While it may not be as lightweight as some other woods, it offers excellent strength and versatility in woodworking projects.

Distribution

Movingui wood is native to West Africa, with a primary distribution in countries like Ivory Coast, Ghana, and Cameroon. It is highly regarded for its attractive appearance and versatility in woodworking.

The Timber

Movingui wood is known for its distinctive golden to yellow-brown color, making it a sought-after choice in fine woodworking. It has a fine to medium texture and typically exhibits a straight grain. The wood is highly valued for its versatility and aesthetic appeal.

Strength

Movingui wood is moderately durable and offers good strength for woodworking applications. It is a popular choice for high-quality furniture, cabinetry, and musical instruments due to its combination of strength and attractive appearance.



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