

Fava Amargosa

Durability class	Above ground: very durable, at ground contact: modorately durable.
Specific gravity	1100-1200 kg/m3.
Colour	Yellow green brown.
Applications	Interior: e.g. carpentry, window frames and doors exterior: e.g. window frames, cladding, doors and garden timber like deckings and underconstructions.
Grain	Mostly straight.
Timber texture	The timber texture of Fava amargosa wood is rough.
Drying	Moderately quick with a small risk of deformation and surface cracks.
Workability	Machining goes well, with a slight blunting effect. Pre-drilling is recommended. The finishing and gluing are reported to be good. Drying goes relatively quickly with slight risks of distortion and surface checking.
Details	The heartwood of Fava amargosa has a yellow brown colour with a bit green shade. It darkens after exposure. The parenchyma around the vessels gives it a stripy appearance. The grain is straight to irregular, sometimes interlocked. The texture is coarse.
Botanical name	Vatairea paraensis
Origin area	Tropical South- and Middle-America.
Other names	Faveira amargosa, Angelim Amargosa
Remarks	FSC Fava Amargosa wood is regularly available in the Amazon region of Brazil. The straight trunk has a diameter of about 60-90 cm and about 4-7 cm wide sapwood. This species is sometimes known as Angelim Amargosa.
Family	Leguminosae (Papilionaceae)