

# Ipé

## Most important characteristics

<b>Durability class</b>	Class 1.
<b>Specific gravity</b>	Fresh 1200-1300 kg/m3. At 12% moisture content (950-)1050 (-1150) kg/m3.
<b>Colour</b>	The colour of Ipé hardwood is greenish brown-yellow.
<b>Applications</b>	<a href="#">Luxury decking</a> , floors, furniture, <a href="#">facades</a> , garden wood, but also suitable for construction work.
<b>Strength class</b>	D50
<b>Hardness</b>	13700 - 16700 N Janka.
<b>Grain</b>	Straight, sometimes interlocked or irregular grain.
<b>Timber texture</b>	Fine.
<b>Stability</b>	Moderate to high
<b>Drying</b>	Ipé wood dries quite slowly but has little tendency to deform or crack.
<b>Workability</b>	Due to its high density, Ipé wood is difficult to work as tools will blunt quickly. While planing, it is recommended to use small cutting angles to avoid crosshair problems. Ipé can be finished smoothly. Good extraction of the wood dust is recommended, as the released lapachol dust may cause skin issues (i.e. dermatitis) in sensitive people.
<b>Details</b>	Ipé has a fairly even structure without a pronounced pattern. The wood contains the ingredient lapachol, which is visible on the longitudinal surface as (greenish) yellow stripes. Lapachol turns red in contact with ammonia. This makes ipé (Surinamese greenheart) distinguishable from, for example, Demerara greenheart. The wood is very hard and strong, difficult to split and very elastic.
<b>Screwing/nailing</b>	Pre-drilling is necessary for Ipé wood.
<b>Finishing of surface</b>	The surface of Ipé planks can be finished well.
<b>Botanical name</b>	Tabebuia serratifolia
<b>Origin area</b>	Ipé hardwood grows in Tropical Central- and South America.
<b>Other names</b>	Bethabara, guyacan, madera negra (Ecuador), ebène vert, ebène jaune (French Guiana), whalebone greenheart (Guyana), amapa (Mexico), guayacan (Panama), lapacho negro, guayacan (Paraguay, Argentina), tahuari (Peru), greenheart (Suriname).
<b>Quality requirements</b>	Ipé hardwood is mentioned in the NEN 5493 'Quality requirements for hardwood in earth, road and hydraulic engineering works and other constructive applications.'
<b>Remarks</b>	Looking to buy Ipé wood? For the current price of Ipé, please contact us. We only supply FSC® certified tropical hardwood for responsible forest management.
<b>Family</b>	Bignoniaceae
<b>Projects</b>	<a href="#">Façade cladding Dusseldorf</a> , <a href="#">Benches and Ipé decking planks at cemetery Sambeek</a> , <a href="#">Façade cladding Villa Nieuwe Horne</a> .