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The UK committee notes that there are many published strength class assignments for named species and sources of tropical hardwood timber that rely on the HS grade of BS 5756. The minor nature of the differences between the STH grade in this standard and the HS grade means that these assignments can adopt the STH grading rules as published here.

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## European foreword

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method of strength grading tropical hardwood visually for structural use.

The permissible limits of characteristics for a single visual strength grade of timber are specified, designated “Structural Tropical Hardwood” (STH) grade.

The method is only suitable for pieces of timber with a rectangular cross-section that is constant along their lengths.

Characteristics related to durability are not covered in this standard. For some end uses, additional requirements may be specified at the time of grading, e.g. sapwood exclusion.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 336, *Structural timber - Sizes, permitted deviations*

EN 338, *Structural timber - Strength classes*

EN 350-2, *Durability of wood and wood-based products - Natural durability of solid wood - Part 2: Guide to natural durability and treatability of selected wood species of importance in Europe*

EN 384, *Structural timber - Determination of characteristic values of mechanical properties and density*

EN 844-3, *Round and sawn timber - Terminology - Part 3: General terms relating to sawn timber*

EN 844-9, *Round and sawn timber - Terminology - Part 9: Terms relating to features of sawn timber*

EN 844-10, *Round and sawn timber - Terminology - Part 10: Terms relating to stain and fungal attack*

EN 844-12, *Round and sawn timber - Terminology - Part 12: Additional terms and general index*

EN 1310:1997, *Round and sawn timber - Method of measurement of features*

EN 1912, *Structural Timber - Strength classes - Assignment of visual grades and species*

EN 13556, *Round and sawn timber - Nomenclature of timbers used in Europe*

EN 14081-1, *Timber structures - Strength graded structural timber with rectangular cross section - Part 1: General requirements*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 336, EN 844-3, EN 844-9, EN 844-10, EN 844-12 and EN 14081-1 and the nomenclature in EN 13556 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **bark pocket**

bark that is partly or wholly enclosed in the wood

**3.2**

**bore hole**

hole or tunnel in timber caused by insects

**3.3**

**boxed heart**

pith that is present and not visible on any face or edge

**3.4**

**brittleheart**

wood characterized by abnormal brittleness, mostly located in the heart

**3.5**

**compression creases**

buckling of fibres across the grain as a consequence of excessive internal growth stresses or external forces

**3.6**

**interlocked grain**

grain in which cells in succeeding growth periods incline alternately in opposite directions that are different from that of the axis of the tree

**3.7**

**fissure**

longitudinal separation of the fibres

**3.8**

**pinhole**

bore hole usually not more than 2 mm in diameter

**3.9**

**pin knot**

round or oval knot, sound, intergrown or partially intergrown, with a maximum size of 5 mm

**3.10**

**resin pocket**

lens-shaped cavity in timber containing, or that has contained, resin

**3.11**

**resin canal**

longitudinal separation of the fibres containing resin appearing on a face or edge of the piece of timber

**3.12**

**slope of grain**

divergence of the direction of the fibres from the longitudinal axis of the piece of timber

**3.13**

**thickness**

lesser dimension perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the piece of timber

Note 1 to entry: This is the size of the edge.

### 3.14

#### **tropical hardwood**

wood of angiosperm trees of the botanical group dicotyledons whose natural distribution lies substantially South of the Tropic of Cancer and north of the Tropic of Capricorn

Note 1 to entry: Unlike temperate hardwood, tropical hardwood is typically free of gross anatomical features that indicate the rate of growth, such as annual growth increments.

### 3.15

#### **width**

greater dimension perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the piece of timber

Note 1 to entry: This is the size of the face.

## **4 Strength graded timber**

### **4.1 Supervision of strength grading operations**

As specified in EN 14081-1, visual strength grading operations shall be carried out by a competent person, or people working within a company under the close supervision of competent persons.

### **4.2 Sizes**

Timber graded to this standard shall conform to EN 336 with respect to its permissible deviations with the following exceptions:

- the minimum thickness at the time of grading shall be 22 mm;
- the minimum cross-sectional area at the time of grading shall be 2 200 mm<sup>2</sup>.

### **4.3 Processing of visually graded timber**

Visually graded timber shall no longer conform to this standard if its cross-section is reduced in size through subsequent processing by more than:

- a) 5 mm for dimensions  $22 \leq$  to 100 mm, or;
- b) 10 mm for dimensions  $> 100$  mm.

Where graded timber is reduced in cross section beyond the above limits, it shall be re-graded if it is to conform to this standard.

Where graded timber is reduced in length, or a piece of graded timber is cross-cut into two or more pieces, each resulting piece may be assumed to conform to the permissible limits of characteristics in Table 1 of this standard.

### **4.4 Moisture content**

Dry graded timber shall have at the time it is graded for fissures and distortion a mean moisture content of 20 % or less with no individual measurement exceeding 24 %.

NOTE The end use determines whether timber needs to be dry graded or not. If timber is not dry graded, it may be needed to check fissures and distortion also at the time of end use.



## 5 Measurement of strength-reducing characteristics

### 5.1 Knots

#### 5.1.1 General

The size of the knot shall be related to the width or thickness on the basis of linear values.

Methods of measurements of knots are given in EN 1310. The “alternative method” shall be used, whereby the size of the knot is measured in a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the piece of timber (Figure 1).

Knots are accumulative if longitudinal separation between the edges of the knots is either less than twice the width or 300mm (whichever is the lesser), or when the grain has not fully recovered.

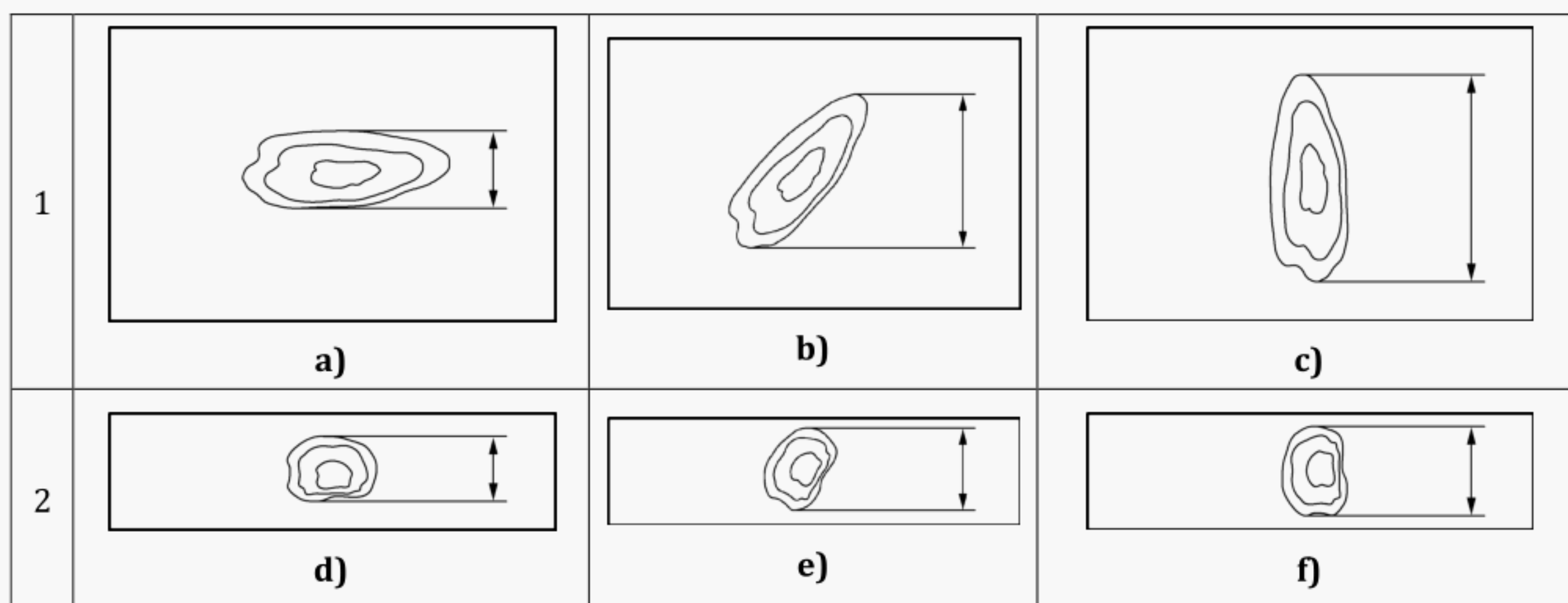
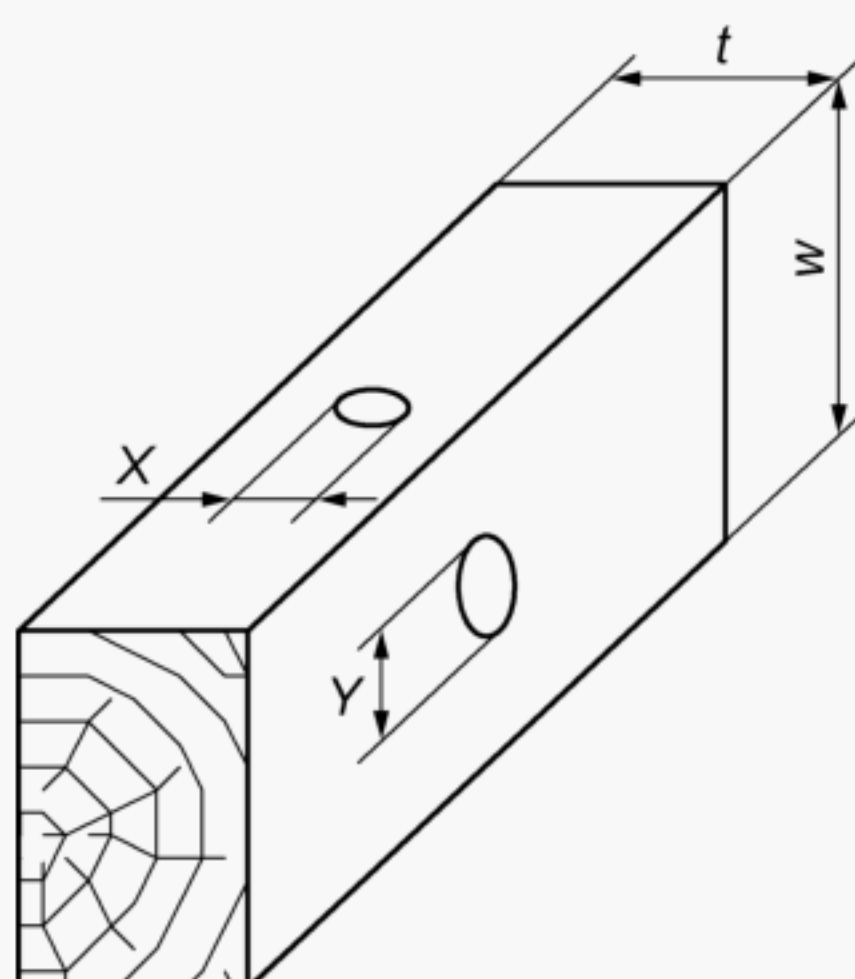


Figure 1 — Measuring knot sizes 1 on faces and 2 on edges

#### 5.1.2 Knot size: requisite comparisons

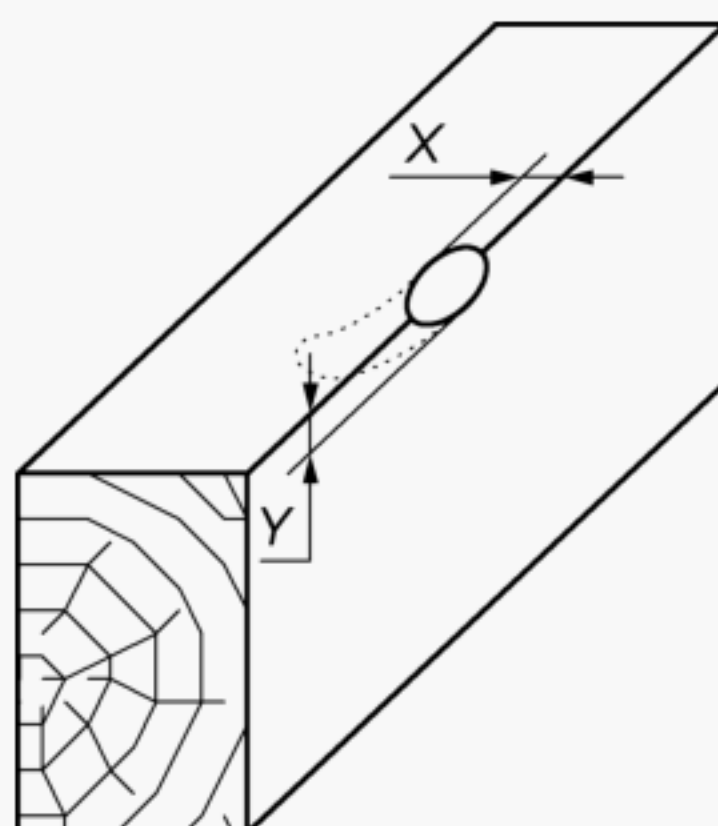
For knots that are contained entirely within a single face or edge, the size of the knot shall be compared to the full size of the face or edge in which it appears (Figure 2).



$X$  is related to the thickness  $t$  and  $Y$  is compared to the width  $w$ .

**Figure 2 — Measuring knot sizes**

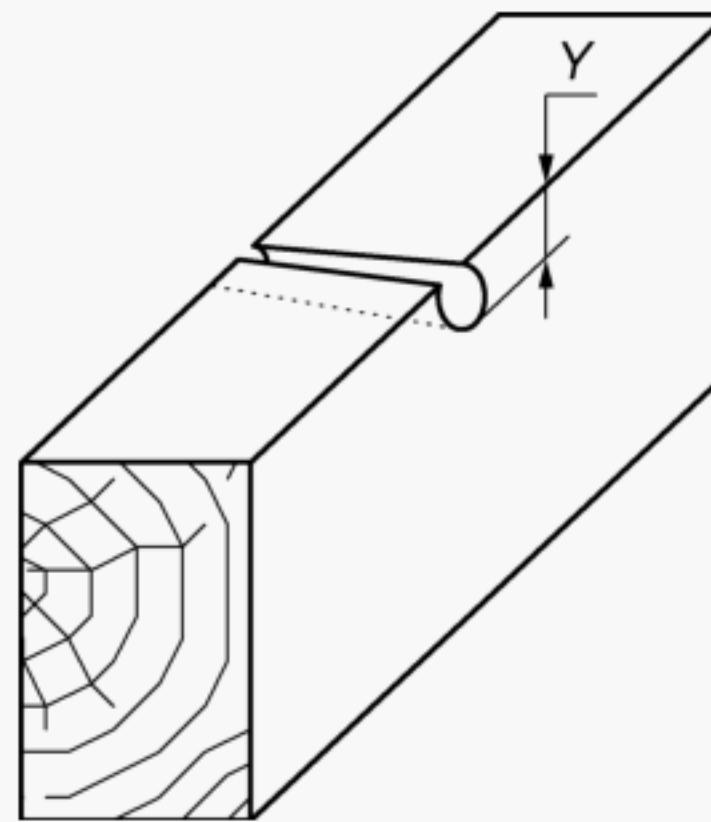
For arris knots that are not elongated, the size of the knot on both the face and the edge shall be measured. The larger of the two sizes shall be compared to the thickness of the piece (Figure 3).



The greater of  $X$  and  $Y$  is compared to the thickness.

**Figure 3 — Measuring knot sizes**

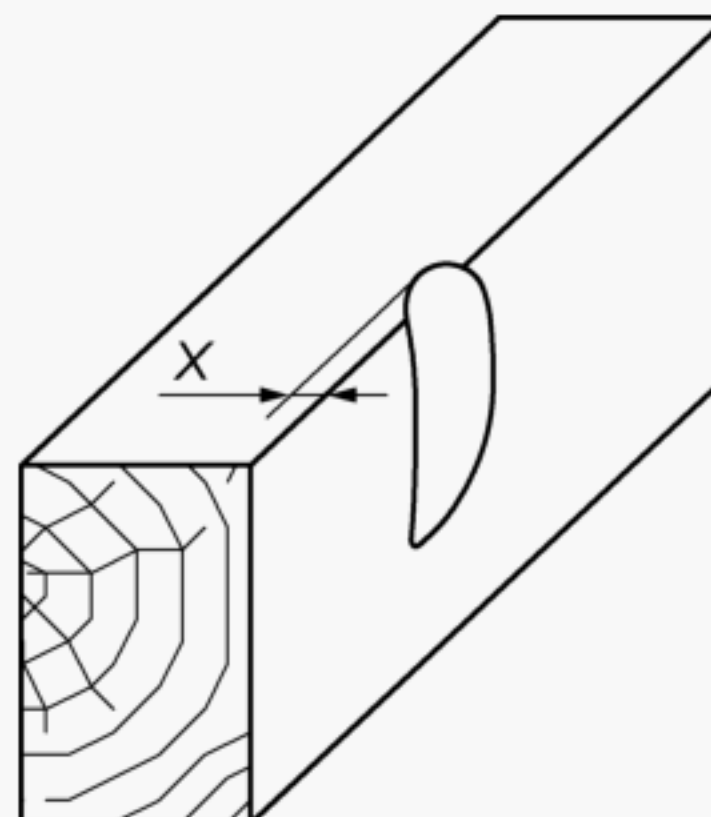
For arris knots that appear on both faces and occupy the full size of an edge, or are elongated across at least 75 % of an edge, the size of the knot on both faces shall be measured. The larger of the two sizes shall be compared to the width of the piece (Figure 4).



$Y$  is measured on both faces and the larger value is compared to the width.

**Figure 4 — Measuring knot sizes**

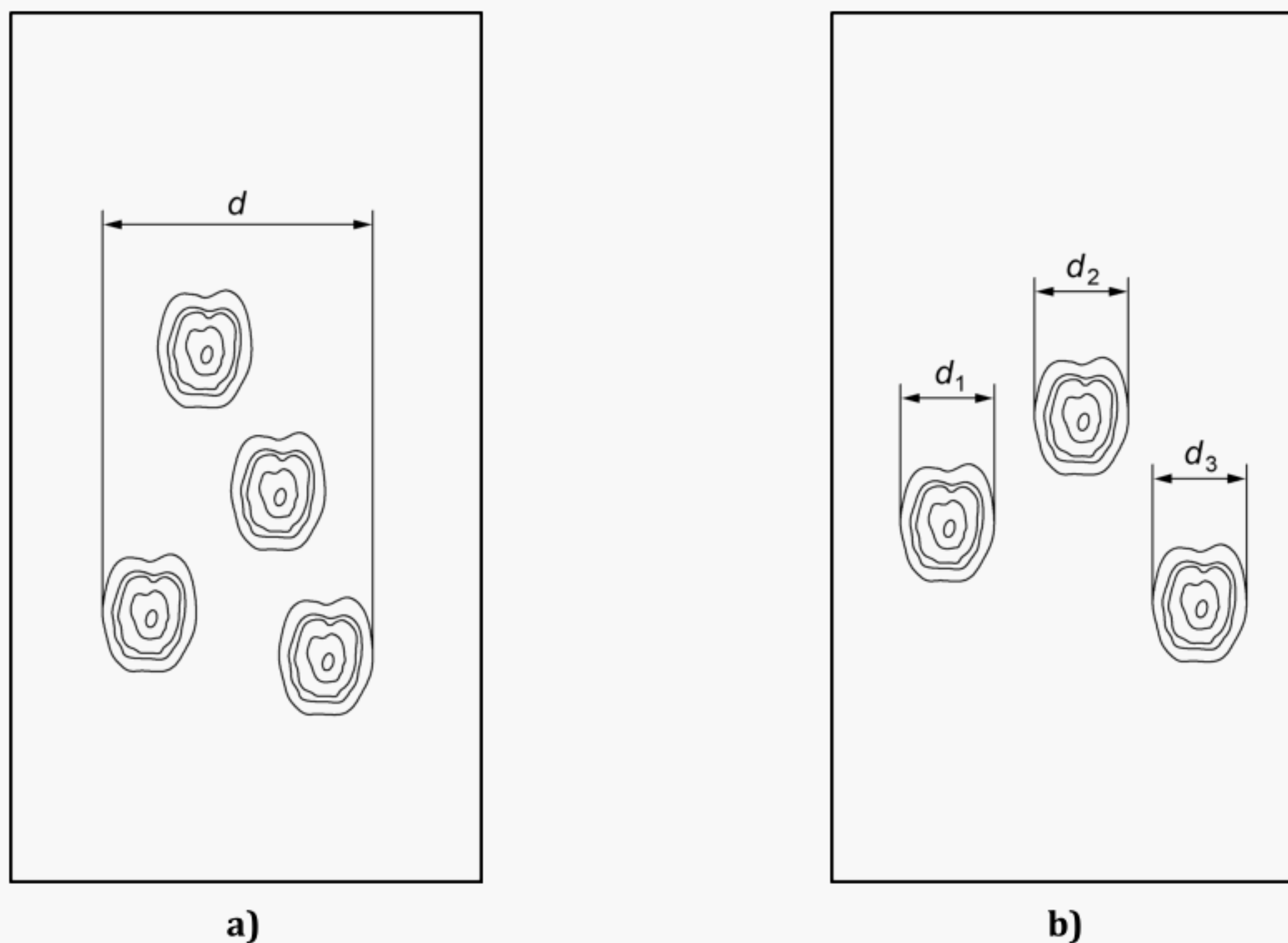
For splay knots or branch knots that are elongated across a face, the size of the knot shall be measured on the edge and compared to the thickness of the piece (Figure 5).



$X$  is compared to the thickness.

**Figure 5 — Measuring knot sizes**

For knot clusters, where no grain recovery is evident between adjacent knots, the knot size shall be measured on the surface on which the cluster is transversely cut. The size of the knot shall be the overall width of the knot cluster  $d$ , or the sum of the individual knot widths  $d_1 d_2 d_3 \dots d_n$ , whichever is the lesser (Figure 6).



The size of the knot shall be lesser of  $d$  and  $d_1+d_2+d_3...d_n$ .

**Figure 6 — Measuring the size of a knot cluster**

### 5.1.3 Pin knots

Single pin knots may be ignored.

Tightly grouped pin knots shall be treated as a single knot.

### 5.2 Slope of grain

The method of measurement of slope of grain by use of a cranked scribe is given in EN 1310:1997, 4.4.1. The slope of grain shall be expressed as the number of units of length over which unit deviation occurs.

The slope of grain shall be measured over a distance sufficiently great to determine the general slope, disregarding local deviations. It shall be measured on both faces and edges to determine the steepest slope.

The slope of interlocked grain shall be assessed separately from the general slope of grain. The grader shall examine the piece to determine if the slope of grain reverses at least once through the thickness or width. If this is the case, the rule for interlocked grain may be applied to the steepest slope of interlocked grain. However, in doubtful cases, where, in the grader's judgment, interlocked grain occurs to an undesirable extent in relation to the cross-sectional dimension of the piece, the piece shall be rejected.

Interlocked grain is a normal feature of certain tropical hardwoods and care should be taken to avoid confusing it with sloping grain.

Localized steep slope of grain at the edge of a piece shall be assessed by determining the size of the affected area, perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the timber. The associated geometrical limitations for arris knots shall apply.



### 5.3 Density

If, in the judgment of the grader and taking account of the moisture content, a piece of timber is of unusually low density for the species and provenance, this may be given as a reason for rejecting the piece.

In case of uncertainty, the density and moisture content of a piece of the timber shall be measured and the density value adjusted to 12 % moisture content. The adjusted density shall be considered unusually low if it is more than 20 % below the mean value for the intended EN 338 strength class, as assigned in EN 1912. For unassigned species and provenance combinations, the adjusted density shall be considered unusually low if it is more than 20 % below the lowest published value in EN 350-2 for the species, which are reproduced in Annex A.

NOTE The density of tropical hardwood cannot reliably be derived from estimates of the rate of growth.

This criterion shall not be used when determining the characteristic values in accordance with EN 384.

### 5.4 Fissures

Measurement of fissures shall be taken at the time of grading. Fissures shall be measured in accordance with EN 1310.

The depth of a fissure may be taken as the maximum depth to which a 0.2 mm feeler gauge can be inserted and expressed as the reduction of width or thickness caused by the crack taking into account its orientation.

The length and depth of fissure is linked with moisture content and therefore the limits given below are only applicable at the time of grading.

### 5.5 Wane

Wane shall be measured in accordance with method b for wane in EN 1310:1997, 4.8. The amount of wane shall be expressed as a decimal fraction of the face or edge on which it appears.

When wane occurs on both arises of a face or edge, the amount of wane shall be the cumulative sum for that face or edge at any single cross-section.

The limitation on wane shall apply at the cross-section with the greatest reduction in the basic dimensions of a face or edge.

### 5.6 Distortion

#### 5.6.1 Bow and spring

Bow and spring shall be measured in accordance with the method for bow and spring in EN 1310. The amount of bow and spring shall be expressed in mm per 2m length.

#### 5.6.2 Twist

Twist shall be measured in accordance with the method for twist in EN 1310. The amount of twist shall be expressed in mm per 25 mm width per 2 m length.

### 5.7 Biological characteristics

#### 5.7.1 Fungal biodegradation

Biodegradation due to fungal stains shall be assessed separately from biodegradation due to wood destroying fungi (rot).

### 5.7.2 Insect attack

Degradation by insects shall be assessed by evidence of damage. If the damage is caused by an insect that might still be active, it shall be assumed that the infestation is active.

### 5.7.3 Marine borers

The extent of damage by marine borers shall be assessed by comparison with the limitations given for other defects such as knots. If there is any doubt as to the extent of damage, this may be given as a reason for rejecting the piece.

## 5.8 Other defects and characteristics

Any piece which contains other defects such as brittleheart, compression failure, mechanical damage or other characteristics that might cause a decrease in strength properties to an amount which threatens its serviceability, shall be excluded from the grade.

Any piece which contains such defects shall be accepted to the grade only if the reduction in strength caused by these defects is obviously less than that caused by the defects admitted by the grade, as long as these defects are of a type which does not progress after conversion.

If there is any doubt as to the extent of the damage attributable to the defect, this may be given as a reason for rejecting the piece.

Other defects include:

- Compression creases:

Compression creases are more easily detected on planed surfaces than sawn surfaces.

- Brittleheart:

Brittleheart at the ends of a piece can be detected by a pitted appearance. Detection of brittleheart on a sawn face is more difficult, but it may be visible as compression creases on a planed face. It is often associated with abnormally low density.

- Resin pockets and resin canals:

In some species, resin canals are so extensive that they are considered a feature of the timber and are not a reason for rejecting the piece.

- Bark pockets.

- Mechanical damage:

In the form of loose or broken fibres.

- Boxed heart:

Examine the timber to determine if the pith is present at both cut ends and does not emerge on the surfaces of the piece of timber.

## 6 Limiting values of characteristics for STH grade

**Table 1 — Limiting values of characteristics for STH grade**

Characteristic	Limiting value
Knots: Size longitudinal separation	Not greater than 20 % of the face or edge to which it is compared. Knots are accumulative if longitudinal separation between the edges of the knots is either less than twice the width or 300 mm (whichever is the lesser), or when the grain has not fully recovered.
Slope of grain	Not greater than 1 in 10 on any face or edge. Interlocked grain not to be steeper than 1 in 4.
Density	Unusually low density not allowed.
Fissures: not through the thickness through the thickness	Length unlimited Depth not reducing the width or thickness more than 50 % Only permitted at the ends with a length not greater than the width of the piece.
Wane	Wane shall not reduce the size of an edge or face to less than 2/3 of the basic dimensions of the piece. Length of wane is unlimited.
Distortion: Bow Spring Twist	Not greater than 10 mm over a length of 2 m. Not greater than 8 mm over a length of 2 m. Not greater than 2 mm per 25 mm width over a length of 2 m.
Biodegradation: Fungal stain Rot	No limit Not permitted
Insect damage: Active infestation Bore holes	Not permitted Permitted, unless so extensive that they appear to significantly reduce the strength of the piece
Other defects: Compression creases Brittleheart Resin pockets, resin canals and bark pockets	Not permitted Not permitted Apply the limitations of knots or fissures as appropriate to the length and width of the defect
Mechanical damage	Apply the limitations of knots, fissures or wane as appropriate to the length and width of the damage
Boxed heart	Only permitted if the thickness and width are both greater than 200 mm.

## 7 Marking

Timber graded to this standard shall be marked in accordance with the rules in EN 14081-1 for marking visually graded timber.

## Annex A (informative)

### Tropical hardwood species and their densities

The density is based on mass/volume at a wood moisture content of 12 %. The range refers to commonly encountered values and not to the total possible variation.

**Table A.1 — Tropical hardwoods species with their scientific name, common name, origin and density range**

Scientific name	Common name <sup>1)</sup>	Origin	Density range kg/m <sup>3</sup>
<i>Afzelia bipindensis</i> Harms, <i>A.pachyloba</i> Harms, <i>A</i> sp. pl.	X: doussié O: afzelia	W. Africa	730–800–830
<i>Amburana cearensis</i> (Fr.All) <i>A.C.Sm.</i>	X: cerejeira	S.America	550–600–650
<i>Amphimas pterocarpoides</i> Harms., <i>A</i> sp.pl.	X: lati	W. Africa	730–750–770
<i>Aningeria robusta</i> (A.Chev.) Aubr. & Pellegr. <i>A. sp.pl</i>	X: aningré O: anegré	W./E. Africa	540–580–630
<i>Anisoptera curtisii</i> Dyer ex King <i>A. sp.pl.</i>	X: mersawa O: krabak	S.E. Asia	520–650–740
<i>Antiaris toxicaria</i> Leschen. subsp. <i>welwitschii</i> (Engl.) C.C.Berg	X: ako O: antiaris	W./E. Africa	430–450–460
<i>Aspidosperma peroba</i> Fr. All. <i>A.sp.pl.</i>	X: peroba rosa	S. America	650–750–800
<i>Aucoumea klaineana</i> Pierre	X: okoumé O: gaboon	W. Africa	430–440–450
<i>Baillonella toxisperma</i> Pierre	X: moabi	W. Africa	770–800–830

1) X: Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux (ATIBT) name.  
O: Other name



Scientific name	Common name <sup>1)</sup>	Origin	Density range kg/m <sup>3</sup>
<i>Brachylaena hutchinsii</i> Hutch.	X: muhuhu	E. Africa	830–910–960
<i>Calophyllum inophyllum</i> L., <i>C. sp.pl</i>	X: bintangor	S.E. Asia, Papua New Guinea	630–660–690
<i>Canarium schweinfurthii</i> Engl	X: aiélé O: African canarium	W./E. Africa	490–500–530
<i>Carapa guianensis</i> Aubl., <i>C. surinamensis</i> Miq. <i>C sp.pl.</i>	X: andiroba O: crabwood	C./S. America	610–620–640
<i>Cedrela odorata</i> L., <i>C. fissilis</i> Vell., <i>C. sp.pl.</i>	X: Cedro O: American “cedar”	C./S. America	450–490–600
<i>Cedrelinga catenaeformis</i> Ducke	X: tornillo O: cedro rana	S. America	370–520–660
<i>Ceiba pentandra</i> (L.) Gaertn.	X: fuma O: ceiba O: fromager	W. Africa Tropics generally	290–320–350
<i>Cordia alliodora</i> (Ruiz & Pav.) Cham, <i>C. goeldiana</i> Hub, <i>C. sp.pl.</i>	X: freijo	Brazil	520–540–550
<i>Cylicodiscus gabunensis</i> Harms	X: okan	W. Africa	850–920–960
<i>Daniellia thurifera</i> Bennett <i>D. klainei</i> Pierre, <i>D. ogea</i> (Harms.) Rolfe ex Holl, <i>D. sp.pl.</i>	X: faro O: daniellia O: ogea	W. Africa	480–490–510
<i>Dicorynia guianensis</i> Amsh. <i>D. paraensis</i> Benth.	X: basralocus O: angélique	S. America	720–750–790
<i>Dipterocarpus alatus</i> Roxb. <i>D. sp.pl.</i>	X: keruing	S.E. Asia	740–750–780
<i>Distemonanthus benthamianus</i> Baill.	X: movingui O: ayan	W. Africa	690–710–740

Scientific name	Common name <sup>1)</sup>	Origin	Density range kg/m <sup>3</sup>
<i>Dryobalanops aromatica</i> Gaertn., <i>D. sp.pl.</i>	X: kapur	S.E. Asia	630–700–790
<i>Endospermum medullosum</i> L.S. Smith <i>E sp.pl.</i>	X: sesendok O: kauvula	S.E. Asia Fiji	420–480–530
<i>Entandrophragma angolense</i> (Welw.) C.DC., <i>E. congoense</i> (De Wild.) A. Chev.	X: tiama O: gedu nohor	W./E. Africa	550–560–570
<i>Entandrophragma candollei</i> Harms	X: kosipo O: omu	W. Africa	640–670–720
<i>Entandrophragma cylindricum</i> Sprague	X: sapelli O: sapele	W. Africa	640–650–700
<i>Entandrophragma utile</i> Sprague	X: sipo O: utile	W./E. Africa	590–640–660
<i>Eperua falcata</i> Aubl, <i>E jenmanii</i> Oliver, <i>E sp.pl.</i>	X: walaba	S.America	890–900–910
<i>Eribroma oblonga</i> (Mast.) Bod.	X: eyong	W. Africa	700–730–800
<i>Erythrophleum ivorense</i> A	X: tali O: Missanda	W. Africa	730–800–880
<i>Eucalyptus diversicolor</i> F.v.M.	O: karri	Australia	800–880–900
<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> Labill.	O: southern blue gum	cultivated in Europe	700–750–800
<i>Eucalyptus marginata</i> Sm.	O: jarrah	Australia	790–830–900
<i>Euxylophora paraensis</i> Hub.	X: pau amarello	S. America	730–770–810
<i>Gambeya Africana</i> (G. Don.) Pierre <i>G. lacourtiana</i> (De Wild.) Aubrév. & Pellegr., <i>G. subnuda</i> Pierre	X: longhi	W. Africa	700–730–800
<i>Gonystylus bancanus</i> (Miq.) Kurz <i>G.sp.pl.</i>	X: ramin	S.E. Asia	560–630–670

Scientific name	Common name <sup>1)</sup>	Origin	Density range kg/m <sup>3</sup>
<i>Gossweilerodendron balsamiferum</i> (Verm.) Harms	X: tola O: tola branca O: agba	W. Africa	480–500–510
<i>Guarea cedrata</i> (A.Chev.) Pellegr., <i>G. laurentii</i> De Wild.	X: bossé clair O: guarea	W. Africa	570–580–630 (for <i>G. cedrata</i> )
<i>Guarea thompsonii</i> Sprague & Hutch	X: bossé foncé	W. Africa	600–690–850
<i>Guibourtia arnoldiana</i> (De Wild. & Th. Dür.) J.Léonard	X: mutényé	W. Africa	760–820–880
<i>Guibourtia demeusii</i> (Harms) J. Léonard, <i>G. pellegriniana</i> J. Léonard, <i>G. tessmannii</i> (Harms) J. Léonard	X: bubinga	W. Africa	700–830–910
<i>Guibourtia ehie</i> (A. Chev.) J. Léonard	X: ovéngkol O: amazakoué	W. Africa	720–780–820
<i>Hallea ciliata</i> (Aubrév. & Pellegr.) Leroy, <i>H. rubrostipulata</i> (K.Schum.) Leroy, <i>H. stipulosa</i> (DC.) Leroy	X: abura O: bahia	W./E. Africa	550–560–600
<i>Heritiera simplicifolia</i> (Mast) Kosterm., <i>H. javanica</i> (B1.) Kosterm., <i>H. sumatrana</i> (Miq.) Kosterm.	X: mengkulang	S.E. Asia	680–710–720
<i>Heritiera utilis</i> (Sprague) Kosterm., <i>H. densiflora</i> (Pellegr.) Kosterm.	X: niangon	W. Africa	670–680–710
<i>Intsia bijuga</i> (Colebr.) O Ktze., <i>I. sp.pl.</i>	X: merbau O: hintsy O: intizia	S.E. Asia Papua New Guinea	730–800–830

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a) <i>Khaya ivorensis</i> A. Chev., a) <i>K. anthotheca</i> (Welw.) C.DC., b) <i>K. grandifolia</i> C.DC.	X: acajou d'Afrique O: African mahogany O: khaya O: khaya mahogany	W./E. Africa	a) 490–520– 530 b) 650–720– 800
<i>Koompassia malaccensis</i> Maing.	X: kempas	S.E. Asia	850–860–880
<i>Lophira alata</i> Banks ex Gaertn.	X: azobé O: ekki O: bongossi	W. Africa	950–1 060–1 100
<i>Lovoa trichilioides</i> Harms, <i>L. sp.pl.</i>	X: dibétou E: African walnut	W./E. Africa	520–550–590
<i>Maclura tinctoria</i> (L.) D.Don ex Steudl.	X: moral O: fustic	C./S. America	750–890–960
<i>Mansonia altissima</i> A. Chev.	X: mansonia O: bété	W. Africa	610–620–630
<i>Milicia excelsa</i> (Welw.) C.C. Berg <i>M. regia</i> (A. Chev.) C.C. Berg	X: iroko O: kambala	W./E. Africa	630–650–670
<i>Millettia laurentii</i> De Wild., <i>M. stuhlmannii</i> Taub.	X: wengé	W./E. Africa	780–830–900
<i>Nauclea diderrichii</i> (De Wild. & Th.Dür) Merrill <i>N. gillettii</i> Merrill	X: bilinga O: opepe O: badi	W. Africa	740–750–780
<i>Nesogordonia papaverifera</i> (A. Chev.) R. Capuron, <i>N. sp.pl.</i>	X: kotibé O: danta	W./E. Africa	710–730–760
<i>Ocotea rodiaei</i> (Rob. Schomb.) Mez	X: greenheart	S. America	980–1 030–1 150
<i>Ocotea rubra</i> Mez	X: louro vermelho O: red louro	S. America	600–620–650
<i>Oxystigma oxyphyllum</i> (Harms) J. Léonard	X: tchitola	W. Africa	590–610–640



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<i>Peltogyne venosa</i> (Vahl) Benth., <i>P. confortiflora</i> Benth., <i>P. lecointei</i> Ducke <i>P. sp.pl.</i>	X: amarante O: purpleheart	C./S. America	830–860–880
<i>Pericopsis elata</i> (Harms) Van Meeuwen	X: afrormosia	W. Africa	680–690–710
<i>Pometia pinnata</i> Forst.,	X: kasai O: taun	S.E. Asia, Papua New Guinea	650–710–750
<i>Pseudosindora palustris</i> Sym. <i>Sindora sp.pl.</i>	X: sepetir	S.E. Asia	650–660–670
<i>Pterocarpus soyauxii</i> Taub. <i>P sp.pl.</i>	X: padouk d'Afrique	W. Africa	720–740–820
<i>Pterygota macrocarpa</i> K. Schum., <i>P. bequaertii</i> De Wild.	X: koto	W. Africa	510–560–630
<i>Pycnanthus angolensis</i> (Welw.) Warb.	X: ilomba	W./E. Africa	440–480–510
<i>Rhodognaphalon brevicuspe</i> Roberty, <i>R. schumannianum</i> Robyns	X: kondroti	W./E. Africa	470–480–490
<i>Shorea laevis</i> Ridl., <i>S. altrinervosa</i> Sym., <i>S. glauca</i> King, <i>S sp.pl.</i> (section <i>Shorea</i> )	X: balau (Yellow) O: bangkirai	S.E. Asia	700–930–1 150
<i>Shorea collina</i> Ridl. <i>S. guiso</i> (Blco.) Bl. (section <i>Shorea</i> ) <i>S. kunstleri</i> King <i>S sp.pl.</i> (section <i>Brachypterae</i> )	X: red balau	S.E. Asia	750–800–900

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<i>Shorea curtisii</i> Dyer ex King, <i>S. pauciflora</i> King, <i>S. sp.pl.</i> (section <i>Rubroshorea</i> )	X: dark red meranti <sup>2)</sup>	S.E. Asia	600–680–730
<i>Shorea leprosula</i> Miq., <i>S. parvifolia</i> Dyer <i>S. sp.pl.</i> (section <i>Rubroshorea</i> )	X: light red meranti <sup>2)</sup>	S.E. Asia	490–520–550
<i>Shorea resina-nigra</i> Foxw., <i>S. faguetiana</i> Heim, <i>S. sp.pl.</i> (section <i>Richetia</i> )	X: yellow meranti <sup>2)</sup>	S.E. Asia	560–630–660
<i>Shorea assamica</i> Dyer, <i>S. sp.pl.</i> (section <i>Anthoshorea</i> )	X: white meranti <sup>2)</sup>	S.E. Asia	600–630–670
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i> King,	X: mahogany O: American mahogany	C./S. America Caribbean	510–550–580 700–720–770
<i>Tectona grandis</i> L.f.	X: teak	Asia cultivated in Asia and in other countries	650–680–750
<i>Terminalia ivorensis</i> A. Chev.	X: framiré O: idigbo	W. Africa	520–550–560
<i>Terminalia superba</i> Engl. & Diels	X: limba O: afara	W. Africa	550–560–600
<i>Tieghemella heckelii</i> Pierre ex A. Chev., <i>T. africana</i> Pierre	X: makoré O: douka	W. Africa	620–660–720
<i>Triplochiton scleroxylon</i> K. Schum.	X: obeche O: ayous	W. Africa	370–390–400

2) “Meranti” from Malaysia (*Shorea*, *Parashorea* and *Pentacme* species; also known as seraya and lauan from other origins) refers not to a specific wood species, but to a mixed commercial group of east-Asian hardwoods.

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<i>Turraeanthus africanus</i> (Welw.) ex C.DC.) Pellegr.	X: avodiré	W. Africa	540–550–560
<i>Virola surinamensis</i> (Rolf) Warb, <i>V</i> sp.pl., <i>Dialyanthera</i> sp.pl.	X: virola O: baboen	S. America	440–440–480
<i>Vochysia hondurensis</i> Sprague, <i>V. tetraphyalla</i> DC., <i>V.</i> sp.pl.	X: quaruba	C./S. America	450–490–510
<i>Zanthoxylum heitzii</i> (Aubrév. & Pellegr.) Waterman	X: olon	W. Africa	500–550–640







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