14. Buchenavia capitata (Vahl) Eichl.

- gindja-udu

Family : Combretaceae

Vernacular names

Suriname : Djindja-udu / Chichibridan Guyana : Fukadi / Cokerwood

French Guiana : Angouchy

Brazil : Tanibuca / Cuiarana Venezuela : Amarillo / Olive negro

Columbia : Almendro

International trade name : Mirindiba, Periquitaira, Tanimbuca

Occurrence : Suriname, Guianas, Brazil, Venezuela to Bolivia

Tree description

Bole length : bole 18 - 21 m; tree height 20 - 25 m

Diameter : 0.60 - 0.80 m

Log shape : straight; tree base with large buttresses

Wood description

Sapwood : indistinct, light yellow brown

Heartwood : yellowish brown to golden brown; upon exposure

with a grey or olive hue

Grain : straight to interlocked
Texture : medium to coarse

Technological characteristics

Physical properties)

Green density (g/cm³): 1.05
Air dry density at 12% MC (g/cm³): 0.75
Total tangential shrinkage (%) : 5.6
Total radial shrinkage (%) : 2.8
Total volumetric shrinkage (%) : 8.7

Mechanical properties

Bending strength at 12% MC (N/mm²): 89 Modulus of elasticity (MOE) at 12% MC (N/mm²): 11320 Crushing strength at 12% MC (N/mm²): 51

Processing

Sawing : difficult; blunting effect: moderate

Drying : easy, little degrade
Machining : moderately difficult

Gluing : good

Nailing : pre-boring necessary

Finishing : good Veneering : good

Natural durability

Decay fungi : good

Termites : good to very good

Marine borers : poor

Treatability (heartwood) : poor

End uses* : exterior and interior flooring, furniture, boat decking, planking

and framing, decorative veneer and turnery.





Log shape

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^{*} Some characteristics of the species are similar to White Oak and Teak.