



YELLOW BALAU

STANDARD TRADE NAME	Yellow Balau
BOTANICAL NAMES	Salengan Batu, Bankiral, Alan, Dipterocarpaceae
DISTRIBUTION	A major specie in Indonesia and East Malaysia
SPECIES	Shorea Obtusa, S. Robusta, S. Glauca
COLOUR	Sapwood is moderately well defined and lighter than heart wood. The colour of freshly cut heartwood is yellow- brown. Darkening on exposure to red-brown.
GRAIN	The grain is interlocked, often giving rise to faint stripe figures. Texture is moderately fine and even.
DENSITY/STRENGTH	880-980 kgm ³ @ 12% moisture content Strength Group 2
DURABILITY	Heartwood – durable Sapwood – not durable Class 1-2 Durability
SEASONING	Dries slowly with moderate surface checking and shrinkage.
WORKING QUALITIES	The species is deemed to be a heavy hardwood. It machines well but short grain can splinter. Requires pre-boring.
USES	Heavy construction, framing of boats, parquet flooring, heavy-duty flooring, utility and garden furniture, exterior decking.

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