

Azobé

Properties

Azobé is also called iron wood because it is heavy, hard and unusually durable. The dark, reddish-brown wood is mainly used outdoors. Azobé is resistant to wind, weather and seawater, in addition to resisting pole worms and is acid resistant. It can be used for retaining walls, harbour construction and other places where there are high requirements for durability.

The dark red wood may have light nests and violet or bluish fields. The density is 1000-1300 kg per cubic metre. Our azobé products are made from African wood of the variety *Lophira alata*.

There are special conditions with azobé because the wood cannot be oven dried like other types of wood. Azobé must be naturally air dried for 2 years. Therefore, azobé is most often delivered to us as shipment dry, and products of azobé must be expected to settle, and cracks will also occur. The wood will shrink and become susceptible to scratches.

Like other wood species, azobé patinas over time to a silvery grey colour.

The estimated lifespan of azobé products is 25 years when maintained as described below.

Operation and maintenance

Cleaning

- Wash with water and clean the wood 2-3 times per year - follow the instructions on the product
- Remove algae with algae remover - follow the instructions on the product

Oiling

- By oiling with pigment 2-3 times a year, it is possible to preserve the dark red colour of the wood
- Refer to the instructions and safety data sheet for the oil used