



# SINO-SOUTH AMERICA S.A.



**Exotic Tropical Woods from Ecuador**

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## WELCOME TO SINO-SOUTH AMERICA S.A.

Your source of quality tropical woods from Ecuador

“SINO-South America S.A. is a company established in Ecuador, with base operations in Guayaquil concentrated in providing high quality Teak, Saman and Balsa Wood, among other exotic wood species available in Ecuador and South America. Over the years we have been able to establish personal relationships with private timber farms in South American, areas where all of the resources are grown, ensuring high quality and satisfaction. We are ready to ship directly from various ports located throughout South and Central America to manufacturers and wholesale distributors worldwide.”



# Teak - Ecuador Production

(*Tectona grandis*)

With its superb stability, good strength properties, easy workability and most of all, its outstanding resistance to decay and rot, it's no wonder that Teak ranks among the most desired timber in the world.



## Water friendly

Teak has a very high naturally occurring silica content from the sandy soil in which it grows, and this silica impregnates the fibers of the wood, making it nearly waterproof. Adding to Teak's natural water resistance are the wood's natural oils, which do double duty as natural insect repellants.

## Boat decking

Teak has been the preferred material for yacht decks and furniture, outdoor furniture and specialty installations because there isn't another wood that offers so many wide-ranging benefits or looks as good while doing so.

## Outdoor furniture

Teak is a perfect wood for outdoor furniture (like park benches and deck chairs) because it looks amazing and it weathers incredibly well, has durability and good looks and has an impeccable track record of performance over time.

# Balsa - Ecuador Production

*(Ochroma pyramidale)*

Balsa is not a tree in danger due to its fast grow as well as its facility of reproduction. The density of the wood goes between 65 to 230 Kg/cbm, however the average goes from 150 and 160 Kg/cbm.

Ecuador exports more than 90% of the balsa wood exported all over the world. This is not a coincidence; the reason of this is that Ecuador due to its environment, altitude and climate; offers a more stable wood when speaking of density. Shape, smoothness and color are also privileged when talking about Ecuadorian balsa.

We provide 100% hassle free shipment, quick response, excellent service , totally bilingual staff. All this service is supported with an excellent quality product; the quality control we perform is done block by block. We take special care of density and shape.

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# Saman-MonkeyPod

## Ecuador Production

(*Samanea saman*)

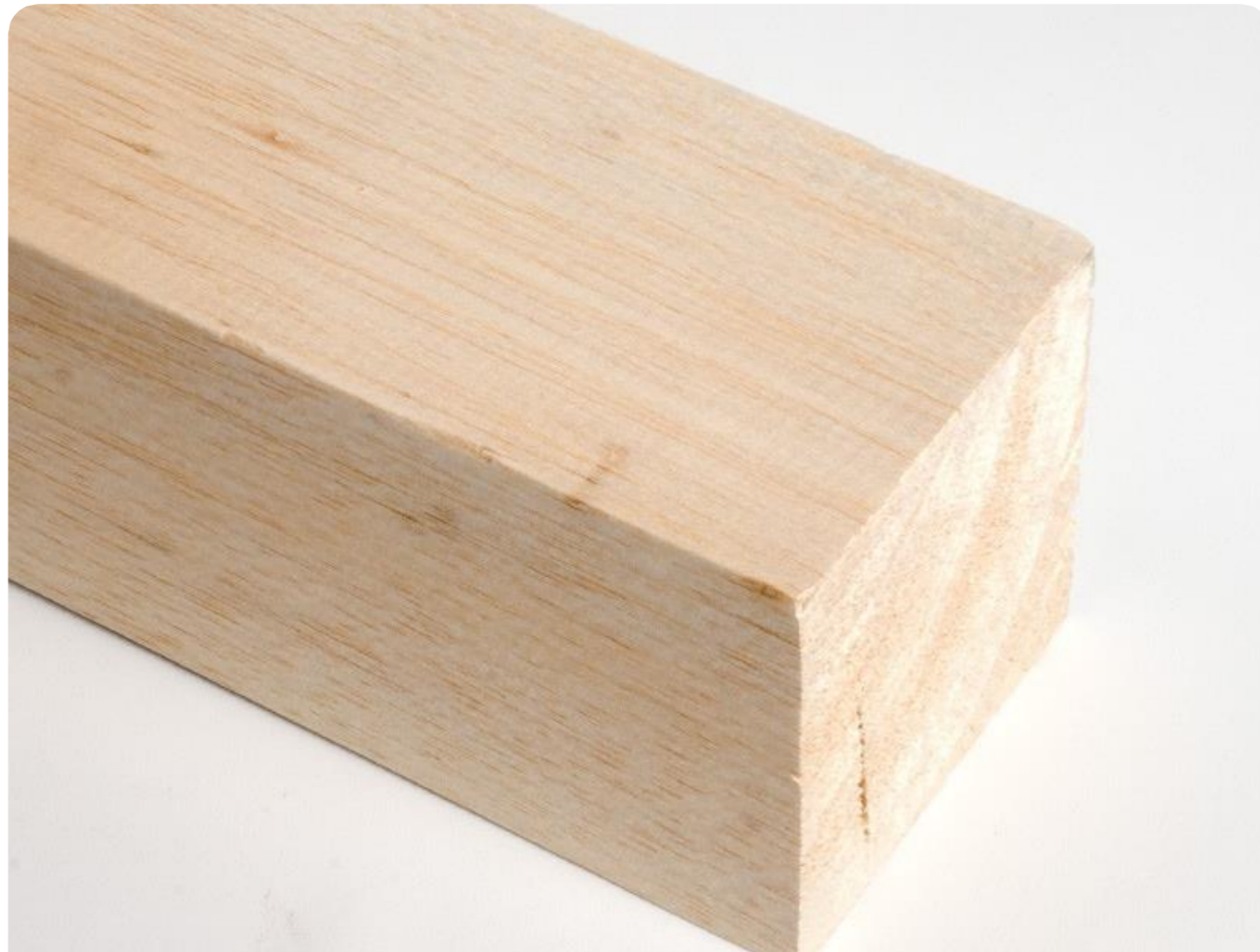
Distribution: For our projects these trees are planted/naturalized in many tropical regions of Ecuador

Saman Samanea, known as Saman in Spanish and monkey-pod in English, is a fast-growing tree that has been introduced in many tropical countries worldwide since its native habitat in Central America and northern South America. Although it is usually planted as a shade and ornamental tree, it has been naturalized in many countries and is considered to be of great value as a shade for livestock in grasslands.

When it grows in the open, its shaft is short and its cup scattered, but it forms a long and relatively straight stem when it is in the thick forest. Its wood is highly esteemed in some places for carving and furniture.

# WOODSPECIES

Available from our associates' concession sites ready to process and export.



It is a large, fast-growing tree that can grow up to 30 m tall. Balsa wood is a very lightweight material with many uses. Balsa trees are native to the Americas.

● **BALSA** (*Ochroma pyramidale*)



Also sometimes known as the rain tree, is a species of flowering tree in the pea family, Fabaceae, now in the Mimosoid clade and is native to Central and South America.

● **SAMAN WOOD**  
(*Samanea saman*)



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● **TEAK/TECA**  
(*Vaitarea erythrocarpa*) ●

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Exotic tropical hard woods for the elaboration of exotic treasures.



One of the densest and hardest timbers available, along with its low maintenance qualities, high termite, rot, decay, mold, water, and fire resistance.

● **ALMENDRO/CUMARU**  
(*Dipteryx Panamensis*)



The wood is usually straight and very fine-grained; rather hard; heavy; strong; tough; moderately durable, even in contact with the soil. It takes a very good polish.

● **DRAGOON WOOD**  
(*Lafoensia Punicifolia*)



The heartwood is brown to dark brown or reddish, tinged with yellow; it is clearly demarcated from the narrow band of light brown sapwood. The texture is medium to coarse; the grain is invariably interlocked with a pronounced stripe; the lustre is high. The wood is moderately soft; light in weight, though strong; and moderately durable, being moderately resistant to fungi and dry-wood termites but susceptible to insect attack.

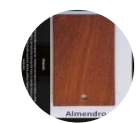
● **ESPAVE / GRAND CASHEW**  
(*Anacardium Excelsum*) ●

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Some woods are loved for their color, others are loved for their streaks and stripes. One of the most underappreciated timbers, Macacauba has both. (And it's inexpensive as well)



**QUIRA / GRANADILLO**  
(*Platymiscium Pinnatum*)



The texture is medium or coarse, sometimes uneven; the grain interlocked, giving a striped or ribbon-grain appearance to the wood. The wood contains stones of calcium oxalate. The wood is strong, rather hard, heavy, moderately to very durable and fairly resistant to termites.

**ZAPATERO / PILON**  
(*Hyeronima Alchorneoides*)



The heartwood is a very dark red, with faint streaks of black similar to rosewood (*Dalbergia nigra*); it is clearly demarcated from the thick band of nearly white sapwood. The texture is fine, the grain crossed, lustrous in colour with a faintly fragrant smell. The wood is hard, heavy, strong, tough, and durable in contact with the soil. It is rather difficult to work, but takes a good polish.

**COCOBOLO**  
(*Dalbergia retusa*)

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The wood is moderately hard, heavy, fairly loose in structure, durable and takes an excellent polish. It weathers well and is highly resistant to moisture absorption. Among the most outstanding heavy, durable construction timbers, it is also highly favoured as a fine furniture and cabinet wood. It is cut for decorative veneers and is also used for specialty items such as knife handles, brush backs, archery bows, billiard cue butts, turnery, and carving.

**ZORRO / RON RON**  
*(Astronium Graveolens)*



Ipe is one of the most stable of all the durable timbers with its extreme hardness and natural resistance to wear, rot, splintering, termites, fire and water.

**GUAYACAN / IPHE**  
*(Tabebuia guayacan)*



The sapwood is whitish in green condition and brown-yellow when dried, whereas the heartwood is yellow when green and gets a yellow-red colour in dry condition (FOURNIER 2002). There are different opinions concerning the transition between sapwood and heartwood.


**ALMENDRO**  
*(Dipteryx panamensis)*

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Ziricote has a very unique appearance, which is sometimes referred to as “spider-webbing” or “landscape” grain figure. A truly unique-looking wood, has very few imitators; perhaps only the occasional piece of figured Brazilian Rosewood exhibits the same spider-webbing grain figure.

 **Ziricote/Loro negro**  
(*Cordia dodecandra*)



Because of its density, natural luster, and beautiful coloration, Chechen is sometimes referred to as Caribbean Rosewood, though it is not a true rosewood in the Dalbergia genus. Heartwood color is highly varied, with red, orange, and brown contrasted with darker stripes of blackish brown. Color tends to shift to a darker reddish brown with age. Well defined sapwood is a pale yellow

**Chechen**  
(*Metopium brownei*)



Heartwood color can vary a fair amount, from a pale yellow-orange to a darker reddish brown, usually with darker streaks throughout. Pale yellow sapwood is sharply demarcated from heartwood. Color tends to darken and homogenize with age

**Amarrillo Guayaquil**  
(*Centrolobium yavisanum*)



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This is a great choice for those that want the richness of the mahogany color but more durability. This feature allows floor manufacturers to give a warranty of up to 35 years.



## BALSAMO

*(Myroxylon balsum)*



The wood is an excellent material for making cabinets and furniture. The timber is valuable, as it is deep red in colour, very hard and strong. The wood is also used in jewellery. A leaf tea is used to treat fevers, wounds and ulcers. The plant is a source of saponin. The tree is widely planted as an ornamental, with attractive bark, and can be an invasive weed.



## ZAPOTILLO

*(Manilkara zapota)*



## PINO AMARRILLO

*(Pithecelobium managuense)*

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Heavy wood with low linear shrinkage and stable volumetric shrinkage. Mechanical resistance is ranked as medium. Sawdust may cause allergies due to its bitterness. Air drying is moderately easy with minimal defects. Excellent durability with resistance to fungi and insect attack.

**AMARGO AMARGO**  
(*Vaitarea erythrocarpa*)



The outer layers (Albura) are pale yellowish and the inner layers (heartwood) are yellowish brown, with little contrast between both layers. It has dark streaks. Feature: High luster. Straight grain to criss-cross. Medium

**CUAJADO/PERCHICHE**  
(*Vitex cooperi*)



Appearance is light to medium reddish brown, with streaks of lighter and darker material. Has a straight to interlocked grain, with a fine to medium texture. La Mora guatemalteca is very durable and has good weathering characteristics; it is also resistant to termites.

**MORA**  
(*Maclura tictoria*)

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## Teak/Teca

*(Vaitarea erythrocarpa)*



Mascarey is very good choice for table tops production, because of big sizes , very attractive brown-reddish color, resistance to decay and easy workability

**ZAPATERO/MASCAREY**  
*(Hyeronima alchorneoides )*



The heartwood is pinkish to deep reddish-brown; it is distinct, but not sharply demarcated from the sapwood. The texture is medium; the grain rather straight; luster is rather low; green wood is aromatic but odour and taste are very mild or not distinctive in dry specimens. The heartwood has good resistance to dry-wood termites and is durable in the ground.

## CEDRO MACHO

*(Guarea grandifolia)*

# STRICT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTOCOLS

## Processing timber under certified environmental standards

We are committed to caring for and respecting the environment, as well as the communities that surround us, as we are pioneers and leaders in the region for the recovery of wood in a responsible and environmentally friendly way.

SINO-South America S.A. exists to provide the best exotic hardwoods available in Ecuador and South America, delivers certified logs and reclaimed trees, and the support for the reforestation of their forests of origin as a commitment for sustainable (Balanced) development of the society and environment where the operations take place, with the reduction of volatile chemicals and the appropriate payment of workers.



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