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PURPLEHEART (*Peltogyne venosa*)

Natural Wood Characteristics:

Purpleheart is a common commercial tree species that is widely utilized in Guyana. It is a very versatile species that can be used for a variety of uses, including outdoor and indoor applications. The heartwood wood has a unique rich purple colour and predominantly straight grain with a light texture. Natural durability is moderate – high.

Technical Data:

- Density (@ 12% MC)*: **0.87**
 - Durability Class*: **class 2**, durable to moderately durable
 - Monnin Hardness: 7.60
 - Colour*: **Purple**
- * CIRAD data sheets

Roundlog Characteristics:

Purpleheart roundlogs from Guyana are very good in quality with a small sized sapwood. They are prized as the best Purpleheart roundlogs in the world. The logs are large sized with a clean heartwood and minimal internal defects. Roundlogs are very stable with minimal splitting and allow for a good sawn lumber recovery and the option of making large sized lumber.

Products & End-Uses:

Purpleheart from Guyana is commonly used for the following:

- Outdoor decking
- Marine construction
- Heavy construction
- Ship building
- Doors & framing
- Furniture & stairs
- Outdoor furniture
- Tool handles
- Railway ties
- Railway switch ties



Legality: All timber products are acquired, harvested, produced, processed, transported, and traded in accordance with the local legislations through the Guyana Timber Legality Assurance System (GTLAS) and the Guyana Forest Act. This is also aligned with several international forest management and certification principles.

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