



# Indian Rosewood

## BOTANICAL NAMES

*Dalbergia latifolia*.

It belongs to the Leguminosae papilionaceae family.

## TRADE NAMES

Indian rosewood - Italy

Indian rosewood - England

Pallsandre de l'Inde - France

Shisham, btl, eravadi, kalaruk, serisso - India, Thailand.

## GROWTH AREA

Rosewood grows in all eastern India, in Thailand, in Indonesia and also in the islands of Ceylon and Java.

## TECHNOLOGICAL FEATURES

Sapwood and heartwood are clearly differentiated. Sapwood is narrow, white-grayish, sometimes with reddish tones, and must be removed because of its exposure to parasite attacks. Heartwood, on the other hand, is compact, hard, darker in color with light streak and is particularly resistant if kept away from humidity. Contrary to what happens to other types of wood, rosewood tends to lighten when exposed to light. The texture is medium to fine with varied grain.

## DRYING METHOD

Drying can be carried out without excessive difficulty, but if done too quickly it can cause cracking.

## SPECIFIC WEIGHT

When seasoned in air, its specific weight varies from 850 to 1.000 Kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

## MAIN USES AND WORKING

Rosewood is easy to work and clean. It is possible to achieve a remarkable luster with just sanding. Since it is also a decorative wood, it is in great demand in the furniture industry and is also used in fine cabinet making for furniture, various furnishings, and carved objects.

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"Details make perfection  
and perfection is not a  
detail."