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# M. Bohlke Corp. Lumber Newsletter



## imported hardwoods for exterior projects



### Afrormosia

**Afrormosia, African Teak**  
Boatbuilding, flooring, furniture

**available now**  
4/4, 8/4, 10/4 FAS&BTR  
8/4, 10/4 Boules

Pictured: 4/4 FAS&BTR



### Itauba

**Taub, Kaneelhout**  
Boatbuilding, cabinetry, decks,  
flooring, furniture

**available now**  
4/4 FAS&BTR

Pictured: 4/4 FAS&BTR



### Sucupira

**Black Sucupira**  
Boatbuilding, flooring, furniture

**available now**  
4/4, 8/4 FAS&BTR  
Live Edge Slabs

Pictured: 8/4 FAS&BTR

Teak is undoubtedly a popular choice when it comes to exterior and boat building projects. In addition to Teak, many other species within our inventory have strong qualities which make them worthy of exploring as Teak substitutes. Afrormosia, Spanish Cedar, Cumaru, Iroko, Itauba, Jatoba, Massaranduba and Sucupira hail from across the globe, each having its own merits.

**Afrormosia:** Sometimes referred to as "African Teak," this species resembles genuine Teak, but it is not closely related. Afrormosia has similar working properties to Teak, and is also extremely durable. It is a more common alternative to Teak for these reasons.

**Spanish Cedar:** Traditionally, this light wood was used for cigar boxes and there are records of tree trunks being turned into dugout canoes. According to *A Guide to Useful Woods of the World, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.*, Spanish Cedar has become a favorite timber for the hulls of light racing boats. Today, it is heavily used for exterior trim.

**Cumaru:** Similar to Afrormosia, Cumaru is sometimes called "Brazilian Teak," although the species are not related. Cumaru lumber is stiff, strong and hard and commonly used for heavy construction, docks and hardwood flooring.

**Iroko:** With a close visual resemblance to Teak at a more affordable price, this African hardwood is another durable, rot- and insect-resistant alternative. When you need strength, consider Iroko.

**Itauba:** Itauba is reported to have an unusually high and natural resistance to decay and termites. Like Spanish Cedar, Itauba has a history of being transformed into canoes.

**Jatoba:** Heavy and dense, although not nearly as dense as Cumaru. Jatoba, with its attractive deep red tones, is more susceptible to attack from marine borers than others on our list, however, its high rot resistance makes it useful for exterior decking and furniture.

**Massaranduba:** Known for its incredible strength and denseness, it's widely considered a cost-effective substitute to Ipe, another common wood used for exterior applications. Massaranduba is considered to be one of the hardest timber species in the world and is more dense than Teak. Its bending properties allow it to be used for boat frames.

**Sucupira:** This South American hardwood is durable, hard and heavy. Its gold tones exude warmth, making beautiful flooring and furniture.

**Spanish Cedar**  
4/4, 8/4, 10/4, 12/4  
FAS&BTR • 12/4 Boules

**Cumaru**  
Live Edge • 4/4, 8/4  
FAS&BTR • 10/4,  
12/4 Boules

**Massaranduba**  
4/4, 8/4 FAS&BTR

**Iroko**  
Live Edge • 8/4 FAS&BTR  
4/4, 8/4, 10/4 Boules

**Jatoba**  
Live Edge • 4/4, 5/4,  
8/4 FAS&BTR  
8/4, 10/4 Boules

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**#alwaysresponsiblyharvested**



# Teak



4/4, 5/4, 6/4, 8/4, 10/4, 11/4, 12/4, 16/4 Boules

4/4, 5/4, 6/4, 8/4 FAS&BTR

Live Edge Slabs

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