

Sapele

(*Entandrophragma cylindricum*)

About me: I am a large slow growing tree and can be found in lowland and low mountain forests across tropical Africa. My wood is easily worked and gives an attractive polish. It is used for decorative veneers, furniture, joinery and flooring. My trunk is traditionally used for dug-out canoes! My bark is also used for traditional medicine particularly to treat lung complaints.

Why I'm rare: I am exploited heavily across my range for my wood which has caused my numbers to fall. Despite my wide distribution I am now listed as **Vulnerable** on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species and require conservation action to ensure my future survival in the wild.

Taking action: The Global Trees Campaign is working with African botanic gardens, such as Tooro Botanical Gardens, to replant me in my natural habitat.



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