



SHOREA (YELLOW BALAU) FACTS

Shorea (Yellow Balau) - is a hardwood of the family Dipterocarpaceae. Yellow balau is a very dense, tightly grained wood that is heavily laden with rich oils and resins. Yellow balau's texture is very fine, even and smooth to the touch. Our yellow balau hardwood looks very much like teak in color and appearance. A property comparison between the hardwoods will show balau is twice as strong as teak.

Great Value - we have added yellow balau hardwood as an outdoor furniture line because of its great value. Yellow balau is about ***HALF THE COST*** of teak. Logically, if yellow balau and teak are both rated "excellent quality" for outdoor furniture, similar in looks and feel, but yellow balau is half the cost of teak, one can conclude it is a great value.

Premium Cuts - We use thick generous portions of only the heartwood (center of log, tightest in grain and richest in oils) portion of the teak log for construction. Our teak wood is trimmed of any sap wood (outer growth of tree, consisting of deadwood), dead knots, checking and imperfections.

Kiln Dried - for up to 60 days. At time of shipment, a moisture content range of between 10% - 14% is achieved. This is the ideal moisture content for hardwood in our dry North American climate. This drying process is essential in reducing warping, cracking, checking and aids in prolonging the life of teak outdoor furniture.

History - For centuries yellow balau has been used for heavy-duty furniture, shipbuilding, heavy construction and coveted for its excellent strength and weather resistant qualities.

Lower Costs - Teak has been the best choice of wood for outdoor furniture because of its beauty and durability. Until recently, availability and lower costs have made teak wood the best value in outdoor furniture. In the past, teak has been more popular than yellow balau because of its availability. However, recently teak has been over-harvested and the price has skyrocketed. Although yellow balau's mechanical properties are superior to teak, balau has not experienced the over pricing of teak.

Ecologically Correct – Environmentally correct. In accordance with a well established system, we use only wood from properly managed, reforested, sustainable forests and in accordance with all agencies.