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Aniba rosaeodora

[Synonyms : *Aniba duckei*, *Aniba rosaeodora* var. *amaxonica*]

BOIS DE ROSE FEMELLE is an evergreen tree. Native to tropical America (particularly the lower Amazon) it has inconspicuous flowers.

Fragrant rosewood oil is distilled from the wood.

Rosaeodora means 'rose scented'.

In the wild the trees are now an endangered species because of the demand for the oil.

Apparently (long before it had been identified botanically) France imported the fragrant yellowish-brown wood for making furniture.

The oil is used commercially by the perfumery and toiletry industries, and also by the detergent and confectionery industries.