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Dalbergia nigra

[Synonyms : *Pterocarpus niger*]

BRAZILIAN ROSEWOOD is a tree. Native to Brazil it has small pea-like, yellow flowers. It is also known as Bahia rosewood, *Cabiuna* (Brazilian), *Caviuna* (Brazilian), Jacaranda (Brazilian and English), *Jacarandá-caviúna* (Brazilian), *Jacaranda de Brasil* (Spanish), *Palissandre du Bresil* (French), Rio rosewood, and White rosewood.

From January 2002 Brazilian rosewood has been included under Appendix I of CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora).

This means that authorities believe this tree is threatened with extinction and only limited trade for scientific or conservation purposes is sanctioned. Governments are also required to obtain appropriate export and import licences.

Nigra means 'black'.

This wood was once used for making gun carriages. It has also been used for turning, veneering and marquetry, as well as for making brush backs and handles for knives and other tools. Today commercially it is used for furniture, xylophone bars, pianos and billiard tables.