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Entandrophragma utile

[Synonyms : *Entandrophragma macrocarpa*, *Entandrophragma roburoides*, *Pseudocedrela utilis*]

UTILE is a deciduous tree. Native to tropical Africa it has whitish flowers.

It is also known as *Assie* (Cameroonian), *Efubrodewe* (Ghanaian), *Efuodwe* (Ghanaian), *Kosikosi* (Gabonese), *Mufumbi* (Ugandan), *Okeong* (Nigerian), and *Sipo* (Ivorian).

The slightly fragrant, red- or purplish-brown heartwood is occasionally traded under the name African mahogany.

Utile is Latin (useful, serviceable, fit, profitable, beneficial).

Utile wood, which is recorded as being able to take a polish well, is used for making furniture as an alternative to mahogany (*Swietenia mahagoni*). It is also chosen for joinery, decorative veneers and plywood, and for stairing, flooring and boat-building.