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Parashorea malaanonan

[Synonyms : *Mocanera malaanonan*, *Parashorea plicata*]

WHITE SERAYA is a tree. Native to Borneo (now divided between Sabah, Sarawak and part of Indonesia) and the Philippines it has ribbon-figured wood.

It is also known as *Bagtikan* (Filipino/Tagalog), Borneo white seraya, Philippine mahogany, *Urat mata* (Indonesian), and White lauan.

The wood, which is vulnerable to termites, darkens in colour upon exposure to air.

The attractively marked, sometimes pinkish-tinged, pale brown wood has been used extensively for veneering and manufacturing plywood, as well as for general construction, flooring, decking and building interiors, and for making railway carriages, car bodies and furniture. It has also provided an export commodity for the native region.

Authorities at the turn of the 20th and 21st Centuries have noted that the tree's prime value for south-eastern Asia is as a source of timber.