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Pentace burmanica

BURMESE MAHOGANY is a tree. It is native from Burma (Myanmar) to western Malaysia. It is also known as Burma mahogany, *Kashit* (Burmese), *Sisiat* (Thai), *Takalis* (Bruneian/Indonesian/Malaysian), and *Thitka* (English and Burmese).

Burmanica means ‘of or from Burma (now called Myanmar)’.

This fairly hard wood has been used locally for boatbuilding, and for making straight-edged mathematical instruments. Its striped or mottled, golden- to reddish-brown appearance has recommended it for making furniture, walking sticks and boxes.

The fairly heavy and strong timber is considered by south-eastern Asian authorities to be the tree’s most important contribution to that region.