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Petersianthus macrocarpum

[Synonyms : *Combretodendron africanum*, *Combretodendron macrocarpum*]

ESSIA (English, Ghanaian, Ivorian and Zairean) is a tree. Native to tropical West Africa it has yellowish-white (often darker-streaked) sapwood and reddish to dark reddish-brown heartwood.

It is also known as *Abale* (Ghanaian, Ivorian and Liberian), *Abin* (Gabonese and Ghanaian), *Abing* (Cameroonian, Gabonese and Ghanaian), *Bossoho* (Zairean), *Minzu* (Congolese, Ghanaian and Zairean), *Owerwe* (Nigerian), *Owewe* (Nigerian), *Wulo* (Congolese and Zairean),

The wood smells of rotten cabbages when first cut.

Macrocarpum is made up of Greek *macro-* (large, long) and *carpo-* (fruit) components meaning 'large-fruited'.

This wood has been used for heavy construction and railway sleepers, as well as for veneering.