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Phyllostylon brasiliense

[Synonyms : *Phyllostylon rhamnoides*, *Samaroceltis rhamnoides*]

SAN DOMINGO BOXWOOD is a tree. Native to the Caribbean, Central America and eastern South America it has lemon-yellow wood that is occasionally dark-streaked or brown-tinged.

It is also known as *Baitoa* (Dominican), *Bois blanc* (Dominican and Haitian), *Cara tibama* (Venezuelan), *Cerón* (Mexican), *Jatia* (Cuban), *Palo amarillo* (Argentine), *Palo de lanza blanco* (Paraguayan), *Pau branco* (Brazilian), *Sabonero* (Colombian), St. Domingo box, *Seron* (Mexican), Venezuelan boxwood, West Indian boxwood, and Whitewood.

Some authorities surmise the possibility that this wood (which resembles ebony, *Diospyros ebenum*, if it is stained black) could provide an alternative for box (*Buxus sempervirens*).

Brasiliense means 'of or from Brazil'.

This hard wood has been used for making knife handles.