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*Prioria copaifera*

**CATIVO** is a tree. Native to southern Central America and north-western South America, it has small cream or white flowers.

It is also known as *Amansamujer* (Colombian), Black maya, *Camibar* (Costa Rican), *Copachu* (Colombian), *Curucaí* (Venezuelan), and *Muramo* (Venezuelan).

This wood is susceptible to white ants.

In Costa Rica and Panama especially it is suspected that the tree may be vulnerable in the wild.

*Copaifera* is derived from the genus name *Copaifera* meaning 'like plants in that genus'.

Locally bark fibre has been used for making cordage.

This strong, dark-streaked brown wood has been used for joinery, veneering and the manufacture of plywood, as well as for construction work and scaffolding. It has also been made into cheap furniture (notably in Colombia) and it has been used for building interiors too.

Medicinally, local Middle American Indian tribes have used resin from the wood for some remedies.