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Pterocarpus dalbergioides

[Synonyms : *Lingoum dalbergioides*, *Pterocarpus advena*, *Pterocarpus indicus*]

ANDAMAN REDWOOD is a deciduous tree. It is native to the Andaman Islands in the bay of Bengal.

It is also known as Andaman padauk, Blood wood, Burma rosewood, East Indian mahogany, *Flügelbaum* (German), Malay padauk, New Guinea redwood, Padauk, and Vermillion wood.

Dalbergioides is made up of the genus name *Dalbergia* and Greek *-oides* (like) components meaning ‘like plants in that genus’.

The often yellowish, red or blackish streaked, red to brown wood has been used for making dyes.

This highly durable wood has been used for joinery, veneering, parquet flooring, building interiors, musical instruments, and furniture. It was also used for aircraft propellers and railway carriages.

South-east Asian experts note that it is viewed as a timber tree in that region.