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Styrax tonkinensis

[Synonyms : *Anthostyrax tonkinense*, *Anthostyrax tonkinensis*, *Styrax hypoglaucus*, *Styrax macrothyrsum*, *Styrax macrothyrsus*, *Styrax subniveus*, *Styrax tonkinense*]

SIAM BENZOIN is an evergreen tree. It is native to eastern Thailand and the western region of the south-eastern Asian peninsular (often referred to as Indo-China).

It is also known as *Stirako Tonkina* (Esperanto), *Styrax* (Swedish), and *Thai-bentsoe* (Finnish). Siam benzoin yields a vanilla-smelling resin (*Vanilla planifolia*) from its bark. Despite hazards involved the resin has been harvested by local tribesmen.

Tonkinensis means ‘of or from Bắc Kỳ or northern Vietnam (known when part of French Indochina as Tonkin or Tongkin or Tongking)’.

The wood has been used for making matches and clogs.