COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: Found predominately in South-West African countries Rainforests and deciduous forests VPA country supply: Liberia, Ivory Coast and Ghana

SUSTAINABILITY: Not listed on CITES IUCN Red List as vulnerable

MAIN USES: Idigbo’s working properties make it an ideal candidate for interior and exterior joinery, decking, furniture components, plywood Excellent strength properties

TECHNICAL: Dries well and readily Grain is straight to slightly irregular Texture is medium, coarse and uneven FAS grade available

DURABILITY: Durability is marked as moderate, moderate resistant to termites attack

WORKING: Medium working reported Machining is easily with most hand and machine tools Holding properties for nails and screws fairly well, glues well, stains effectively and reacts well to finishing treatments

MOISTURE MOVEMENT: Small

WEIGHT: 480-625 kg/m3 560 average kg/m3

SIZES: 25, 38, 51, 63, 76, 100 Average length (m), range 2.1-4.8 Width 80mm and wider

COLOUR: Light yellow to light brown, little distinction between sapwood and heartwood

PRICING: Medium

SUBSTITUTE FOR: English oak (strength)

AVAILABILITY: Available from specialist merchants, check sustainability with supplier

ALSO KNOWN AS: Emeri Framine