**MERANTI: Dark Red**

*(Shorea spp.)*

**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:** South-East Asia  
VPA country supply: Indonesia and Malaysia

**SUSTAINABILITY:** Not listed by CITES  
IUCN Red List of threatened species

**MAIN USES:** Meranti is typically used for construction, exterior and interior joinery and furniture, flooring, boat-building, plywood, cladding, general construction and veneers

**TECHNICAL:** Medium to quick drying, with some tendency to distort  
Grain straight although interlocking grain often present  
Texture is coarse

**DURABILITY:** Moderate to durable

**WORKING:** Typically easy to work  
Dark red meranti can have a slight blunting effect and sawing is satisfactory, although there is variation by species  
Machining is satisfactory with sharp machining and nailing and gluing is good  
A good finish can be achieved

Note: A number of species produce timber known as meranti, seraya or lauan - with a number of species in each sub-section  
1. Light red meranti / seraya or white lauan  
2. Dark red meranti / seraya or red lauan  
3. Yellow meranti / seraya  
4. White meranti / melapi

**ALSO KNOWN AS:**  
Red lauan  
Dark red seraya  
Oba suluk

**MOISTURE MOVEMENT:** Small

**WEIGHT:** Average 850-950 km/m3, heavier of the meranti/seraya

**SIZES:** Length range 1.8-5.4m  
Width range 150-300mm

**COLOUR:** Dark red meranti's heartwood is medium to dark red-brown

**PRICING:** Medium

**SUBSTITUTE FOR:** European beech due to strength properties

**AVAILABILITY:** Available from specialist merchants, check sustainability with supplier