



## WHY IS ECHO WOOD ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE?

### Sourcing-

Echo Wood is manufactured using two different species:

**Ayous** (*Triplochiton Scleroxylon*) also known as Obeche or Samba. This fiber source is primarily harvested in the central region of West Africa specifically Western Cameroon. It remains abundant and is secure throughout its natural growth range, with little to no threat to its population. Our mill works directly with the Cameroon local governments to comply with their Forest Management Plan with the primary focus being sustainability. The Forest Management Plan's objectives are to ensure a continuous supply of timber, with timber yields not exceeding the net volume increment of the species to be harvested.

**Basswood** (*Tilia*) also known as Linden. This fiber source is primarily harvested from plantations in Northern China and is a close relative to Basswood found in North America and Europe. Our mill works with Basswood plantations to ensure all governmental regulations are complied with while using sustainable forestry practices to harvest this fiber.

Through supervised forest management programs and consultation with independent foresters our mill ensures harvesting methods are monitored for sustained yield management and minimal environmental impact. The mill also maintains membership in many international organizations such as the World Wildlife Fund Forestry and Trade Network, holds the China Environmental Labeling Certificate and is certified for ISO 14001 Environmental Management. Hardwoods Specialty Products is committed to sustainable forest management and encourages our suppliers to do the same.

By using readily available Ayous harvested using sustainable forestry practices and plantation grown Basswood we can create the look of almost any exotic veneer such as Ebony, Zebrawood, and Wenge while saving these great forests for future generations. Absolutely no fiber purchased for Echo Wood production is harvested in violation of the CITES International Trade Agreement.

### Quick Facts

- 10 saplings are planted for every tree harvested
- 6 of our 9 stocking veneers are being processed with E1 low formaldehyde glue (less than 0.100 ppm)
- All dyes used are water-based and contain no harmful heavy metals
- 100% of the fiber for Echo Wood is used
- Echo Wood preserves rare and exotic trees for future generations
- Defect free panels offer maximum yield and minimal waste.
- Echo Wood veneers can be lay-ed up on a 100% recycled wood Particle Board or MDF produced with no added Urea Formaldehyde- possible LEED credit 4.1+4.2
- Echo Wood can be lay-ed up regionally to reduce fossil fuel emissions possible LEED credit 5.1+5.2
- Echo Wood can be lay-ed up on an FSC certified Particle Board or MDF
- All Hardwood Specialty Product distribution centers are FSC certified

Hardwoods Specialty Products is committed to sourcing the highest quality environmentally friendly products and bringing them to market in the most efficient way possible.