FSC 100% & Recycled Hardwoods - A Solid Choice

IPÉ, CUMARU, JATOBA, TEAK
The story of Forms+Surfaces and the hardwoods we use in our outdoor products is a story we're proud to tell.

And it’s a story we feel is important to tell, especially in light of the fact that the use of tropical hardwoods, Ipé in particular, has recently come under fire for being irresponsibly harvested.

We want to take this opportunity to provide information about the woods we are using and how we ensure that they are a sustainable, environmentally responsible choice.

In 2008, we made the decision to set ourselves apart as a company by using only FSC 100% and FSC Recycled wood for all of our outdoor wood products at no additional cost to our customers; not because it was the easy thing to do, but because it was the right thing.

There are three types of FSC certification, including FSC Mixed, FSC Recycled, and FSC 100%. Of these, FSC 100% is the easiest to understand and the most difficult standard to meet. All wood content in FSC 100% products must come from an FSC-certified forest. No non-FSC fiber of any kind is permitted. Yearly audits and re-certifications ensure that our outdoor products and suppliers are in full compliance with the FSC 100% designation.

The FSC 100% rating of the woods used in our outdoor products means that all of the wood designated FSC 100%, including Ipé, is harvested from forests that are legally run, environmentally sustainable, have a long-term management plan and are socially responsible to their local villages and communities.

We also offer two FSC Recycled woods: reclaimed Teak and Cumaru, choices that eliminate the need to cut down new trees and allow us to provide strong, gorgeous, time-tested hardwoods.

According to the World Wildlife Fund, in Indonesia alone, five million acres of forest a year are lost to illegal and unsustainable logging – the equivalent of 300 soccer fields an hour. – WWF.org

For more information about FSC and their certification programs, visit www.fsc.org.
High performance woods best suited to our products.

All of our woods offer superior resistance to moisture, insects, fire, vandalism and decay. These include:

- **FSC 100% Ipé** – aka Brazilian Walnut – the hardest and most durable of our woods, rates an impressive 3684 on the Janka hardness scale (for reference, Black Locust is rated 1700 and Red Oak is rated 1290). Ipé is used in our Bridge, Camber, Copenhagen, Hudson, Knight, Leda, Pacifica, and Trio Benches.

- **FSC 100% Cumaru** – aka Brazilian Teak or Chestnut – rates 3540 on the Janka scale and is known for its beautiful color variations. Cumaru can be found in our Trio Table Ensemble.

- **FSC 100% Jatoba** – aka Brazilian Cherry – rates 2350 on the hardness scale and can vary in color from a rich tan to a deep red. Jatoba can be found in our Duo Bench, Apex Table Ensemble and Apex Bench.

- **FSC Recycled Reclaimed Cumaru** – repurposed from the Atlantic City Boardwalk, this beautiful, eco-friendly hardwood brings a piece of American history to our Boardwalk Bench.

- **FSC Recycled Reclaimed Teak** – our reclaimed Teak has been hand salvaged from old buildings being demolished in India. Extremely durable and weather resistant, reclaimed Teak is offered for our Knight and Circuit Benches.

We are continually looking for alternative woods that meet our high performance needs, and sustainability standards.

An ongoing process.

Our Resource Management team is dedicated to staying on top of environmental issues around the world, so wherever you are, you can rely on us to help you navigate any challenges a project may pose.

At Forms+Surfaces, we seek to excel in all that we do, whether it is creating beautiful, durable products that last a lifetime, or adhering to a higher environmental standard through the materials and processes we use. You can feel good about specifying Forms+Surfaces products.

For more green data on our products, visit forms-surfaces.com and click on the Environmental Data tab on any product page. Or contact our Resource Management Team at green@forms-surfaces.com.

Our FSC-certified wood mill has had reforesting operations since 1973. In the past 9 years alone, they’ve replanted 750,000 trees.
We maintain an environmental management system and are continually working to improve our impact through efficiency, material selection, vendor education, employee involvement, and an unwavering commitment to being exemplary corporate citizens. If you would like additional information on our environmental management system or our company environmental initiatives and policies, please feel free to contact our sustainability team at green@forms-surfaces.com.