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Sengon As Alternative Raw Material

Java, Indonesia: Timber products manufacturers are turning to sengon wood as an alternative raw material, reported the Jakarta Post. As a result, its price has quadrupled to Rp800,000 (US\$79) per m³.

Sengon wood is preferred by many manufacturers for its soil adaptability and has a five to 10 year gestation period.

The physical properties of the wood also meet the requirements of manufacturers for a wide range of timber products. With some companies utilizing up to 80 percent of sengon wood as raw material, competition is keen. Prices of high quality sengon wood can hit Rp1 million per m³.

This wood remains a favorite among timber products manufacturers, which are reported to have processed up to 4 million m³ of the wood over the last three years.