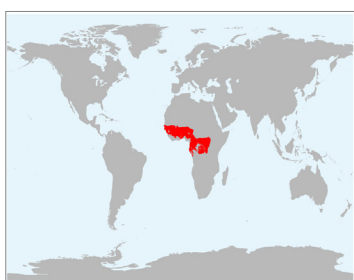




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Geographical range

Amazing Species: Sapele

The **Sapele**, *Entandrophragma cylindricum*, is a species of mahogany listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. It ranges widely in west and central Africa from Sierra Leone east to Uganda and south to Angola, and has a scattered distribution in semi-deciduous forests. In comparison with other species of *Entandrophragma*, this species can occur in drier habitats, including abandoned fields, but it does not respond well to burning. It is a large tree, growing to 50m in height, with flowers growing directly from the trunk and major branches.

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It is an extremely slow-growing tree, one of the slowest in the genus *Entandrophragma*, and this is a major problem as it is of high economic value and is a major source of African hardwood, heavily exploited throughout its range. In some places, populations have been heavily depleted due to over-exploitation. The species is also believed to be at risk from climate change.

The Sapele occurs in a number of protected areas across its range. In some countries, logging of this species is subject to legal restrictions, but enforcement is a problem in many regions.



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