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## TECHNICAL BULLETIN

### Color/Grain Variation Garapa

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Color and grain variation are typical of materials created by nature and are recognized as part of the beauty that sets natural products apart from manufactured ones. This is particularly true where wood products are concerned, though some species have more or less grain and color variation than others. You should always remember this when looking at wood samples since TFP wood products come with a mixed grain and are not sorted by color.

Garapa is photosensitive to all light, even incandescent light. Its heart color will move from a light yellow gold color to a darker, golden teak brown color. Over time, the color will even out.

Understanding and accepting that the color of different wood species will vary and, to some extent, even out when exposed to light and oxygen will help you set reasonable expectations when specifying sustainable wood products.

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Some color consistency can be achieved by finishing wood with a pigmented penetrating oil-based sealer or by allowing the wood to weather or grey out naturally. Grain, density, and moisture content can all affect finishing. Every piece of wood will accept a finish differently, even pieces from the same tree. It is always advised to sample finishes before completing the entire application.

Tropical Forest Products does not guarantee the performance of finishes. Warranties, if available, are the responsibility of the finish manufacturer.