



Fijian Kauri – *Agathis vitiensis*

Other Names: Dakua Makadre

Region of Origin: Fiji

SPECIES OVERVIEW:

Fijian Kauri heartwood is pale cream to golden brown in colour, with lustre. Texture is fine and the grain mainly straight with flecks visible on radial faces. The timber has excellent woodworking properties and a degree of stability. Heartwood is non-durable.

MAIN USES:

Furniture, cabinet making, interior joinery and boatbuilding.

WORKING PROPERTIES:

The timber is easy to saw and machine. Turning properties are excellent and the timber can be drilled cleanly with little chipping. Planed surfaces are very smooth.

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES:

Fijian kauri has a high stiffness and crushing strength, medium resistance to shock loads and high bending strength. It is a moderately fissile timber.

AVAILABILITY:

Specifications stocked at Rosenfeld Kidson are: Sawn 25mm, 40mm, 50mm and 75mm thicknesses in varying fixed widths. TG&V panelling profiles.

GRADING:

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DENSITY (kg/m ³)*:	540
DURABILITY:	Non-durable

STRENGTH GROUP:	SD5
MOR (MPa):	88
MOE(GPa):	11.8
JANKA(kN):	3.7

SHRINKAGE GREEN TO 12% M.C.	Tangential	Radial
	7.0	4.0

*Air Dry Density (kg/m³) is average indication only and actual value may vary. Refer to timber properties tables over page for strength, shrinkage and durability classifications.



STRENGTH GROUPINGS:

Minimum values for strength groups (unseasoned timber)			
<i>(units are Mpa = 145 lb/sq.inch)</i>			
Strength group	Modulus of rupture	Modulus of elasticity	Maximum crushing strength
S1	103	16300	52
S2	76	14200	43
S3	73	12400	36
S4	62	10700	31
S5	52	9100	26
S6	43	7900	22
S7	36	6900	18

Minimum values for strength groups (seasoned timber)			
<i>(units are Mpa = 145 lb/sq.inch)</i>			
Strength group	Modulus of rupture	Modulus of elasticity	Maximum crushing strength
SD1	150	21500	80
SD2	130	18500	70
SD3	110	16000	61
SD4	94	14000	54
SD5	78	12500	47
SD6	65	10500	41
SD7	55	9100	36
SD8	45	7900	30

SHRINKAGE CLASSIFICATIONS:

Description of shrinkage	Shrinkage from Green to Oven-dry (12% MC)	
	(% before reconditioning)	
	Tangential	Radial
Very low	0 - 3.5	0 - 2
Low	3.5 - 5.0	2 - 3
Medium	5.0 - 6.5	3 - 4
High	6.5 - 8.0	4 - 5
Very high	> 8.0	> 5

DURABILITY CLASSIFICATIONS:

Grade of durability	Approximate service life (years)		
	Fully protected	Above ground, exposed	In-ground, exposed
Very durable	>50	>40	>25
Durable	>50	15-40	15-25
Moderately durable	>50	7-15	5-15
Non-durable	>50	0-7	0-5