

Merbau (Insia Bijuga) Information

Merbau is a very popular timber due to its durability and stability and is rated as class 1 above ground. The Janka rating is 8.5 with a Bal rating of 29. This makes Merbau a highly recommended and sought after timber for decking and screening. The natural oils in this species help prevent cracking and splitting and it also holds up very well in extreme conditions.

Merbau has a tendency to “Bleed/Leach” tannins, it is recommended that the timber is kept off places where leaching can stain surrounding areas such as driveways and walkways. If it is delivered in these areas, you will need to organise to have the timber moved immediately or not placed in an area of risk.

Leaching occurs when Merbau is exposed to moisture and rain without a sealant or coating and can continue for months.

It is best to consult your hardware store or local coating trade centre to see what products can be used that will suit your needs to minimise leaching in addition to maintaining a regular oiling schedule. You can find this information on the specifications and recommendation guides on the products you decide to use.