

TABLE ABSTRACT

The Utilisation of Trinidad Teak in Construction

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The utilisation of Trinidad teak in construction is reviewed in the context of the government's stated intention to use this resource in building projects.

The feasibility of using this country's teak reserves in domestic construction is investigated, by examining the current status as well as the potential for development of the resources that provide the inputs to the construction process.

The report notes that while the use of teak in construction can serve to maximize the return from Trinidad's valuable teak plantations, this objective cannot be realized under the present circumstances. Coupled with the (general) requirement to improve the post harvest management of Trinidad teak are the problems specific to construction - primarily, the lack of a standard governing the structural use of the material and the inadequate incentives to investment and human resource development within the sector...