## **Diamond Tropical Hardwoods**

## **Distinctively Beautiful Wood from Uniquely Sustainable Sources**

In today's global market, your buying power goes well beyond the product purchased. Every purchase is a vote for political and environmental policies. Diamond Tropical Hardwoods is an exemplary model of how businesses can provide superior products while improving society and protecting the environment.

The story of Diamond Tropical Hardwoods grew out of a desire to help and serve others. Kevin and Christine Yardley began teaching as volunteers in rural Costa Rica in the 1990s, and quickly found opportunities to protect the environment while helping the local community. Costa Rica had some of the fastest deforestation rates in the world at the time, so there was a desperate need to offset this environmental destruction. Diamond Tropical was founded to protect the environment while creating jobs to empower the local community.

A country with no trees has no future. Since 1992, Diamond Tropical Hardwoods has planted hundreds of thousands trees on land that had been previously clear-cut or otherwise degraded. Their efforts have protected hundreds of acres of rainforest while ensuring a future source of beautiful tropical hardwoods that can be sustainably harvested while preserving the jungle. Unlike most reforestation projects, Diamond Tropical plants a diverse set of native species instead of an unnatural monoculture, and we harvest individual trees on a sustainable schedule that leaves the forest standing.

Diamond Tropical has planted more than 70 types of exotic trees to create one of the world's only sustainable sources for the most beautiful and sought-after hardwoods. Our unique methods allow our clients to obtain industry staples such as teak and mahogany -- along with rare woods like cocobolo rosewood and Spanish cedar— safe in the knowledge that the wood is both sustainably sourced and of the highest quality. Diamond Teak is certifed by the Rainforest Alliance for fulfilling the environmentally sustainable standards required by the Forest Stewardship Council <sup>®</sup>(FSC<sup>®</sup>), and all of our plantations meet the highest environmental standards under the globally-recognized Rainforest Alliance certification program.

Processed lumber from Diamond Tropical has been used by clients all over the world for applications ranging from custom home and furniture design to the creation of the finest musical instruments. Our fine woods have been used for decking and fixtures on many famous yachts, and we were selected after a competitive review by the UK government to provide the structural and decorative teak for the rebuilding of both the *Cutty Sark* and the *HMS Victory*.

Please contact Diamond Tropical Hardwoods to see how we can meet your need for beautiful tropical wood from a sustainable source. Please call our Pennsylvania showroom at (215) 257-2556 or visit us online at <a href="www.diamondtropicalhardwoods.com">www.diamondtropicalhardwoods.com</a>. We also craft a range of furniture and garden accessories from our wood which you can view at <a href="www.diamondteak.com">www.diamondteak.com</a>.



The mark of responsible forestry

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