

## Simpson's Environmental & Sustainability Pledge

Here at Simpson Furniture we are committed to good environmental practice. We are aware that our actions may have a direct impact on future generations and so we continuously strive to ensure we are doing all we can to be environmentally friendly.

We take great care when selecting our manufacturers and select, whenever possible, suppliers who have a similar Environmental vision to ourselves and who produce products to the highest environmental and Fairtrade standards.

### Our Chairs

Deforestation accounts for more greenhouse gas emissions than the global transport sector. Finding a balanced way to both use and protect our forests has become vital when sourcing our products. **Buoyant Upholstery Ltd** are one of our primary suppliers of Lift & Tilt chairs. They follow strict procedures to ensure they are compliant with FSC® criteria. As part of this procedure, it is a policy of Buoyant to avoid using timber products:

- that have been illegally logged/ harvested or from controversial sources;
- that are harvested from forests where traditional and civil rights are violated;
- originating from threatened, high conservation value, old growth forests;
- where there has been significant conversion of forests to plantations or non-forest use;
- in violation of ILO Core Convention for fundamental principles and rights at work 1998.

Buoyant works with the certification body to ensure that all criteria required by FSC are met.

### Mango Furniture

Here at Simpson Furniture, Mango Wood is one of our primary choices when sourcing wooden furniture. It is eco-friendly, sustainable, easy to maintain and makes stunning-looking, quality furniture.

Domestic Mango Wood is a sustainable resource. Once the Mango trees get too tall to easily harvest the fruit or stop bearing fruit altogether, they are harvested for timber and a new generation of trees are planted. In the past, the cut-down mango trees were just discarded destroyed but now these trees are used to produce a wide range of items, in our case, furniture!

Harvesting wood that was previously burnt or left to break down naturally is a big help to the environment and to the local communities, as it provides extra income for the Mango farmers and their families.

## **Root Wood Furniture**

Our Root Wood range is hand crafted from reclaimed wood. Each one is excavated from abandoned teak tree plantations and is carefully crafted to produce stunning tables, chairs and works of art. Using the roots in this way creates valuable livelihoods for local communities and allows the soil to be used for further plantation.

This thwarting of waste is one thing that makes reclaimed root wood part of an eco-friendly approach to the manufacture of wood items. We love this sustainable process because it makes use of otherwise discarded by-products and they look incredible too.

## **Hand Carved Accessories**

A significant portion of our accessories range are hand made using sustainable or recycled materials. This ranges from wooden sculptured products to Wall Art, Lamps and Clocks.

The majority of our hand-crafted wooden accessories are made using Albezia and Jempinis wood that are grown in responsibly managed plantations in Bali. The government there, support these plantations, providing free seedlings to growers to encourage the growing of these trees which brings in extra income for the grower. The crops are constantly harvested and replanted once they reach maturity to ensure continuity of supply. Both species grow fast and can be ready for use in hand crafted carvings in around four years.

We take great pride in sourcing products from Fair Trade companies who follow strict guidelines in the way they do business. Their policies, central to their wider vision, are based on the 10 Fair Trade Principals as laid out by BAFTS.

## **Our Recycling Policy**

100% of the packaging generated at our outlets are either reused onsite or recycled, with all waste going to local and national recycling companies. Our objective is to divert waste from landfills and reduce the amount of harmful toxins and gases released into the atmosphere.



As a company we are passionate about waste and are constantly looking for ways to improve our process, which could have a positive impact on the environment.