

Chengal (*Neobalanocarpus heimii*)

Chengal tree is a popular hardwood tree. The natural distribution of this tree is restricted to Peninsular Malaysia, Singapore and Southern Thailand. Chengal is found in mixed dipterocarp lowland forests, especially on undulating lands, in swampy areas and sometimes in dry areas of swamp forests. Chengal is a durable hardwood timber and has a density of between 915 to 980 kilograms per cubic meter is normally used in heavy construction work, especially boats construction, pillars and bridges without the need to preserve because it is resistant from termites attacks. In Malaysia, a chengal tree grows in lowland areas less than 1000 meters elevation, especially in areas with good water drainage. Normally chengal tree grows well in the areas that receive rainfall more than 2000 millimetres per year and no drought.

