

Reference Guide for Instrument Materials [Updated September 2024]

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	Common Name	Latin Name	Country of Origin	CITES Status [2024]	IUCN Red List Status [2024]
FRONT, INNER LININGS, BLOCKS, SOUNDPOST	PLANT OR ANIMAL MATERIALS				
	EUROPEAN SPECIES				
	European, Norway, German Spruce	<i>Picea abies</i>	Europe		
	Italian spruce	<i>Picea abies v. excelsa</i>	Italy		
	Boxwood	<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	Europe		
	NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES				
	Engelmann spruce	<i>Picea engelmanni</i>	US		
	Red spruce	<i>Picea rubens</i>	US/CA		
	Sitka spruce	<i>Picea sitchensis</i>	US		

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BACK, RIBS, NECK, PURFLING, BRIDGE	PLANT OR ANIMAL MATERIALS				
	EUROPEAN SPECIES				
	Field Maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>			
	Balkan Maple	<i>Acer hyrcanum</i>			
	Italian Maple	<i>Acer opalus</i>	Italy		
	Norway Maple	<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway		
	Carpathian, Sycamore Maple	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Romania		
	NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES				
	Big Leaf Maple, Oregon Maple	<i>acer macrophyllum</i>	US		
	Red Maple	<i>acer rubrum</i>	US/CA		
	Silver Maple	<i>acer saccharinum</i>	US/CA		
Sugar Maple	<i>acer saccharum</i>	US/CA			

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Ebony	<i>diospyros crassiflora</i>	Cameroon	Cameroon restricts export of logs to 1200/year, slow maturing tree with rapid habitat loss	Threatened/Vulnerable & decreasing
Ceylon ebony	<i>diospyros ebenum</i>	India	Export Banned India & Sri Lanka	Data Deficient
Cambodian ebony	<i>pyros ferrea (ebenoides)</i>	Cambodia		Endangered
Madagascar ebony	<i>diospyros spp</i>	Madagascar		Many species identified as endangered in Madagascar.
Mauritius ebony	<i>diospyros tessellaria</i>	Mauritius	Prohibited/banned material at state level, 1 of 11 ebony species endemic to the island, all listed as “threatened” to “critically endangered” from over-logging; one extinct	Threatened/Vulnerable
Boxwood	<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	Europe		
Sucseno	?	Europe		
Sonowood Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Switzerland	No – all sustainably sourced	No
			Certified Swiss Wood	
Sonowood Maple	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Switzerland	No – all sustainably sourced	No
			Certified Swiss Wood	
Sonowood Spruce	<i>Picea abies</i>	Switzerland	No – all sustainably sourced	No
			Certified Swiss Wood	
Gaiatone	Recycled cardboard	US		
Quebec	?			

FINGERBOARD, TAILPIECE, PEG, SADDLE, NUT, ENDBUTTON, CHINREST, PURFLING

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*Abalone – other common names: ear shells, sea ears, and (rarely) muttonfish or muttonshells in parts of Australia; ormer in the UK; perlemoen in South Africa; and paua in New Zealand			**The California Department of Fish and Wildlife announced March 19, 2023, that the North Coast abalone season will remain closed until April 1, 2026. The moratorium—which began in 2017—was expected to lift April 1, 2021.	
Awabi	<i>haliotis gigantea</i>	Japan	No	Endangered species
Awabi	<i>haliotis madaka</i>	Japan	No	Endangered species
Black abalone*	<i>haliotis cracherodii</i>	Mexico and USA	No; endangered species/prohibited; no legal harvesting in CA, USA (see note above**) NOAA protected throughout its range	Critically endangered
Freshwater pearl mussel	<i>margaritifera margaritifera</i>	Europe white; North America pink	No	IUCN Redlist: endangered; endangered species / no harvesting, use or sale; This species has been fully protected in the United Kingdom under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 since 1998 and partly protected according to section 9 (1) since 1991. Iberian Peninsula (Portugal and Spain) and Ireland
Green abalone*	<i>haliotis fulgens</i>	Mexico	No; no legal harvesting in CA, USA (see note above**)	Decreasing
Ormeaux, Green ormer	<i>haliotis tuberculata</i>	Mediterranean, Brittany and Channel Islands	No; severely regulated harvesting due to shortage from overfishing and bacterial disease	Decreasing, vulnerable
Pearl oyster or Mother-of-pearl	<i>pinctada maxima</i>	cultivated: Australia, Philippines	No	No
Pink abalone*	<i>haliotis corrugate</i>	Mexico and USA	No; no legal harvesting in CA, USA (see note above**)	Decreasing
Red abalone*	<i>haliotis rufescens</i>	Mexico and USA	No; no personal harvest; no commercial sale or trade in USA (see note above**)	Decreasing
Domestic Cow bone	<i>bos taurus</i>	Brazil	No	No

PEG INLAY

PLANT OR ANIMAL MATERIALS, continued					
PEG INLAY	African elephant	<i>loxodonta Africana</i>	Africa	Appendix I (Except the populations of Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe, which are included in Appendix II subject to annotation A10)	Decreasing
	Asian elephant	<i>elephas maximus</i>	India, South Asia		Decreasing
	African forest elephant	<i>loxodonta cyclotis</i>		No	Critically endangered
	Imitation Ivory	Casein sheep or cow milk	Europe	No	
	Mammoth fossil	<i>mammuthus primigenius</i>	Russia	No listings – "Look alike" to Elephant: possible seizure – check before shipping	No listings – "Look alike" to Elephant: possible seizure – check before shipping
	Reindeer antler	<i>rangifer tarandus domesticus</i>	Sweden	No	No
	Cultured opal	80% silica, 20% resin	Laboratories, Japan, USA	n/a	n/a
	Artificial amber			n/a	n/a

FILE HISTORY

September 2024 | expand and update Sonowood details

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