



## **TASK: Wood in the living tree**

Your trainer may ask you to complete this task as an assessment exercise. You may either answer the questions in writing, or record your own voice in an audio file.

An understanding of the tree that produces the wood you use is helpful to understanding the characteristics of that type of timber.

Your task is to choose one species that you work with and find out about the typical conditions the tree grows in. You can search the internet by typing the name of the tree into your search engine, or look up a reference book on the topic. You may even have brochures or information sheets in your workplace on that type of tree.

When you have completed your research and are able to answer the following points, fill in the table below:

1. Common name of the tree
2. Botanical name of the tree
3. Country (or countries) that the tree is harvested in to produce the timber you use
4. Whether the tree is typically harvested from a plantation or a native forest
5. The appearance of the tree – height, shape, characteristic features – you may provide a photo or describe the tree in words
6. Any other details about the typical climate, environmental conditions or growth characteristics of the tree – such as whether it is fast or slow growing, preferring hot, temperate or cold climates, and so on.

Common name	
Botanical name	
Country of origin	
Plantation / native	
Appearance	
Other details	

### **Sign-off**

<b>Name</b>		<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	
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