

**Mother natures breathtaking best**

Teak is one of Mother Nature's masterpieces. One of the most beautiful, most durable and most impressive materials she has ever created. And, what's more, one of the most useful. A forest full of teak is nothing less than one of Mother Nature's lungs.

Stopping deforestation is one of the greatest challenges faced by our generation. The natural stock of teak suitable for boat decks is disappearing faster than a 500 hp powerboat. Time is running out. It's time to take a deep breath.

This is the good news. Things can change. Things can improve. We don't have to have splits, splinters or creaks.

Esthec® is nature reinvented. A composite with all the outward features of teak, the look of teak and even the feel of teak. But then without teak. Unbreakable, in other words, creak-free, splinter-free and low maintenance.

## Sustainable supply of teak is rapidly declining worldwide

**Due to the depletion of the natural forests, nearly all the teak originates from plantations these days. However, the sustainable plantations do not produce enough. As demand for teak exceeds supply, the level of illegal logging is growing.**

The consequences of illegal logging are extensive. From an ecological perspective, but also for social structures, national health and the greenhouse effect.

Myanmar (Burma) is the largest teak exporter, followed by India, Thailand and Indonesia.

**Quality**  
For high-quality teak, teak trees should be felled around the age of 80, but this standard has been abandoned a long time ago. In

order to meet the great demand, trees of 10 to 25 years of age are now being cut down as well. As a result, the quality of teak has become noticeably deteriorating. Besides



**Human rights**

The monopoly caused by the trade in teak can be