

## MECHANIC AND PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF PARTICLE BOARDPANELS PRODUCED WITH HORNS SHEATHS

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### ABSTRACT

Two IP / HP and AP / HP bio composites, each made from a horn-clad powder resin and reinforced respectively with Iroko and Ayous wood particles, ranging in size from 125 to 625  $\mu\text{m}$  were characterized. The best physical and mechanical properties were obtained at 225  $\mu\text{m}$ . The values of thickness swelling ratio, density, modulus of elasticity, tensile strength modulus and internal cohesion of IP / HP and AP / HP at (225  $\mu\text{m}$ ) are respectively (21% for 2H and 22.4% for 24 hours, 600 kg / m<sup>3</sup>, 1850 MPa, 22.8 MPa and 0.52 MPa) and (17% for 2H and 19% for 24 hours, 750 kg / m<sup>3</sup>, 200N, 1590 MPa, 20.2 MPa and 0.44 MPa). It is deduced from these values that IP / HP and AP / HP are resistant but IP / HP is more resistant than AP / HP and can be used in a dry environment. The developed resin can be used in the wood industry.

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