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We investigated the green moisture content and basic density of 95 woody species growing in Kyushu University Forests. In softwood species, the green moisture content of heartwood ranged from 28% in *Cryptomeria japonica* to 67% in *Abies firma*, and in sapwood, from 75% in *Tsuga sieboldii* to 160% in *Cryptomeria japonica*. The green moisture content of softwood trees was greater in sapwood than heartwood. The green moisture content in the heartwood of hardwood species ranged from 34% in *Euonymus alatus* f. *striatus* to 83% in *Kalopanax pictus*, and in sapwood, from 45% in *Fraxinus sieboldiana* to 153% in *Actinidia polygama*. We found three radial variation pattern types in stems of hardwood species. The green moisture content was higher in heartwood than sapwood, in the first type, whereas in the second, it was higher in sapwood than heartwood. In a third type, differences between heartwood and sapwood were relatively small. The basic density of softwood species ranged from 378 kg/m³ in *Cryptomeria japonica* to 524 kg/m³ in *Tsuga sieboldii*. Most trees tended to decrease in basic density from corewood to outerwood. Basic density in hardwood species ranged from 266 kg/m³ in *Paulownia tomentosa* to 751 kg/m³ in *Rhaphiolepis indica* var. *umbellata*. We identified three types of radial variation pattern in stems of hardwood species. In the first type, basic density was higher in corewood than outerwood, whereas in second, it was higher in outerwood. In the third type, differences between corewood and outerwood were small. We also provided the information on the age and size of heartwood formation.

Keyword : green moisture content; basic density; Kyushu University Forests; Japan

国内に生育する樹木の木材性質に関するデータベースを作成する一環として、九州大学演習林（北海道演習林，宮崎演習林，福岡演習林）に生育するつる性木本植物3樹種を含む95樹種の生材含水率および容積密度数を測定した。針葉樹の生材含水率は辺材が心材より常に大きく，心材ではスギの28%からモミの67%の範囲にあり，辺材ではツガの75%からスギの160%の範囲にあった。一方，広葉樹の生材含水率は，心材ではヌルデの34%からハリギリの83%の範囲にあり，辺材ではアオダモの45%からマタタビの153%の範囲にあった。樹幹半径方向の生材含水率のパラツキについては，辺材よりも心材が高いタイプ，心材よりも辺材が高いタイプ，心材と辺材にほとんど差がないタイプの3タイプが認められた。針葉樹材の容積密度数は，スギの378 kg/m³からツガの524 kg/m³の範囲にあり，樹幹半径方向の変動では，中心部が外周部よりも高かった。広葉樹材の容積密度数は，キリの266 kg/m³からシャリンバイの751 kg/m³の範囲にあり，樹幹半径方向の変動では，外周部よりも中心部が高いタイプ，中心部よりも外周部が高いタイプ，中心部と外側部にほとんど差がないタイプの3タイプが認められた。最後に心材形成を開始する樹齢やサイズに係わる情報について記載した。キーワード：生材含水率，容積密度数，九州大学演習林，日本

1 . Introduction

Wood moisture strongly affects wood quality characteristics, including physical and mechanical properties, dimensional stability, machining, drying performance, adhesion properties, durability, burning characteristics, and transport efficiency (e.g., Watanabe 1978 ; Fushitani *et al.* 1989; Forestry and Forest Products

Research Institute 2004). Thus, wood moisture content is of concern to foresters, wood processors, and users at every stage from standing trees to the service performance of various wood products.

Living trees contain a large amount of water in their stems, because they transport water from the soil to their leaves via their stems, and also store some water in their stems (Tyree & Zimmermann 2002). Previous studies

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reported wood moisture content (green moisture content) of living trees growing in Japan. For example, Yazawa *et al.* (1965) reported interspecies variation in green moisture content distribution in the stems of nine hardwood species. Nakada (2006) investigated water distribution in the stems of 11 softwood species. Kawazumi *et al.* (1991) and Nakada *et al.* (1999) reported intraspecies variation in green moisture content in the stems of *Cryptomeria japonica*. Previous studies also have reported seasonal variations in *Fagus crenata* (Yazawa 1960), and *Fraxinus mandshurica* var. *japonica*, *Ulmus davidiana*, and *Populus maximowiczii* trees (Yazawa & Ishida 1965). Kano (1987), Miyajima (1992), and Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute (2004) documented the green moisture content for 27 species (14 softwood species and 13 hardwood species), 25 species (9 softwood species and 16 hardwood species), and 15 species (9 softwood species and 6 hardwood species), respectively. However, previous reports were mainly focused on commercial woody species. Thus, data from many woody species are required to determine green moisture content in various woody species growing in Japan. These data should be supplemented with additional information, because green moisture content varies with a number of factors, e.g., seasons, site conditions, geographical locations, inter-tree variation, and intra-tree variation (Gibbs 1958; Yazawa 1960; Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute 2004).

Wood density (or specific gravity) is an important characteristics of wood, which is strongly correlated with physical properties, mechanical properties, burning characteristics, biomass, and carbon stocking (Watanabe 1978; Zobel & van Buitjnen 1989; Zhang 1997; Niklas 1997; Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute 2004). There are many previous investigations of wood density. Basic density data for woody species growing in Japan are summarized and listed in several reports and books (Nakai & Yamai 1982; Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute 2004). However, as with green moisture content, these data were mainly focused on commercial woody species. Data from many wood species are required to determine the basic density of various woody species growing in Japan. These data should be supplemented with additional information, for the same reasons as noted for variability in moisture content (Zobel & van Buitjnen 1989).

We aimed to provide data on green moisture content and basic density for 95 woody species, including three woody lianas, which were investigated in Kyushu University Forests between 2003 and 2006, as part of a project to develop wood properties database.

2 . Materials and methods

Wood samples were collected from three Kyushu University sites, which ranged from warm temperate forest

to cool temperate forest, i.e., Kasuya Research Forest, Shiiba Research Forest, and Ashoro Research Forest (Table 1 and Fig.1).



Fig.1 Location of sampling site

We sampled two to four trees for each of 95 species from three sites, comprised of five softwood species and 90 hardwood species. A total of 204 trees were cut down during July and August between 2003 and 2006, i.e., 35 species in Kasuya Research Forest, 58 species in Shiiba Research Forest, and nine species in Ashoro Research Forest. Table 2 shows species name, age, height, and diameter at breast height (DBH) for the trees sampled. DBH, tree height, and tree age ranged from 1 cm to 10 cm, 2 m to 12 m, and one year to 123 years, respectively.

We cut a short log (about 20 cm length) at breast height from each sample tree and vaseline was applied immediately to the cut sections at both ends, to prevent desiccation. Logs were wrapped in plastic and taken to the laboratory. A wood disc (3 cm thickness) was cut from the middle of each log immediately samples arrived in the laboratory. A wedge spanning from pith to bark was removed from the wood disc. The wedge was separated into inner sapwood and outer sapwood. If the wedge contained colored heartwood, it was separated into heartwood and sapwood based on visual demarcation. The heartwood and sapwood blocks were then separated into inner and outer sections. We did not separate the intermediate wood, which was usually recognized as a pale colored zone between the sapwood and heartwood. If heartwood was found in the stem, we regarded heartwood and sapwood as corewood and outerwood, respectively. When heartwood was not present in the stem, inner sapwood and outer sapwood were regarded as corewood

Table 1 Description of sampling sites.

	Kasuya Research Forest	Shiiba Research Forest	Ashoro Research Forest
Forest area	481 ha	2916 ha	3713 ha
Latitude	33° 38'N	32° 22'N	43° 14'N
Longitude	130° 31'E	131° 08'E	143° 33'E
Altitude	30 m - 553 m	650 m - 1607 m	100 m – 450 m
Annual average temperature	16.2°C	12.9°C	6.0°C
Warmth Index	134.9	101.6	60.0
Annual average precipitatic	1599 mm	3356 mm	749 mm
Forest type*	WTF	ITF	CTF

*WTF: warm temperate forest, ITF: intermediate temperate forest, CTF: cool temperate forest

and outerwood, respectively. We measured the green weight and volume of each block were measured before reweighting after drying the blocks in a 105 °C oven until constant weight. Green volume was determined by the water displacement method.

Green moisture content (GMC) was calculated using formula 1.

$$\text{GMC}(\%) = \frac{\text{Green weight}(\text{g}) - \text{Over dry weight}(\text{g})}{\text{Oven dry weight}(\text{g})} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

Basic density (BD) was calculated using formula 2.

$$\text{BD}(\text{kg}/\text{m}^3) = \frac{\text{Oven dry weight}(\text{kg})}{\text{Green volume}(\text{m}^3)} \quad (2)$$

3 . Results and discussion

Table 3 shows the green moisture content and basic density values of heartwood and sapwood for each sample tree.

3. 1. Green moisture content

Average green moisture content for heartwood in softwood species ranged from 28% in *Chamaecyparis obtusa* to 67% in *Abies firma*. The minimum and maximum values for individual trees were 28% in *Chamaecyparis obtuse* (tree nos. 3 & 4) and 95% in *Abies firma* (tree no. 2), respectively. Average green moisture content for sapwood ranged from 75% in *Tsuga sieboldii* to 160% in *Cryptomeria japonica*. The minimum and maximum values for individual tree were 28% in *Tsuga sieboldii* (tree no. 14) and 202% in *Cryptomeria japonica* (tree no. 8).

It is well known that the green moisture content of softwood species is generally high in sapwood and low in heartwood (e.g. Fushitani *et al.* 1989). However the heartwood of some species also has high moisture content, including *Cryptomeria japonica* and *Abies sachalinensis* (Kano 1987; Kawazumi *et al.* 1991; Nakada *et al.* 1999; Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute 2004; Nakada 2006). Our study found that the green moisture content of sapwood was higher than that of heartwood in all softwood trees. The heartwood of *Abies firma* (tree no.2) had a higher moisture content than all other softwood trees.

Our study also showed that the green moisture content of outer sapwood was higher than that of inner sapwood in all softwood trees. This result may be attributable to intermediate wood, because we did not separate intermediate wood from the sapwood and heartwood. Further investigations testing the separation of intermediate wood from sapwood and heartwood are required.

Only 25 tree samples from 12 hardwood species contained heartwood. Average green moisture content in heartwood ranged from 34% of *Euonymus alatus* f. *striatus* to 83% in *Quercus crispula*. The minimum and maximum values for individual tree were 30% in *Rhus javanica* var. *roxburghii* (tree no.57) and 90% in *Kalopanax pictus* (tree no.32). Average green moisture content of sapwood ranged from 45% in *Fraxinus sieboldiana* to 153% in *Actinidia polygama*. The minimum and maximum values for individual trees were 45% in *Fraxinus sieboldiana* (tree no.27) and 159% in *Actinidia polygama* (tree no.15).

The difference in green moisture content between the heartwood and sapwood was relatively small in hardwood species (2% to 46%) compared with softwood species (31% to 95%). This result agreed with previous reports (Kano

1987; Fushitani *et al.* 1989).

Yazawa *et al.* (1965) studied radial variation in green moisture content in the stem of nine hardwood species and reported three types of distribution pattern. In the first type, the moisture content was higher in the heartwood than sapwood. In the second type, the moisture content was higher in the sapwood than in heartwood. In the third type, only small differences in moisture contents were detected in the sapwood and heartwood. We found the following species belong to the first type: *Castanea crenata*, *Fraxinus mandshurica* var. *japonica*, *Kalopanax pictus*, *Maackia amurensis* subsp. *buengeri*, *Phellodendron amurense*, and *Quercus crispula*. *Rhus javanica* var. *roxburghii* and *Euonymus alatus* f. *striatus* were of the second type, whereas *Morus australis* belonged to the third type. The attribution of *Fraxinus mandshurica* var. *japonica* to type 1 agreed with the results of Yazawa *et al.* (1965), but our classification of *Morus australis* as type 3 was not agreement.

The outer sapwood had a higher green moisture content than the inner sapwood in the majority of the 173 hardwood trees tested. This finding may be attributed to the fact that the region involved in water transport does not include the entire sapwood in broad-leaved species (Umebayashi *et al.* 2007; 2010).

Our study was limited by the short sampling season (July to August) and limits on sampling, i.e., low sample number per species, small tree size, and restriction of tree sampling mainly to Kasuya Forest and Shiiba Forest. Further green moisture content data collection is required.

3. 2. Basic density

The basic density of whole stems showed large interspecies variations, especially in hardwood species. In softwood species, the mean basic density ranged from 378 kg/m³ in *Cryptomeria japonica* to 524 kg/m³ in *Tsuga sieboldii*. The minimum and maximum values for individual trees were 326 kg/m³ in *Cryptomeria japonica* (tree no. 8) and 536 kg/m³ in *Tsuga sieboldii* (tree no. 13). In contrast, the mean basic density of hardwood species ranged from 266 kg/m³ in *Paulownia tomentosa* to 725 kg/m³ in *Rhaphiolepis indica* var. *umbellata*. The minimum and maximum values for individual trees were 251 kg/m³ in

Zanthoxylum ailanthoides (tree no. 191) and 751 kg/m³ in *Rhaphiolepis indica* var. *umbellata* (tree no. 163).

Numerous reports indicate that basic density varies with radial variations from the pith to bark in the stem of woody species (Fushitani *et al.* 1989; Zobel & Sprague 1998). In all but one of softwood trees (tree no.1), basic density tended to decrease from corewood to outerwood. We observed three types of radial variation patterns in the basic density of hardwood species. In the first type, basic density was higher in corewood than outerwood (e.g., *Kalopanax pictus* and *Maackia amurensis* subsp. *buengeri*). In the second type, basic density was higher in outerwood than corewood (e.g., *Betula grossa* and *Litsea acuminata*). Only small differences in the basic density of corewood and outerwood were detected in the third type (e.g., *Magnolia obovata* and *Dendropanax trifidus*). Further basic density data are required to determine radial variation patterns for each species.

3. 3. Information on the age and size of heartwood formation

It is well known that heartwood formation begins after trees reach a certain age or size (Watanabe 1978). However, there is little information on the starting size and age of heartwood formation for woody species growing in Japan. We derived data on the age and size of heartwood formation from the presence or absence of heartwood (Table 3), tree age and DBH (Table 2). Heartwood was observed in the stems of three species of five softwood species (16 trees) and 12 of 90 hardwood species (26 trees). Among the softwood species, the smallest size and ring number (cambial age) for a stem containing heartwood was 6 cm and seven growth rings in *Chamaecyparis obtuse* (tree no. 3). Among the hardwood species, this was 4 cm in *Euonymus alatus* f. *striatus* (tree no. 104) and seven growth rings in *Rhus javanica* var. *roxburghii* (tree nos.55, 56 and 57). In contrast, the largest size and ring number for a hardwood species stem containing no heartwood was 9 cm in *Chamaecyparis obtuse* (trees no. 6) and 11 growth rings in *Pinus densiflora* (tree no.11), whereas among the hardwood species, this was 10 cm in *Ilex crenata* var. *fukasawana* (tree no.120) and 80 growth rings in *Fraxinus sieboldiana* (tree no.27).

Table 2 Description of sample trees.

Japanese common name (Scientific name)	Tree no.	Tree age (year)	DBH (cm)	Tree height (m)	Sampling date	Sampling site*	Japanese common name (Scientific name)	Tree no.	Tree age (year)	DBH (cm)	Tree height (m)	Sampling date	Sampling site*
Softwood													
Momi (<i>Abies firma</i>)	1	69	8.9	7.8	2004/7/16	S	Nogurumi (<i>Playacarya strobilata</i>)	43	4	3.0	3.8	2005/8/8	K
Hinoiki (<i>Chamaecyparis obtusa</i>)	2	26	9.0	5.9	2004/7/16	S		44	5	2.5	3.7	2005/8/8	K
	3	8	6.2	4.7	2005/8/30	S	Kumagi (<i>Quercus acutissima</i>)	45	20	6.8	7.6	2003/8/19	S
	4	7	5.7	4.1	2005/8/30	S		46	20	7.3	6.2	2003/8/19	S
	5	10	7.5	5.6	2005/8/26	K	Abemaki (<i>Quercus variabilis</i>)	47	18	6.8	7.5	2003/8/19	S
	6	10	8.6	6.0	2005/8/26	K		48	20	9.3	8.2	2003/8/19	S
Sugi (<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>)	7	5	2.8	3.3	2005/8/25	S		49	22	6.5	6.1	2005/8/10	K
	8	8	3.7	4.7	2005/8/25	S	Mizunara (<i>Quercus crispula</i>)	50	16	5.5	4.4	2005/8/10	K
	9	10	3.5	4.1	2005/8/26	K		51	27	7.0	9.2	2003/8/22	S
	10	10	8.1	5.9	2005/8/26	K		52	23	5.5	8.8	2003/8/22	S
Akamatsu (<i>Pinus densiflora</i>)	11	11	4.6	4.4	2004/8/24	S		53	44	9.8	11.1	2004/8/12	A
	12	9	4.8	4.2	2004/8/24	S		54	41	9.7	8.8	2004/8/12	A
Tsuga (<i>Tsuga sieboldii</i>)	13	76	7.5	7.3	2004/8/24	S	Nurude (<i>Rhus javanica</i> var. <i>rosburghii</i>)	55	7	6.4	5.1	2004/8/31	S
	14	76	8.2	10.0	2004/8/24	S		56	7	6.4	7.8	2004/8/31	S
	15	12	1.9	8.3	2004/7/16	S	Yamanushi (<i>Toxicodendron trichocarpum</i>)	57	7	4.4	6.7	2005/8/23	K
	16	9	2.0	10.9	2004/7/16	S		58	8	4.1	5.3	2005/8/23	K
	17	22	2.3	4.4	2003/8/10	S		59	33	4.7	4.7	2004/8/7	A
Urinoki (<i>Alangium platanifolium</i> var. <i>trilobum</i>)	18	25	4.4	7.3	2003/8/10	S		60	43	6.4	6.0	2004/8/7	A
Taranoki (<i>Aralia elata</i>)	19	4	3.5	2.8	2004/7/16	S	Kurozuru (<i>Tripteris yunnanensis</i>)	61	10	5.8	9.4	2004/8/31	S
	20	4	4.9	2.7	2004/7/16	S	Yamafuji (<i>Wisteria brachybotrys</i>)	62	11	6.4	7.9	2004/8/31	S
Kuri (<i>Castanea crenata</i>)	21	20	5.8	6.9	2005/8/22	K		63	19	2.5	9.2	2003/7/25	S
	22	18	5.7	4.1	2005/8/22	K	Inuzansho (<i>Zanthoxylum schinifolium</i>)	64	22	3.5	11.5	2003/7/25	S
Aodama (<i>Fraxinus lanuginosa</i> f. <i>serrata</i>)	23	23	5.7	5.8	2004/8/9	A		65	7	3.3	4.8	2004/7/7	S
Yachidamo (<i>Fraxinus mandshurica</i> var. <i>japonica</i>)	24	35	6.0	8.1	2004/8/9	A		66	10	2.5	4.5	2004/7/7	S
	25	22	6.4	7.8	2003/8/13	A		67	23	3.5	5.1	2006/7/28	K
	26	10	4.9	8.7	2003/8/13	A	Navashirogumi (<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i>)	68	36	5.5	6.8	2006/7/28	K
Marubaodamo (<i>Fraxinus sieboldiana</i>)	27	80	7.5	11.1	2003/8/31	S		69	10	4.7	5.2	2005/8/16	K
	28	34	4.7	10.2	2003/8/31	S		70	9	1.1	2.2	2005/8/16	K
Hatigiri (<i>Katapanax pictus</i>)	29	60	5.8	5.8	2003/8/25	S		71	26	6.0	5.5	2003/8/22	S
	30	15	4.7	4.9	2003/8/25	S		72	21	5.6	6.1	2003/8/22	S
	31	48	9.7	11.5	2004/8/12	A		73	31	4.5	5.3	2003/7/30	S
	32	69	8.3	10.3	2004/8/12	A		74	23	3.3	3.5	2003/7/30	S
Inuejyu (<i>Maackia amurensis</i> subsp. <i>buergeri</i>)	33	51	7.9	7.4	2004/8/12	A		75	29	7.2	5.9	2003/7/31	S
	34	52	9.8	8.7	2004/8/12	A		76	33	7.2	7.0	2003/7/31	S
Yamagawa (<i>Morus australis</i>)	35	48	5.4	7.5	2004/8/25	S		77	28	6.2	8.2	2004/8/11	A
	36	33	5.5	7.4	2004/8/25	S		78	32	6.8	9.4	2004/8/11	A
Kiri (<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>)	37	1	4.2	5.5	2005/8/17	K		79	21	7.6	6.6	2003/8/1	S
	38	3	5.1	5.0	2005/8/17	K		80	15	6.8	5.5	2003/8/1	S
Kihada (<i>Phellodendron amurense</i>)	39	21	9.4	8.3	2004/7/16	S		81	57	9.7	9.4	2003/7/22	S
	40	19	8.6	6.5	2004/7/16	S		82	54	9.0	6.8	2003/7/22	S
Kobamoki (<i>Phyllanthus flexuosus</i>)	41	9	3.9	2.3	2005/8/30	K		83	5	2.9	4.0	2005/8/28	K
	42	9	2.4	2.4	2005/8/30	K		84	8	6.8	5.0	2005/8/28	K

* S. Shiiba Research Forest, K. Kasuya Research Forest, A. Ashoro Research Forest

Table 2 (Continued)

Japanese common name (Scientific name)	Tree no.	Tree age (year)	DBH (cm)	Tree height (m)	Sampling date	Sampling site*
Diffuse-porous wood						
Mukunoki (<i>Aphananthe aspera</i>)	85	12	1.8	4.3	2005/7/19	K
Mizume (<i>Betula grossa</i>)	86	10	5.5	5.6	2005/7/19	K
Yabutsubaki (<i>Camellia japonica</i>)	87	23	8.6	9.5	2003/8/22	S
	88	20	6.8	8.0	2003/8/22	S
	89	61	7.8	6.0	2003/8/22	S
	90	33	5.0	5.8	2003/8/22	S
	91	15	2.6	3.4	2005/8/28	K
	92	18	2.3	3.3	2005/8/28	K
Akashide (<i>Carpinus laeiflora</i>)	93	11	4.9	6.6	2003/8/27	S
Inushide (<i>Carpinus tschonoskii</i>)	94	10	5.1	5.4	2003/8/27	S
Isunoki (<i>Distylium racemosum</i>)	96	10	5.0	4.6	2003/8/27	S
	97	14	3.9	6.2	2005/8/27	K
	98	14	3.3	5.5	2005/8/27	K
Yamagaki (<i>Diospyros kaki</i> var. <i>sihvestris</i>)	99	9	4.9	6.5	2005/8/18	K
	100	9	4.1	4.9	2005/8/18	K
Utsugi (<i>Denzitia crenata</i>)	101	7	2.5	4.2	2004/8/22	S
	102	9	2.9	4.3	2004/8/22	S
Komayumi (<i>Eriomyium alatum</i> f. <i>striatum</i>)	103	57	6.4	5.1	2004/7/16	S
	104	43	4.0	5.0	2004/7/16	S
Fusazakura (<i>Euphelia polyantha</i>)	105	11	4.0	7.3	2003/8/6	S
	106	17	4.1	7.4	2003/8/6	S
Hisakaki (<i>Eurya japonica</i>)	107	28	3.9	3.3	2005/8/11	K
	108	25	2.2	3.6	2005/8/11	K
Buna (<i>Fagus crenata</i>)	109	19	5.5	6.3	2003/8/19	S
	110	24	6.4	8.2	2003/8/19	S
Inubuna (<i>Fagus japonica</i>)	111	16	5.6	5.6	2003/8/5	S
	112	17	5.2	6.4	2003/8/5	S
Hosobainbwa (<i>Ficus erecta</i> f. <i>sieboldii</i>)	113	10	2.5	4.2	2006/7/20	K
	114	9	3.3	4.0	2006/7/20	K
Nanaminoki (<i>Ilex chinensis</i>)	115	15	3.2	6.0	2006/8/8	K
	116	15	3.4	4.9	2006/8/8	K
Inutsuge (<i>Ilex crenata</i>)	117	10	1.5	2.2	2005/8/13	K
	118	12	2.0	2.7	2005/8/13	K
Tsukushinutsuge (<i>Ilex crenata</i> var. <i>fhakasanana</i>)	119	43	6.6	6.2	2004/7/16	S
	120	51	9.9	6.8	2004/7/16	S
Soyogo (<i>Ilex pedunculosa</i>)	121	38	5.1	5.0	2003/8/22	S
	122	38	5.0	7.0	2003/8/22	S
Kuroganemochi (<i>Ilex rotunda</i>)	123	10	4.3	4.2	2005/7/22	K
	124	11	5.8	3.5	2005/7/22	K
Inuumemodoki (<i>Ilex serrata</i> f. <i>argutaoides</i>)	125	41	3.0	4.1	2004/8/27	S
	126	34	2.2	3.8	2004/8/27	S
Shikimi (<i>Ulicium anisatum</i>)	127	18	3.6	3.7	2003/8/22	S
	128	45	4.6	3.5	2003/8/22	S
Diffuse-porous wood						
Nezumimochi (<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i>)	129	26	3.0	3.3	2005/8/23	K
	130	29	2.5	3.2	2005/8/23	K
Kanakuginoki (<i>Lindera erythrocarpa</i>)	131	21	5.6	7.0	2003/8/4	S
	132	29	9.7	6.3	2003/8/4	S
Aburachan (<i>Lindera praecox</i>)	133	14	3.8	5.5	2003/8/1	S
	134	19	2.6	4.0	2003/8/1	S
Shitromoji (<i>Lindera triloba</i>)	135	27	6.0	6.9	2003/8/9	S
	136	15	2.9	5.2	2003/8/9	S
Baribarimochi (<i>Litsea acuminata</i>)	137	15	3.8	4.9	2005/7/19	K
	138	15	3.8	4.8	2005/7/19	K
Kagonoki (<i>Litsea coreana</i>)	139	9	2.8	3.2	2005/8/6	K
	140	9	3.1	4.1	2005/8/6	K
Tabunoki (<i>Machilus thunbergii</i>)	141	13	4.1	4.7	2006/8/3	K
	142	12	3.6	3.5	2006/8/3	K
Hoonoki (<i>Magnolia obovata</i>)	143	17	4.8	5.8	2003/8/28	S
	144	17	5.0	5.4	2003/8/28	S
Tamushiba (<i>Magnolia salicifolia</i>)	145	16	4.0	5.2	2003/8/6	S
	146	16	6.3	5.7	2003/8/6	S
Awabuki (<i>Meliosma myriantha</i>)	147	16	6.9	6.5	2003/8/4	S
	148	23	7.5	6.0	2003/8/4	S
Shirodamo (<i>Neolitsea sericea</i>)	149	28	7.5	6.2	2003/8/20	S
	150	29	8.5	5.9	2003/8/20	S
	151	8	2.6	3.2	2005/8/25	K
	152	7	3.9	3.3	2005/8/25	K
Asebi (<i>Pteris japonica</i>)	153	9	5.3	5.4	2003/8/5	S
	154	10	6.2	5.4	2003/8/5	S
Tobera (<i>Pittosporum tobira</i>)	155	8	3.2	4.2	2006/8/9	K
	156	15	5.6	6.0	2006/8/9	K
Yamanarashi (<i>Populus sieboldii</i>)	157	36	8.6	8.5	2004/8/12	A
	158	30	7.7	7.3	2004/8/12	A
Kamatsuka (<i>Pourthiaca villosa</i> var. <i>laevis</i>)	159	32	7.2	7.0	2003/8/6	S
	160	35	4.5	5.2	2003/8/6	S
Asagara (<i>Pterosyrax corymbosa</i>)	161	21	8.5	6.2	2003/7/25	S
	162	21	5.0	5.1	2003/7/25	S
Sharinbai (<i>Raphiolepis indica</i> var. <i>umbellata</i>)	163	22	3.1	4.9	2003/8/6	K
	164	30	5.2	6.3	2003/8/6	K
Nekoyanagi (<i>Salix gracilistyla</i>)	165	25	6.2	5.2	2004/8/23	S
	166	16	3.3	4.0	2004/8/23	S
Yamayanaagi (<i>Salix sieboldiana</i>)	167	22	6.0	5.6	2003/8/30	S
	168	23	3.9	4.1	2003/8/30	S
Shiraki (<i>Sapinum japonicum</i>)	169	17	4.2	6.2	2003/7/31	S
	170	9	3.7	3.9	2003/7/31	S
Nankinnamakado (<i>Sorbus gracilis</i>)	171	29	1.8	4.9	2003/8/22	S
	172	26	2.0	5.8	2003/8/22	S

Table 2 (Continued)

Japanese common name (Scientific name)	Tree no.	Tree age (year)	DBH (cm)	Tree height (m)	Sampling date	Sampling site*	Japanese common name (Scientific name)	Tree no.	Tree age (year)	DBH (cm)	Tree height (m)	Sampling date	Sampling site*
Diffuse-porous wood							Diffuse-porous wood						
Himeshara (<i>Stewartia monadelphica</i>)	173	21	6.4	6.1	2003/8/19	S	Karasuzanshou (<i>Zanthoxylum ailanthoides</i>)	191	10	6.8	4.1	2005/8/8	K
Egonoki (<i>Syrax japonica</i>)	174	28	5.8	5.8	2003/8/19	S	Fuyuzanshou (<i>Zanthoxylum armatum</i> var. <i>subrifoliatum</i>)	192	3	5.1	3.7	2005/8/8	K
Kohakuumboku (<i>Syrax shiratanu</i>)	175	22	5.5	5.5	2003/8/23	S		193	9	4.0	3.8	2006/8/5	K
	176	22	6.2	5.8	2003/8/23	S		194	13	3.0	4.6	2006/8/5	K
	177	7	2.9	3.8	2004/7/7	S	Radial-porous wood						
	178	9	3.7	5.8	2004/7/7	S	Sudajii (<i>Castanopsis sieboldii</i>)	195	22	5.0	4.6	2005/8/27	K
Kurominosavafutaegi (<i>Symplocos tanakana</i>)	179	21	3.7	5.7	2006/7/31	K		196	18	3.3	3.6	2005/8/27	K
	180	14	2.2	3.7	2006/7/31	K	Matebashi (<i>Lithocarpus edulis</i>)	197	16	4.0	5.5	2006/8/2	K
Kuroki (<i>Symplocos lucida</i>)	181	6	2.4	2.9	2005/8/13	K		198	16	3.3	5.0	2006/8/2	K
	182	7	2.7	2.8	2005/8/13	K	Arakashi (<i>Quercus glauca</i>)	199	13	6.2	7.6	2005/8/6	K
Kumanomizuki (<i>Swida macrophylla</i>)	183	11	3.7	4.4	2003/8/25	S		200	8	5.0	6.3	2005/8/6	K
	184	11	7.4	5.2	2003/8/25	S	Shirakashi (<i>Quercus myrsinaefolia</i>)	201	16	2.9	5.5	2006/8/9	K
Oobabodaijyu (<i>Tilia maximowicziana</i>)	185	34	6.5	7.4	2004/8/11	A		202	23	5.9	6.7	2006/8/9	K
	186	30	6.0	7.8	2004/8/11	A	Urajirogashi (<i>Quercus salicina</i>)	203	24	7.4	7.0	2004/7/16	S
Shashanbo (<i>Vaccinium bracteatum</i>)	187	18	3.2	4.1	2006/7/29	K		204	9	3.5	5.4	2004/7/16	S
	188	22	4.1	3.3	2006/7/29	K	Wood vesselless						
Keyabudemari (<i>Viburnum plicatum</i> var. <i>parvifolium</i>)	189	23	4.0	5.3	2004/7/16	S	Yamaguruma (<i>Trochodendron aralioides</i>)	205	85	6.8	5.8	2003/8/22	S
	190	27	3.9	5.3	2004/7/16	S		206	123	7.0	4.8	2003/8/22	S

Table 3 (Continued)

Japanese common name (Scientific name)	Tree no.	Green moisture content (%)						Basic density (kg/m ³)											
		Heartwood			Sapwood			Heartwood			Sapwood								
		Inner	Outer	All	Inner	Outer	All	Inner	Outer	All	Inner	Outer	All						
Diffuse-porous wood																			
Inubuna (<i>Fagus japonica</i>)	111	-	-	91	94	93	93	-	-	515	551	532	532	-	-	520	511	515	515
	112	-	-	89	93	91	91	-	-	513	559	538	538	-	-	491	509	501	501
AVG		-	-	90	94	92	92	-	-	514	555	535	535	-	-	506	510	508	508
Hosobaimbiwa (<i>Ficus creata</i> f. <i>sieboldii</i>)	113	-	-	132	116	123	123	-	-	479	536	508	508	-	-	378	467	426	426
	114	-	-	104	104	104	104	-	-	562	529	545	545	-	-	433	422	428	428
AVG		-	-	118	110	113	113	-	-	520	533	527	527	-	-	406	445	427	427
Nanaminoki (<i>Ilex chinensis</i>)	115	-	-	91	87	89	89	-	-	531	545	539	539	-	-	440	473	456	456
	116	-	-	87	94	91	91	-	-	578	551	562	562	-	-	469	432	449	449
AVG		-	-	89	91	90	90	-	-	555	548	551	551	-	-	455	452	452	452
Inutsuge (<i>Ilex crenata</i>)	117	-	-	63	85	74	74	-	-	593	532	562	562	-	-	482	519	500	500
	118	-	-	70	89	79	79	-	-	588	512	548	548	-	-	482	515	500	500
AVG		-	-	67	87	76	76	-	-	590	522	555	555	-	-	358	366	362	362
Tsukushinutsuge (<i>Ilex crenata</i> var. <i>fukusanana</i>)	119	-	-	66	75	71	71	-	-	655	608	629	629	-	-	357	352	354	354
	120	-	-	58	63	60	60	-	-	704	646	675	675	-	-	419	438	429	429
AVG		-	-	62	69	66	66	-	-	679	627	652	652	-	-	516	473	494	494
Soyogo (<i>Ilex pedunculosa</i>)	121	-	-	75	89	82	82	-	-	571	558	565	565	-	-	510	474	493	493
	122	-	-	53	72	62	62	-	-	673	614	645	645	-	-	513	473	493	493
AVG		-	-	64	80	72	72	-	-	622	586	605	605	-	-	541	500	522	522
Kuroganemochi (<i>Ilex rotunda</i>)	123	-	-	99	119	110	110	-	-	531	474	499	499	-	-	638	560	601	601
	124	-	-	94	105	100	100	-	-	544	512	528	528	-	-	589	530	561	561
AVG		-	-	97	112	105	105	-	-	538	493	513	513	-	-	374	392	386	386
Inuunemodoki (<i>Ilex serrata</i> f. <i>argentea</i>)	125	-	-	63	137	88	88	-	-	515	446	489	489	-	-	408	416	413	413
	126	-	-	85	98	91	91	-	-	438	545	488	488	-	-	391	404	399	399
AVG		-	-	74	117	89	89	-	-	476	496	489	489	-	-	707	670	691	691
Shikimi (<i>Ulmus anisatum</i>)	127	-	-	89	130	106	106	-	-	563	472	520	520	-	-	632	633	632	632
	128	-	-	80	109	94	94	-	-	616	532	574	574	-	-	669	651	662	662
AVG		-	-	85	119	100	100	-	-	589	502	547	547	-	-	411	436	424	424
Nezumimochi (<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i>)	129	-	-	61	63	62	62	-	-	671	646	659	659	-	-	437	434	436	436
	130	-	-	61	60	60	60	-	-	662	647	654	654	-	-	424	435	430	430
AVG		-	-	61	62	61	61	-	-	667	646	657	657	-	-	783	727	751	751
Kanaginoki (<i>Lindera erythrocarpa</i>)	131	-	-	65	88	77	77	-	-	438	448	443	443	-	-	717	681	700	700
	132	65	66	76	111	93	81	432	468	451	508	461	483	467	-	750	704	725	725
AVG		65	66	70	99	85	85	432	468	451	473	454	463	455	-	512	522	489	425
Aburachan (<i>Lindera praecox</i>)	133	-	-	75	76	75	75	-	-	520	526	523	523	-	-	511	505	508	508
	134	-	-	56	81	69	69	-	-	488	522	506	506	-	-	500	465	481	490
AVG		-	-	66	78	72	72	-	-	504	524	514	514	-	-	520	472	493	493
Shirohoji (<i>Lindera triloba</i>)	135	-	-	72	92	81	81	-	-	525	519	522	522	-	-	428	486	459	459
	136	-	-	69	77	73	73	-	-	500	517	509	509	-	-	474	479	476	476
AVG		-	-	70	84	77	77	-	-	512	518	516	516	-	-	562	563	563	563
Baribermochi (<i>Litsea acuminata</i>)	137	-	-	71	74	73	73	-	-	397	459	427	427	-	-	386	595	479	479
	138	-	-	87	71	78	78	-	-	359	440	400	400	-	-	474	579	521	521
AVG		-	-	79	73	76	76	-	-	378	450	414	414	-	-	675	686	680	680
Kagonoki (<i>Litsea coreana</i>)	139	-	-	82	97	90	90	-	-	386	404	395	395	-	-	676	659	667	667
	140	-	-	78	99	89	89	-	-	424	443	434	434	-	-	676	672	673	673
AVG		-	-	80	98	89	89	-	-	405	424	415	415	-	-	591	591	601	601
Tabunoki (<i>Machilus thunbergii</i>)	141	-	-	62	92	78	78	-	-	491	459	474	474	-	-	691	646	620	620
	142	-	-	69	86	79	79	-	-	451	454	453	453	-	-	601	618	610	610
AVG		-	-	66	89	78	78	-	-	471	456	463	463	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 3 (Continued)

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		Heartwood			Sapwood			Heartwood			Sapwood				
		Inner	Outer	All	Inner	Outer	All	Inner	Outer	All	Inner	Outer	All		
Diffuse-porous wood															
Egonoki (<i>Syrax japonica</i>)	175	-	-	-	86	104	95	95	-	-	-	479	463	471	471
	176	-	-	-	98	98	98	98	-	-	-	463	485	472	472
AVG		-	-	-	92	101	96	96	-	-	-	471	474	472	472
Kohakumboku (<i>Syrax shiratsana</i>)	177	-	-	-	75	95	85	85	-	-	-	533	492	513	513
	178	-	-	-	92	100	97	97	-	-	-	484	487	486	486
AVG		-	-	-	84	97	91	91	-	-	-	509	489	499	499
Koyabudemari (<i>Viburnum plicatum</i> var. <i>parvifolium</i>)	179	-	-	-	69	72	71	71	-	-	-	686	660	672	672
	180	-	-	-	65	73	69	69	-	-	-	671	635	653	653
AVG		-	-	-	67	72	70	70	-	-	-	678	647	663	663
Kurominosawafutagi (<i>Symplocos tanakana</i>)	181	-	-	-	85	92	89	89	-	-	-	613	547	578	578
	182	-	-	-	89	87	88	88	-	-	-	618	557	588	588
AVG		-	-	-	87	90	88	88	-	-	-	615	552	583	583
Kuroki (<i>Symplocos lucida</i>)	183	-	-	-	104	127	116	116	-	-	-	523	467	492	492
	184	-	-	-	90	132	109	109	-	-	-	556	442	498	498
AVG		-	-	-	97	129	112	112	-	-	-	540	454	495	495
Kumaonizaki (<i>Swida macrophylla</i>)	185	-	-	-	106	134	118	118	-	-	-	523	480	504	504
	186	-	-	-	83	114	96	96	-	-	-	573	523	551	551
AVG		-	-	-	94	124	107	107	-	-	-	548	502	527	527
Ochobodaijyu (<i>Tilia maximowicziana</i>)	187	-	-	-	117	122	120	120	-	-	-	296	325	310	310
	188	-	-	-	115	112	113	113	-	-	-	295	362	331	331
AVG		-	-	-	116	117	116	116	-	-	-	295	344	321	321
Shashanbo (<i>Vaccinium bracteatum</i>)	189	-	-	-	106	107	106	106	-	-	-	540	525	532	532
	190	-	-	-	98	103	101	101	-	-	-	552	534	542	542
AVG		-	-	-	102	105	104	104	-	-	-	546	530	537	537
Karasanzshou (<i>Zanthoxylum ailanthoides</i>)	191	-	-	-	85	186	132	132	-	-	-	239	265	251	251
	192	-	-	-	94	154	127	127	-	-	-	289	286	287	287
AVG		-	-	-	89	170	130	130	-	-	-	264	275	269	269
Diffuse-porous wood															
Fuyuzanshou (<i>Zanthoxylum armatum</i> var. <i>subrifoliatum</i>)	193	-	-	-	69	76	73	73	-	-	-	69	76	73	73
	194	-	-	-	59	87	72	72	-	-	-	59	87	72	72
AVG		-	-	-	64	82	72	72	-	-	-	64	82	72	72
Radial-porous wood															
Sudajiri (<i>Castanopsis sieboldii</i>)	195	-	-	-	83	96	89	89	-	-	-	83	96	89	89
	196	-	-	-	82	79	81	81	-	-	-	82	79	81	81
AVG		-	-	-	83	87	85	85	-	-	-	83	87	85	85
Matebashi (<i>Lithocarpus edulis</i>)	197	-	-	-	82	75	78	78	-	-	-	82	75	78	78
	198	-	-	-	77	80	79	79	-	-	-	77	80	79	79
AVG		-	-	-	80	78	78	78	-	-	-	80	78	78	78
Radial-porous wood															
Arakashi (<i>Quercus glauca</i>)	199	-	-	-	67	60	63	63	-	-	-	67	60	63	63
	200	-	-	-	70	68	69	69	-	-	-	70	68	69	69
AVG		-	-	-	68	64	66	66	-	-	-	68	64	66	66
Shirakashi (<i>Quercus myrsinaefolia</i>)	201	-	-	-	62	73	67	67	-	-	-	62	73	67	67
	202	-	-	-	68	74	71	71	-	-	-	68	74	71	71
AVG		-	-	-	65	74	69	69	-	-	-	65	74	69	69
Urajragashi (<i>Quercus salicina</i>)	203	-	-	-	75	77	76	76	-	-	-	75	77	76	76
	204	-	-	-	67	68	67	67	-	-	-	67	68	67	67
AVG		-	-	-	71	73	72	72	-	-	-	71	73	72	72
Wood vesselless															
Yanaguruma (<i>Trochodendron aralioides</i>)	205	-	-	-	86	93	89	89	-	-	-	86	93	89	89
	206	-	-	-	86	85	85	85	-	-	-	86	85	85	85
AVG		-	-	-	86	89	87	87	-	-	-	86	89	87	87

Conclusion

This paper presents green moisture content and basic density data for 95 woody species, including three woody lianas, collected from Kyushu University Forests, which ranges from a warm temperate forest zone to a cool temperate forest zone, during July and August from 2003 to 2006. Many data are previously unreported, which means this dataset contains scientifically important information.

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