

Mpingo's Fruit

**Harvesting the music tree:
the people, the places, the process**



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Woodwind instruments are made from Mpingo Wood, also known as African Blackwood and grenadilla. Oboes, clarinets, bagpipes, flutes, piccolos, and fingerboards on stringed instruments including guitars, are made of Mpingo. So are the highly prized sculptures made by the Makonde people. Mpingo grows in Tanzania and Mozambique, and worldwide, individuals and organizations work to conserve and preserve it. Brenda Schuman-Post presents an historical and up to the minute report with slides and video for anyone interested in music, art, African, environmental and social studies. Her hands on display includes wood, seeds, sculptures, art objects, musical instruments and more.