



**HANDLING SEED OF *ALBIZIA SCHIMPERIANA*
(LONG POD ALBIZIA)**

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Temporary storage

Seeds can be stored for several years at room temperature without significant loss of viability, if they are maintained in the sealed polythene bag. However, it is recommended to sow the seeds within one year of receipt.

Treatment before sowing

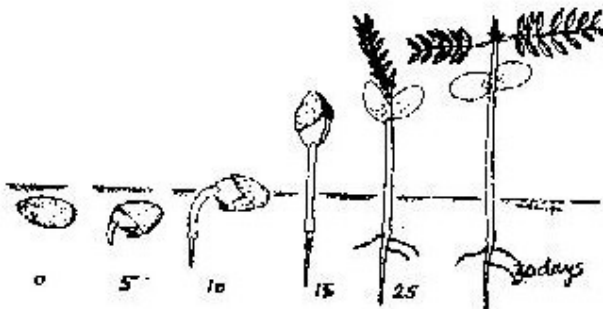
Pour boiling water over the seed (volume of seed to water should be 1:5), stir to facilitate soaking until the water cools. Seeds not swollen should be separated and treated again. Treated seeds should be sown immediately.

Alternatively, seeds can be nipped at the end opposite the scar by nail cutter.

Germination

At the 5th days after sowing the root comes out (see drawing). The germination reaches 40% after 15 days and 75% after 25 days.

One kg contains 10,000 seeds and may produce 7,000 seedlings under ideal conditions. But in many cases only 3,500 seedlings per kg will be obtained. Transplanting into pots can take place when the seedling has appearance shown at day 15 in the drawing.



Stages in the Germination of *Albizia schimperiana* seed

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