

TANZANIA TREE SEED AGENCY



HANDLING SEED OF *ANTIARIS TOXICARIA*

(FALSE MVULE)

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Temporary storage

Seeds should be stored moist at room temperature (1 - 5 litres) cotton bags. They cannot tolerate desiccation and freezing temperatures. Seeds should be sown within six weeks after collection.

Treatment before sowing

Seeds do not require any pre-treatment, but aril must be removed before sowing.

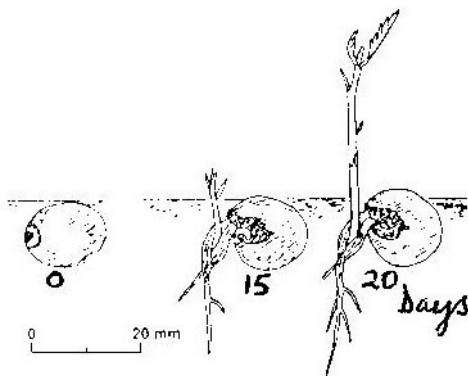
Sowing

Seeds should be sown directly into polythene pots or any other container. One seed should be laid at the centre of the pot and covered with the potting soil or sand to a depth of about 1 cm

Germination

Germination is slow and sporadic about 80% germination can be expected over a period of 3 to 6 months from sowing.

One kg of seeds contains 100 seeds and may produce 80 seedlings under ideal conditions. However, in many cases only 30 seedlings per kg will be obtained.



Germination stages in seed of *Antiaris toxicaria*

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