

TANZANIA TREE SEED AGENCY



HANDLING SEED OF *BALANITES AEGYPTIACA* (DESERT DATE)

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Temporary storage

Seeds can be stored at room temperature for one year without significant loss of viability.

Treatment before sowing

Seeds should be soaked in cold water for 24 hours before sowing. Water should be changed after 12 hours.

Treatment is not necessary.

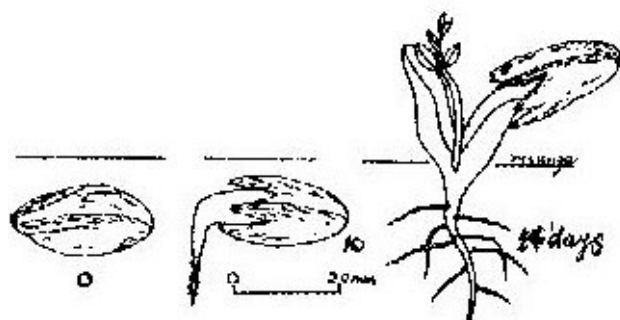
Sowing

Seed should be sown directly into polythene pots. One seed should be placed at the centre of filled pot and covered with the potting soil or sand to a depth of about 1 cm.

Germination

Germination reaches 5% after 10 days and 55% after 25 days from sowing day.

One kg contains 800 seeds and may produce 400 seedlings.



Germination stages in seeds of *Balanites aegyptiaca*

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