



**HANDLING SEED OF *CASUARINA EQUISETIFOLIA*  
(HORSETAIL TREE)**

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**Temporary storage**

Seeds should be kept in cool and dry place. Where such conditions are not available, seeds can be kept at ordinary air temperature but out of direct sunshine. Seeds should be sown within one year after collection.

**Treatment before sowing**

The seeds do not need any pre-treatment.

**Sowing**

About 40 g of seeds should be spread on 1 m<sup>2</sup> of seedbed. This will give a space of about 0.5 cm between viable seeds. Seeds should be covered with a thin (1 mm thick) layer of fine sand.

**Germination**

One kg contains 700,000 seeds and may produce 500,000 seedlings i.e. 500 seedlings per gram. Transplanting into pots should take place after 7 - 14 days from sowing.

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