



**HANDLING SEED OF *CORDIA AFRICANA*  
(LARGE LEAVED CORDIA)**

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**Temporary storage**

Properly dried nuts can be stored for two years at room temperature without significant loss of viability. However, it is recommended to sow the seeds within one year of receipt.

**Treatment before sowing**

The nuts should be soaked in cold water for three days. The water should be changed after 12 hours.

**Sowing**

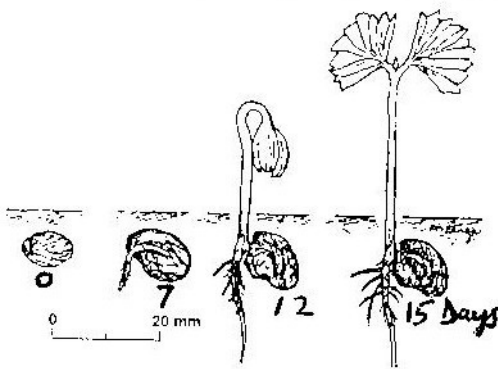
A space about 1 cm should be left between the seeds. this will give a sowing density of 10,000 seeds per m<sup>2</sup> of seed bed corresponding to approx 1 kg per m<sup>2</sup> of seed bed. Seed should be covered with 0.5 cm of sand.

**Germination**

Germination is good but sporadic, reaching 30% after 2 weeks and 70% after 5 weeks from sowing.

One kg of seeds contains 5,000 nuts and may produce 3,500 seedlings under ideal conditions. But in many cases only 3,000 seedlings per kg will be obtained.

Transplanting into pots can take place before the seedling has appearance shown in day 15 in the drawing.



Stages in the Germination of *Cordia africana* seed

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