

TANZANIA TREE SEED AGENCY



HANDLING SEED OF *TERMINALIA MANTALY* (GARDEN TERMINALIA)

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Temporary storage

Seeds can be stored in sealed plastic or metal container and stored at room temperature for one year without significant loss of viability. However, it is recommended to sow the seeds immediately upon receipt.

Treatment before sowing

Seeds should be soaked in cold water for 24 hours, and water changed every 12 hours.

Sowing

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

Germination

The germination starts after 1 week. Fresh seeds germination is up to 80% 6 weeks after sowing.

One kg contains 2,500 seeds and may produce 2,000 seedlings under ideal conditions. In many cases, only 1,000 seedlings per kg of seed will be obtained.

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