



**HANDLING SEED OF *CROTON MEGALOCARPUS*
(CROTON)**

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Temporary storage

Seeds can be stored for one year at room temperature without significant loss of viability, if they are maintained in the sealed polyethylene bag. However, it is recommended to sow the seeds as soon as possible upon receipt.

Treatment before sowing

Seeds do not require any treatment.

Sowing

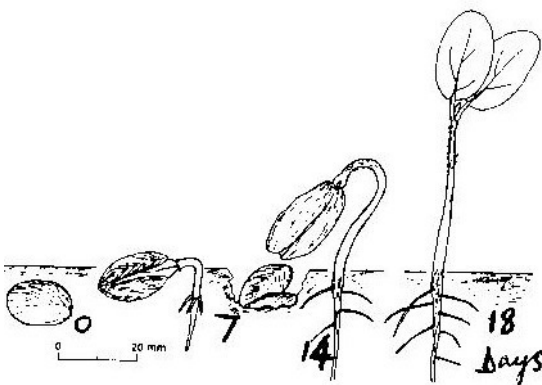
A space about 1.5 should be left between the seeds. This will give a sowing density of 4,500 seeds per m² of seedbed. This is approximately 4.5 kg of seed per m² of seed bed. Seeds should be covered with sand to a depth of 1 cm.

Germination

Germination is good and uniform. It attains 30% after 15 days and 75% after 30 days from sowing.

One kg contains 1,000 seeds and may produce 700 seedlings under ideal conditions. In many cases, 1 kg of seed produces about 500 seedlings.

Transplanting into pots when the seedlings has appearance showing at day 18 in the drawing.



Germination stages in seeds of *Croton megalocarpus*

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