

# TANZANIA TREE SEED AGENCY



## HANDLING SEED OF *EUCALYPTUS FICIFOLIA*

### (FLOWERING GUM)

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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 weeks after collection.

#### **Treatment before sowing**

The seed does need any pre-treatment.

#### **Sowing**

About 2 kg of seeds should be spread 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 40,000 (un cleaned) seeds and may produce 20,000 seedlings i.e. 20 seedlings per gram. Transplanting into pots should take place after 14 - 21 days from sowing.

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