

TANZANIA TREE SEED AGENCY



HANDLING SEED OF *EUCALYPTUS ROBUSTA*

(SWAMP MAHOGANY)

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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 seed does need any pre-treatment.

Sowing

About 80 g of seeds should be spread 1 m² 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 650,000 (un cleaned) 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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