

TANZANIA TREE SEED AGENCY



HANDLING SEED OF *HAKEA SALIGNA* (WILLOW LEAF HAKEA)

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Temporary storage

Seeds can be stored for one year at room temperature without significant loss of viability. They should be kept dry and packed in airtight containers.

Treatment before sowing

Seeds do not require any treatment.

Sowing

A space about 1 cm should be left between the seeds. This will give a sowing density of 10,000 seeds per m² of seedbed, approximately 150 g of seed per m² of seedbed. Seeds should be covered with sand to a depth of 0.5 cm.

Germination

Germination is fair and reaches 15% after 7 days and 90% after 14 days. One kg contains 67,000 seeds and may produce 50,000 seedlings under ideal conditions, but in many cases, only 40,000 seedlings per kg will be obtained. Transplanting into pots when the seedlings has attained 0.5 cm.

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