



**HANDLING SEED OF *MORINGA OLEIFERA*
(DRUM STICK)**

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Temporary storage

Seeds can be stored up to six months at room temperature without significant loss of viability if kept dry and free from insect. However, it is recommended to sow seed as soon as possible after collection.

Treatment before sowing

Seeds do not require any pre-treatment.

Sowing

A space of about 1 cm should be left between the seeds. This will give a sowing density of 10,000 seeds per m² of seedbed corresponding to approx. 3.5 kg of seed per m² of seedbed. Seeds should be covered with 0.5 cm of sand.

Germination

Germination of fresh seed is very good. It reaches 80% after 6 days and 98% after 10 days from sowing.

One kg contains 3,500 seeds and may produce 3,380 seedlings under ideal conditions. However, in many cases only 3,000 seedlings per kg of seed will be obtained.

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