

TANZANIA TREE SEED AGENCY



HANDLING SEED OF *TERMINALIA CATAPA* (INDIAN ALMOND)

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Temporary storage

Seeds can be stored for three years 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 within one year of receipt.

Treatment before sowing

Seed does not need any pre-treatment.

Sowing

Seeds should be sown directly into polyethylene pots. one seed should be placed at the centre of the pot and covered with the potting soil or sand to a depth of about 1 cm.

Germination

Germination is fair. It reaches 30% after 20 days and 80% after 40 days from sowing.

One kg contains 213 seeds and may produce 180 seedlings under ideal conditions. However, in many cases only 150 seedlings per kg will be obtained.

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