



**HANDLING SEED OF *UAPACA KIRKIANA*
(WILD LOQUAT)**

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Temporary storage

The seeds should be stored moist at room temperature in small (1 - 5 litres) cotton bags possibly including moist sawdust. They cannot tolerate desiccation and freezing temperatures. Seeds should be sown within 4 weeks after collection.

Treatment before sowing

Treatment is not necessary.

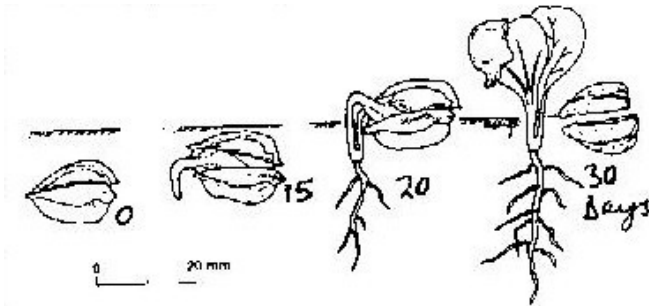
Sowing

Seed should preferably be sown directly into polyethylene pots. One or two seeds (depending on viability) should be placed at the centre of the pot and covered with potting soil or sand to a depth of about 1 cm.

Germination

Germination reaches 40% after 30 days and 70% after 40 days from sowing day.

One kg contains 2,500 seeds and may produce 1,700 seedlings. Nevertheless, in many cases it produces less than this depending on viability.



Stages in the Germination of *Uapaca kirkiana*

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