

Scientific name: *Baphia nitida* Lodd.

Family: Leguminosae.

Distribution/conservation status: common and widespread in rainforest, secondary forest and abandoned farmland, especially in coastal regions.

Assessed by the IUCN Red List as being of Least Concern (LC).

Common names: Camwood, African sandalwood (English), Aboshi, Ufie (Igbo), Irosun, Urosun (Yoruba), Otua, Ositua (Edo)

Fruits/seeds: almost spiral, compressed pod, pointed at each end and containing 1-4 brown disc-shaped seeds.

Fruiting time: November – January.

Seed collection: ripe pods split open to release seeds which are easily collected from under the parent tree.

Type of seed: recalcitrant.

Sowing method: sow seeds flat at a depth of 2 cm.

Sowing medium: forest soil.

Germination period: 14 days.

Germination percentage: 90%.

Growth/development: seedlings require partial shade and can be planted out after 6 weeks. Young trees fruit for the first time after 2 years.

Notes: collect fallen seeds during the dry season as they start to germinate at the onset of rain.