

Scientific name: *Caloncoba gilgiana* (Sprague) Gilg.

Family: Achariaceae.

Distribution/conservation status: a small thorny Upper Guinea tree, extending to southern Nigeria along watercourses and in coastal areas. Not assessed by the IUCN Red List.

Common names: Iroko ojo (Yoruba)

Fruits/seeds: smooth yellow globose, containing numerous seeds in a gelatinous pulp.

Fruiting time: August.

Seed collection: collect fruit from tree once ripe and tear off leathery skin to remove seeds which are held together by the sticky pulp.

Type of seed: recalcitrant.

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

Sowing medium: forest soil.

Germination period: 14 days.

Germination percentage: 70%

Growth/development: seedlings develop quickly; they require partial shade and can be planted out 6 weeks after germination. Young trees begin to flower and fruit after 1 year.

Notes: appears to do well in cultivation as an ornamental in moist/wet conditions, including coastal savanna.