

**Scientific name:** *Cola millenii* K.Schum.

**Family:** Malvaceae.

**Distribution/conservation status:** occurs mainly in western Nigeria in semi-deciduous lowland rainforest and secondary forest. Not assessed by the IUCN Red List.

**Common names:** Monkey cola (English), Obi edun, Atewo-edun (Yoruba), Ewoha-bitan (Edo)

**Fruits/seeds:** clusters of 6-11 orange-red, obovoid carpels, each containing 8 – 10 seeds.

**Fruiting time:** March – April.

**Seed collection:** collect ripe fruits from or under the tree it. Cut each fruit open to extract the seeds, taking care not to damage them.

**Type of seed:** recalcitrant.

**Sowing method:** sow in nursery pots at a depth 3cm.

**Sowing medium:** forest soil.

**Germination period:** 14 – 21 days.

**Germination percentage:** 65%.

**Growth/development:** seedlings require partial shade and grow vigorously; they can be planted out 8 weeks after germination. Trees begin to fruit when c. 8 years old.