

**Scientific name:** *Dactyladenia barteri* (Hook.f. ex Oliv.) Prance & F. White

**Synonym:** *Acioa barteri* (Hook.f. ex Oliv.) Engl.

**Family:** Chrysobalanaceae.

**Distribution/conservation status:** occurs in lowland forest and along river banks in transition zone between rainforest and savanna. Not assessed by the IUCN Red List.

**Common names:** Monkey fruit (English).

**Fruits/seeds:** compressed ovoid, thinly fleshy, sweet-smelling and green when ripe, with tiny blisters around the apex and a covering of dense short woolly hairs. It contains a single large, light brown seed.

**Fruiting time:** February – May.

**Seed collection:** ripe fruits fall from the tree and can be collected from the ground. Peel off the fleshy layer to remove the seed.

**Type of seed:** recalcitrant.

**Sowing method:** sow singly in a pot or nursery bag at a depth of 3 – 6cm.

**Sowing medium:** forest soil.

**Germination period:** 16 days.

**Germination percentage:** 70%.

**Growth/development:** growth is quite fast and seedlings can be planted out within 1 – 2 months after germination. Young trees have a bushy habit and start flowering after about 3 years.

**Note:** collect fruits promptly as they decay quickly after falling. Developing fruits may need protection from rodents and bats. Seedlings grown in nursery pots/bags have a higher rate of survival than those planted directly in the field.