

**Scientific name:** *Khaya grandifoliola* C.DC.

**Family:** Meliaceae

**Distribution/conservation status:** widely distributed in semi-deciduous forest and along watercourses in savanna areas. Vulnerable (VU) due to habitat loss and degradation, and over-harvesting for timber.

**Common names:** Benin mahogany, Broad-leaved mahogany (English), Odala (Igbo), Oganwo (Yoruba), Opken, Ogvangho (Edo).

**Fruits/seeds:** an almost spherical woody capsule with four segments containing numerous flattened, almost rectangular seeds, each with a narrow papery wing.

**Fruiting time:** January – June.

**Seed collection:** pods usually open as they fall. Unopened pods should be kept dry and allowed to open naturally.

**Type of seed:** recalcitrant.

**Sowing method:** sow promptly, leaving seeds partially uncovered.

**Sowing medium:** forest soil.

**Germination period:** 14 days.

**Germination percentage:** 75-80%.

**Growth/development:** seedlings do best in a light sunny position. Growth is quite fast and planting out is done when seedlings reach 0.5 -1m in height.

**Notes:** Seeds are prone to insect attack while pods are still on the tree. Check each seed and discard any with tiny holes.