

Scientific name: *Millettia aboensis* (Hook.f.) Baker.

Family: Leguminosae.

Distribution/conservation status: occurs in rainforest in southeastern Nigeria. Not assessed by the IUCN Red List.

Common names: Ndu ezi (Igbo), Òdúdū (Efik), Erurumesi (Edo).

Fruits/seeds: conspicuous rust-coloured velvety pods, containing 2 – 4 brown, disc-shaped seeds.

Fruiting time: November – March.

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

Type of seed: recalcitrant.

Sowing method: sow flat at a depth of 2cm in trays or pots.

Sowing medium: forest soil.

Germination period: 10 – 14%.

Germination percentage: 60%.

Growth/development: seedlings require partial shade and are usually large enough to be planted out 4 weeks after germination.

Notes: seedlings are sensitive to dry conditions and should be watered daily.