

Scientific name: *Terminalia ivorensis* A.Chev.

Family: Combretaceae.

Distribution/conservation status: widespread in semi-deciduous and evergreen forests, especially in moist to wet conditions in gaps or secondary forest. Vulnerable (VU) due to occurrence in low densities and poor regeneration.

Common names: Black Afara, Satinwood (English), Awunshin (Igbo), Afara dudu (Yoruba), Baushe (Hausa), Egoyne nebi, Ebi (Edo).

Fruits/seeds: brown winged nut containing one seed.

Fruiting time: July – October.

Seed collection: fruits are dispersed by wind but easily collected from under and around the parent tree. Check carefully for insect damage and discard any with holes.

Type of seed: recalcitrant.

Sowing method: remove wings and sow seeds flat at a depth of 2cm. Soaking seeds in water speeds germination.

Sowing medium: equal parts forest soil and cured sawdust.

Germination period: 27 days.

Germination percentage: 45%.

Growth/development: slow after germination but accelerating as seedlings develop leaves. They need partial shade and can be planted out after 4 months. Trees start flowering after c. 5 years.

Notes: Weevils (*Nanophyes* spp. and *Auletobius* spp.) cause severe damage to fruits. Larvae of moths *Epicerura* spp. may cause defoliation, resulting in significant die-back.