

Anonidium mannii

Scientific name: *Anonidium mannii* (Oliv.) Engl. & Diels

Family: Annonaceae.

Distribution and conservation status: It prefers lowland evergreen rainforests, often along rivers and in moist, fertile soils. Least Concern due to wide distribution but locally uncommon.

Common names: Junglesop (English), Ewuro-igbo (Yoruba), Imido (Igbo), Ogedegbo (Edo).

Fruit/seeds: One of the largest edible fruits in Africa, weighing 4–15 kg, sometimes up to 20 kg, fleshy, ovoid to spherical.

Fruiting time: May-September.

Seed extraction method: Are extracted by hand from ripe fruits.

Types of seed: Recalcitrant with hypogeal germination.

Sowing method: Sow directly in nursery beds or poly pots, seeds should be planted 2–3 cm deep.

Sowing medium: Mix forest topsoil and river sand.

Germination Period: 31-45 days.

Germination percentage: 60% for fresh seeds $(60/100 \times 100)$

Planting: Partial shade during early stages.

Growth and development: A large evergreen tree, up to 25-35 m tall, with a massive crown.

Notes: The tree contributes to forest biodiversity and food security. Its conservation is important due to increasing pressure on wild populations.