

Nesogordonia papaverifera

Scientific name: *Nesogordonia papaverifera* A. Chev.

Family: Malvaceae.

Distribution and conservation status: Found in semi-deciduous forests. Vulnerable due to habitat loss, forest degradation, and timber exploitation.

Common names: Danta (English), gbogbo/ Otutu (Yoruba), Ewuru (Igbo)

Fruit/seeds: A small woody, ovoid capsule (2–3 cm), which splits open when mature, 1–5 per capsule, small, dark brown to black.

Fruiting time: December- March.

Seed extraction method: Dry capsules. Remove seeds by hand or by gentle rubbing/sieving.

Types of seed: Recalcitrant with epigeal germination.

Sowing method: Direct sowing.

Sowing medium: Mix forest topsoil and river sand.

Germination Period: 14-28 days

Germination percentage: 70% for fresh seeds ($70/100 \times 100$)

Planting: Partial shade at early stage.

Growth and development: Large deciduous tree, up to 35-45 m tall, bole often straight and cylindrical, branchless for 20–25 m, moderately fast-growing under good conditions.

Notes: Conservation through nursery propagation and plantation establishment is strongly recommended.