

Scientific name: *Afzelia bipindensis* Harms

Family: Leguminosae - Caesalpinioideae

Distribution/conservation status: scattered in evergreen and semi-deciduous forest. **VU** declining due to intensive exploitation for timber, firewood and charcoal. Regeneration is poor in areas where few large trees remain.

Common names: yellow afzelia (English), Aja (Igbo), Anyan (Yoruba), Odo niyan (Edo).

Fruits/seeds: dark brown kidney shaped flattened pod containing about 15 black ovoid to ellipsoid seeds with a 2-lobed orange to red aril covering most of the seed.

Fruiting time: November – February, September.

Seed collection/extraction: pods fall when open and seeds are easily collected below the tree.

Type of seed: recalcitrant.

Sowing method: sow directly at least 1 cm deep with aril facing upwards.

Sowing medium: forest soil.

Germination period: 14 days.

Germination percentage: 65 - 70%.

Vegetative propagation:

Growth/development: young trees need weeding regularly to minimise competition with faster-growing trees and climbers.