

Scientific name: *Buchholzia coriacea* Engl.

Family: Capparaceae.

Distribution/conservation status: an understory tree occurring in evergreen forest, often near watercourses. Not assessed by the IUCN red List.

Common names: Elephant kola (English), Obo (Yoruba), Owi (Edo).

Fruits/seeds: orange-yellow, smooth, and irregularly ovoid, containing 1 – 4 black, globose, slightly flattened seeds.

Fruiting time: July – August.

Seed collection: ripe fruits open slightly and fall off tree; collect from under parent tree and prise open to remove seeds.

Type of seed: recalcitrant.

Sowing method: sow at a depth of 2 – 3 cm.

Sowing medium: cured sawdust.

Germination period: 30 days.

Germination percentage: 75%.

Growth/development: seedlings require shade; they grow quite quickly and can be planted out after 4 weeks.

Notes: fruits are normally dispersed by forest elephants. In forests where there are no longer elephants, nursery propagation is essential to ensure survival of this species.