

Scientific name: *Carapa procera* DC.

Family: Meliaceae.

Distribution/conservation status: occurs in lowland rainforest, often near lakes and streams. Not assessed by the IUCN Red List.

Common names: Crabwood, Monkey kola (English), Abo-oganwo (Yoruba), Mpaoku (Igbo), Ebe-Egogo (Edo).

Fruits/seeds: brown, globose to elliptic pod, shortly beaked and with knobby ridges, splitting when ripe into 5 segments to release 15-20 large, hard, rusty-brown, angular seeds.

Fruiting time: January – June.

Seed collection: collect fallen pods under the parent tree, prising open pods to extract seeds.

Type of seed: recalcitrant.

Sowing method: sow in nursery pots at a depth of 3cm.

Sowing medium: forest soil.

Germination period: 14 days.

Germination percentage: 80%.

Growth/development: seedlings require full sun and can be planted out after 6 weeks.

Notes: observe fruit ripening and collect pods promptly or they may be damaged by insects and animals.