

**Scientific name:** *Irvingia tenuinucleata* Tiegh.

**Synonym:** *Irvingia wombolu* Vermoesen.

**Family:** Irvingiaceae.

**Distribution/conservation status:** occurs in various types of forest but generally uncommon. Not assessed by the IUCN Red List.

**Common names:** Bitter bush mango, dry season bush mango (English), Ogbono (Igbo), Oro, Oyin (Yoruba), Ogwe, Ohere (Edo)

**Fruits/seeds:** ellipsoid, slightly flattened, green, turning yellow when ripe with yellow juicy but extremely bitter flesh and a single large, hard seed covered in fibres which become flat and curly (unlike those of *I. gabonensis* which are straight and erect).

**Fruiting time:** July – August.

**Seed collection:** fruits fall under the tree or may be collected from the tree as they ripen. Bury fruits in sawdust for 5 – 7 days; this makes it easier to separate the seed from flesh.

**Type of seed:** recalcitrant.

**Sowing method:** sow promptly at a depth of 2 cm.

**Sowing medium:** equal parts forest soil and cured sawdust.

**Germination period:** 10 – 14 days.

**Germination percentage:** 55 – 60%.

**Vegetative propagation:** marcotting/air-layering.

**Planting:** young plants require shade.

**Growth/establishment:** Initially slow but then quite fast with first fruiting expected at 4 – 5 years.

**Notes:** Seeds may be infested by larvae of the merchant grain beetle (*Oryzaephilus mercator*).