

**Scientific name:** *Millettia drastica* Baker.

**Family:** Leguminosae.

**Distribution/conservation status:** widely distributed in central regions of tropical Africa but uncommon in Nigeria, occurring mainly in the east and in relict lowland forest. Not assessed by the IUCN Red List.

**Common names:** Igi-ito (Yoruba), Ndu-ezi (Igbo), Awo (Edo).

**Fruits/seeds:** light brown, flat, elliptic pod containing dark brown, flattened disc-shaped seeds.

**Fruiting time:** January – March.

**Seed collection:** when ripe, pods split open to scatter seeds under and around the parent tree. Collect as soon as ripe and before rains begin.

**Type of seed:** recalcitrant.

**Sowing method:** sow flat at a depth of 1 – 2cm.

**Sowing medium:** forest soil.

**Germination period:** 7 – 14 days.

**Germination percentage:** 65%.

**Growth/development:** seedlings require full shade for the first month after germination and partial shade thereafter. Growth is quite fast and seedlings are usually large enough to plant out within 2 – 3 months.

**Notes:** this species may reach 10 – 20 m high and 25 – 30 cm in girth but often has a shrubby habit.