

**Scientific name:** *Pericopsis elata* (Harms) Meeuwen.

**Family:** Leguminosae.

**Distribution/conservation status:** occurs mainly in semi-deciduous forest, especially in disturbed areas. Endangered (EN) due to unsustainable exploitation for timber and loss or degradation of habitat.

**Common names:** Afrormosia, African teak (English), Egbin (Yoruba), Kokrodua (Edo), Egbin (Efik), Abu-ocha (Igbo).

**Fruits/seeds:** brown, winged, flattened pod with a network of veins, containing usually 1 and sometimes up to 4 brown disc-shaped seeds.

**Fruiting time:** August – December.

**Seed collection:** fruits are dispersed by wind and can be collected from the ground under and around the parent tree. Remove wings and gently break open to extract seed/s.

**Sowing method:** sow in pots or trays at a depth of 1.5cm with seed laid flat.

**Sowing medium:** cured sawdust.

**Germination period:** 8-14 days.

**Germination percentage:** 26%.

**Growth/development:** fast, often with a bushy habit when young.

Seedlings do best when exposed to sun in the morning and partial shade in the afternoon.

**Note:** defoliation by the larvae of the moth *Lamprosema lateritialis* can cause high rate of seedling mortality.