

Uncertain: India or Africa

**Common names:** **English:** Finger euphorbia **Luganda:** Nkoni **Lugwe:** Nkoni **Lunyuli:** Luhoni **Luo A:** Kilajok **Luo L:** Oligo **Lusoga:** Lukone **Rukiga:** Nkoni **Runyankore:** Nkoni, ruyenzhe **Runyoro:** Rukoni **Rutoro:** Nkoni.

**Ecology:** A tree of uncertain origin commonly planted in the tropics and subtropics of Asia and Africa. Much associated with human habitation and frequently planted as a live fence.

**Uses:** Firewood, medicine (young branches), fish poison (latex), boundary marker, live fence, planted around shrines.

**Description:** A dense straight-stemmed tree to 6 m or more, **the branchlets smooth green, cylindrical** in dense masses. **LEAVES:** small, present on young stems, soon dropping. **FLOWERS:** yellow-cream, small in dense clusters. **FRUIT:** **3-part capsules, hard, purple-green**, less than 1 cm across.

**Propagation:** Cuttings strike easily.

**Seed:**

**treatment:**

**storage:**

**Management:** Fast growing; coppicing, trimming and top pruning to make a fence.

**Remarks:** Medicine from the plant must be used with extreme care due to its toxicity. Ash from stems and branches is used to treat whooping cough. The latex is very poisonous and harmful to the eyes. Human milk has been reported to be an antidote. Makes a good fence to control erosion.

