

Pinus oocarpa

Pinaceae

Central America

- Common names: Eng: pine; Swah: msindano.
- Ecology: This tree is widely grown in Central and South Africa, 1,000-2,400 m, but is not commonly planted in Tanzania except on a small scale at Sao Hill. It grows on light, medium and heavy neutral or slightly acid soils and tolerates shallow soils:
- Uses: Timber, ornamental.
- Description: An evergreen conifer with a light crown, up to 25 m high. BARK: Grey-^eddish-brown. LEAVES: needles in threes, fours or fives, drooping, 15-25 cm long.
- Propagation: Seedlings.
- Seed info.: No. of seeds per kg: about 36,000. Germination is good, completed after 2 weeks.
- treatment: not necessary.
- storage: can retain viability up to 2 years at room temperature if kept dry.
- Management: Fairly fast growing; pruning and thinning.
- Remarks: Potential for planting in woodlots and in plantations. Can withstand severe fire. Like other pines it requires mycorrhiza.

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