

Habitat: Tough native of Kenya's drylands. Mukau in Ukambani.

Yield: High quality timber every 15 years (Mahogany takes 100 years!).

Use: Construction, furniture, school desks, etc.

Pros: Multipurpose, fast-growing, durable, termite resistance.



Melia SUPER TREE

(melia volkensii)

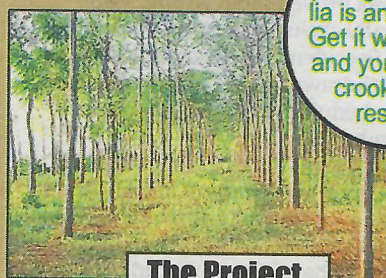
KFS, KEFRI and JICA* are supporting development of improved seeds, seedling management, plantations, harvesting, controlled woodlot, among others. Projects are running in Kitui and Mutomo.

Pruning young Melia is an art. Get it wrong and you get crooked results!



Silviculture

Melia orchards were established in Kitui and Kibwezi in 2012 to produce seedlings by planting grafts from superior trees from the Coast to Northern Kenya.



The Project

Strengthening Forestry Sector Development & Community Resilience to Climate Change through Sustainable Forest Management & Land Restoration (SFS-CORECC).

●Policy Support●Commercial Forestry●Promotion●Tree Breeding●Regional Cooperation

Jacob Mwanduka is a commercial melia farmer. He planted 175 of the type on one acre in 2023.

■Baobab leaves provide nutrition. The fruits yield those purplish sweets you know as mabuyu. ■Also supported by the project is the next generation Acacia Tortilis.

BUDAA!
HAVE YOU FOUND FEES FOR MY COLLEGE YET?



HOW I WISH I PLANTED MELIA FIFTEEN YEARS AGO!

SCHOOL LUNCH - TREE GROWING CLUB FOREST CARBON PILOT PROJECT THE BAOBAB TREE (ADANSONIA DIGITATE) WAS PLANTED IN 4 SCHOOLS INCLUDING MAKOSI COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL (COWPEAS PLANTED IN BETWEEN).

MABUYU ME MUIO!



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about 7%. UN recommends at least 10%

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