



PLANT A TREE INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for committing to help your environment by planting a tree!!

Both the Ghaf and Simarouba trees are ideal for the UAE, and their plantation will mean a greener and healthier environment for all of us in the long run.

Ghaf Tree (*Prosopis cineraria*)

A symbol of Arab heritage, the Ghaf tree is one of the few trees that grows wild in the deserts of UAE. The uses of the tree are too many to list – they range from fodder to medicinal use. It has very long tap root system, which means it can seek and take water from underground reservoirs. Indeed, its presence is used as an indicator for fresh water in the desert.

Seedling growing instructions:

- Use a small plant pot - about 9 inches (22 cms) in diameter
- Ensure that there are drain holes at the bottom, to remove excess water
- Fill the pot with garden potting soil
- Soak five seeds in plain water overnight
- Plant five seeds in the pot pushing the seeds about an inch deep into the soil
- Keep the pot in bright shady place
- Water it every day- the soil should be moist but not soggy and wet.
- The seeds take 15 to 30 days to sprout into seedlings, so be patient!
- Let the seedlings grow in the pot at least for 6 months before planting them in the ground.

Simarouba or Wishing Tree (*Simarouba gluaca*)

This Simarouba tree is very hardy- it requires little water and can grow in saline soils. It has been extensively studied and proven suited for coastal environments and as a tree that encourages bird nesting. It has over 200 known medicinal uses and many of its products are patented by pharmaceutical companies.

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- Keep the pot in bright shady place
- Water it every day - the soil should be moist but not soggy and wet.
- The seeds take 30 to 45 days to sprout into seedlings, so be patient!
- Let the seedlings grow at least for 3 months before planting them in the ground.

If you have any questions about planting these trees or any other communication about the campaign, please visit our website: www.missiongreenearth.ae or e-mail: info@missiongreenearth.ae or telephone: 04-3680219, 050-4520969, 050-7844049, 050-5512481 or send a fax to: Fax: 04-4220268

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