

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY.

FOREIGN SEED AND PLANT INTRODUCTION.

Washington, D. C., March 30, 1915.

Director, Botanic Gardens,  
Coimbra, Portugal.

Dear Sir:

In April, 1913, I had the pleasure of sending you a small quantity of seed of Kokia rockii from Hawaii. We have just recieved an additional lot of seed of this species from Mr. Joseph F. Rock, Botanist, College of Hawaii, Honolulu, and I am now sending you another small quantity for trial.

I wish to direct your attention to the following suggestion given by Mr. Rock in regard to the treatment of this seed:

"To insure speedy germination it is necessary to file both ends of the seed, but the lint need not be removed. They should be given very little water in the beginning, as otherwise they rot very easily."

I trust you will be successful in establishing plants of this extremely rare and interesting tree in your country, thereby cooperating with us in our efforts to prevent the species from becoming extinct.

Very truly yours,

*David Fairchild*

Agricultural Explorer in Charge.

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