Humidification of dry seeds.

## Small seeds

- 1. Spread the seeds uniformly on a petri dish.
- 2. Place three very moist paper towels flat inside a large polythene box.
- 3. Place the petri dishes (without covers) containing seeds on top of the moist paper and close the box with a tight-fitting lid.
- 4. Place the box in an incubator at 20°C for 24 hours or more, depending on the initial moisture content.

## Large seeds

- 1. Place the seeds in porous bags made of mosquito netting or similar material.
- 2. Place the bags on top of a gauge above water in a desiccator. Care should be taken to avoid direct contact of seeds with water.
- 3. Place the desiccator at 20°C for about 48 hours. The seed layer should not be more than one seed deep to enable all seeds to absorb moisture equally from the atmosphere.

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