

## **Chinese/Korean Ginseng – Panax Ginseng from Seed**

### **Pre-treatment:**

This is pre-treated seed, the first part of the process (the storage) has been done for you, and all you need to do now is break the final stages of dormancy.

Soak in warm water for 24 hours and then it requires a double stratification. To do this, mix the seed with some damp peat and place it in a Ziploc bag. Store at 15 – 18 Deg C for four weeks and then at 4 – 5 Deg C for 4 weeks. After this follow the sowing instructions. Alternatively treat with GA3 in solution at 500 ppm for 72 hours and then sow.

### **Sowing:**

Sow in pots of good quality peat based compost (do not use soil based unless it is lime free). Barely cover the seed and water well. It can be very slow and erratic to germinate. Prick out the seedlings into individual pots when they are large enough to handle and grow them on in a shady position in the greenhouse or frame for at least their first winter. Make sure the pots are deep enough to accommodate the roots. Plant out into their permanent positions in late summer, in a moist and partly shady position, the soil should not be alkaline, where this is an issue add large amounts of organic matter to the planting holes and watch for signs of chlorosis (yellowing of the leaves) that may indicate an issue with the pH of the soil.

### **Growing On:**

Requires a shady location with a moist and humus rich soil with an acidic pH.