PLANT FACT SHEET

Celtis gomphophylla Baker

GENUS *Celtis* **FAMILY** Cannabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows up to 30 m tall or taller. It loses its leaves during the year. The trunk is fluted or has buttresses. The bark is smooth and light grey. The leaves are 6-16 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. The base is rounded and they taper to the tip. The fruit are dark yellow and 4-6 mm long by 3-5 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In South Africa it grows between 700-1,400 m above sea level.

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