PLANT FACT SHEET

Commiphora zanzibarica (Baillon) Engl.

GENUS *Commiphora* **FAMILY** Burseraceae

COMMON NAMES Zanzibar commiphora, Pendulous-fruited commiphora

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Medicine

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows up to 12 m high. The leaves have 3-4 pairs of leaflets and one at the end. The leaflets are 9.5 cm long by 3 cm wide. The flowers are small and creamy-green. They are in large loose heads. These can be 25 cm long. The fruit are large. They are 1.6 cm long by 0.9 cm wide. They hang downwards. They are brownish-red when mature. The stone has a fleshy, cup shaped false seed layer.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in low altitude river valleys and in coastal thickets. It grows in ht dry places.

NOTES

There are about 165 Commiphora species.

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