PLANT FACT SHEET

Baphia massaiensis Taubert

GENUS *Baphia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Sand camwood, Jasmine pea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Roots - tea

The fruit is eaten raw.
The roots are boiled to make a tea.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 8 m high. The leaves have leaflets 9 cm long by 5.5 cm wide. They are oval. The flowers are in groups of up to 7. These become reduced to a single flower. The petals are white with a yellow mark on the standard. The fruit is a pod 7-11 cm long by 1-1.5 cm wide. It is a purple brown. The seeds are 8-11 mm long by 7-9 mm wide. They are reddish-black.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is in open woodlands. It grows in hot arid places with a marked dry season. The dry season can be 6-11 months. It grows between 250-1,350 m above sea level. It cannot tolerate frost. It can grow in arid places. In Brisbane Botanical Gardens.

PICTURES



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