PLANT FACT SHEET

Prunus africana (Hook. f.) Kalkman

GENUS *Prunus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Bitter almond, African almond

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - flavouring

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 25 m wide. The trunk can be 1 m across. It can be 10 m before branching. The crown is round. The limbs are large. The bark is almost black and very rough. The flowers are greenish-white. The fruit are purple.

HABITAT

It is an tropical plant. It grows in evergreen forest and mountain areas in West Africa. It is recorded up to 2,100 m above sea level in Nigeria.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees often fruit every second year.

NOTES

It is widely used in medicine including for prostrate conditions. It is an at risk plant.

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