PLANT FACT SHEET

Commiphora virgata Engl.

GENUS *Commiphora* **FAMILY** Burseraceae

COMMON NAMES Slender corkwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It can grow to 5 m high.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in areas with a rainfall below 250 mm and a dry season of 8-11 months. It is often on dry stony soils over limestone rock. It grows between 400-1,300 m altitude. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

It is host to an edible caterpillar (Usta wallengrenii).

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