PLANT FACT SHEET

Commiphora angolensis Engl.

GENUS *Commiphora* **FAMILY** Burseraceae

COMMON NAMES Sand commiphora, Sand corkwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Tuber

The red bark is removed then the root is chewed and sucked for the juice.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 5 m tall. The bark becomes brown and flakes off. Young branches are densely hairy. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. These can be divided. The leaflets are 6 cm long by 2 cm wide. The are narrowly oblong. There are rounded teeth along the edge. The flowers appear with the young leaves. They are in groups 8 cm long in the axils of leaves. The fruit are about 1 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in Kalahari sands. It grows in semi-desert.

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