



PLANT FACT SHEET

Afromorus mesozygia (Stapf.) E.M.Gardner

GENUS *Afromorus* FAMILY Moraceae

COMMON NAMES African mulberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The fruit are eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A tree up to 15 m tall. It can be 30 m high. It has a light brown and white banded trunk. The bark contains a milky juice. The leaves are dark green. They are firm, smooth and thin. They are 5-13 cm long and 6 cm wide. They are oval with a narrowed base. The tip has a long jutting point. Three strong yellow veins develop from the base and then a network of veins are easily seen under the leaf. The leaf stalks are about 1.3 cm long. The flowers are male and female on different trees. They are small and yellow. The fruit are small and round. They are grouped together something like a mulberry. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in inland evergreen forest in South Africa. It also grows in coastal forest and dune forest. It grows up to 1,700 m altitude. In West Africa it grows on the northern side of the rain-forest and can grow in drier areas. It suits the wet tropics.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or by using cuttings. Fresh seed should be used. Soaking seed in water for 12 hours gives a better germination. Seeds start to grow after 5-12 days.

NOTES

There are about 16 *Morus* species.

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