PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Entada abyssinica* Steud. ex A. Rich.

**GENUS** *Entada* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Tree entada, Splinter bean

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, Seed

The fruit are eaten raw as a vegetable.
The seed are roasted and eaten.
The leaves are used as a medicinal tea.

## DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 3-10 m tall. The crown is flat and spreading. The leaves have 2-20 side stalks with 22-55 pairs of leaflets. These are 4-12 mm long by 1-3 mm wide. They are narrow and with flattened hairs on both surfaces. The flowers are creamy white. They have a sweet scent. The petals are 1.5-2 mm long. The pods are 15-39 cm long and 5-7.5 cm wide. They are straight. There are 12-15 seeds in a pod. The seeds are 10-13 mm long by 8-10 mm wide.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in savannah grassland. It has been recorded up to 2,040 m above sea level.

## NOTES

Medicine.

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