PLANT FACT SHEET

Senegalia asak (Forssk.) Kyal. & Boatwr.

GENUS *Senegalia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It can grow 9 m tall. It has stout prickles. They are usually in groups of 3. The leaflets are divided 3-6 times. There are 12-20 pairs of leaflets. The pod is narrow and straight. The pods have thin edges. They have reddish veins.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is a drought resistant plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be gown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 1,350 Acacia species. Over 1,000 occur in Australia. Also as Mimosaceae.

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