PLANT FACT SHEET

Tylachium africanum Lour.

GENUS *Tylachium* **FAMILY** Capparaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Tuber

CAUTION The roots need special preparation.
The roots are used as a famine food. They are boiled and treated.

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen shrub. It can grow to 4.5 m tall. The bark is dark grey. It has large tuberous roots. The leaves can be compound with 3 leaflets or be simple. The leaflets are up to 10 cm long. The flowers are in large clusters. They are greenish-white with purple centres.

HABITAT

It grows in scrub and on termite mounds.

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