PLANT FACT SHEET

Commiphora kraeuseliana Heine

GENUS *Commiphora* **FAMILY** Burseraceae

COMMON NAMES Feather-leaved corkwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seeds are opened and the soft inner parts eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. The stem is short and swollen and branches several times. The bark is grey-brown and peels off in papery strips. The branches are stout and short and red coloured with a waxy coating. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk with one at the end. They are 2-9 cm long They are in clusters or spirals. They are usually at the ends of shoots. There are 6-8 pairs of leaflets. The leaflets are narrow. The flowers are in a spray in the axils of leaves. They are 5 cm long. The flowers are small and yellow. They are of one sex. The fruit is a flattened round berry. It is 2 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in arid places. It grows in areas with a rainfall below 200 mm per year. In southern Africa it grows between 570-1,350 m above sea level. It can grow in desert. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from cuttings.

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