PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Ficus pygmaea* Welw. ex Hiern

**GENUS** *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

**COMMON NAMES** Dwarf fig

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, Leaves

The leaves are cooked as a vegetable.
The fruit is eaten as a snack.

## DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a shrub. It grows in water. It forms thickets. It grows 1.5 m high. The young branches are dark brown. The leaves are narrowly oval and 3-10 cm long. They are a dark grey-green above and paler underneath. They have a rough surface and teeth along the edge. The fruit are figs that occur singly in the axils of leaves. They are 1-2 cm across and covered with coarse hairs.

## HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid areas with a marked dry season. It grows in rocky and sandy soils. It grows in permanent watercourses and in marshes and swampy areas. It grows between 950-1,200 m above sea level. It re-grows after fire. It can grow in arid places.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

The pollinator wasp is Kradibia gestroi afrum (Wiebes).

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