PLANT FACT SHEET

Thespesia danis Oliv.

GENUS *Thespesia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Danisa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Root

The fruit are eaten by coastal fishermen.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 5 m tall. The leaves are broadly oval. They are 2-9 cm long by 2-8 cm wide. They are densely scaly. The flowers are yellow with a red, pink or purple centre. They are 2.5 cm across. The fruit is a flattened round shape. It is 1 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows along the coast. It can grow in salty soils. It grows between 150-500 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places. It grows in the lowlands and on alluvial flats in Kenya up to 1,200 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are 10-17 Thespesia species. They are in the tropics of Africa and Asia.

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