PLANT FACT SHEET

Xylotheca tettensis (Klotzsch) Gilg.

GENUS *Xylotheca* **FAMILY** Achariaceae

COMMON NAMES African dogrose

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 5 m tall. The young branches have a yellow covering with long hairs. The leaves appear just before the flowers. The leaf blade is 2-10 cm long by 1-7 cm wide. They are oval and rounded at the tip. The edges can be wavy. The flowers usually occur singly. They are in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. There are 7-12 petals and they are white. The fruit is woody and half round. It can have several long ridges along it. There are any seeds. They are narrowly oval and pale brown. They are in a thin red pulp. There are some varieties.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

NOTES

Also put in the Flacourtiaceae family.

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