PLANT FACT SHEET

Anisophyllea boehmii Engl.

GENUS *Anisophyllea* **FAMILY** Anisophylleaceae

COMMON NAMES Mufungo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The flesh of the ripe fruit is eaten but not the seeds.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub or tree. It can grow 10 m high. The trunk is short and crooked. The young branches are bright red. The crown is round and heavy. The bark becomes cracked and flaky. The leaves and thin and leathery. There are fine hairs on both sides. The leaf blade is 5-10 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. They are usually oval. The flowers are bisexual and have 4-5 flower parts. They are cream coloured. The fruit is 3.5 cm long by 2 cm wide. They are narrowly oval and edible. They are red coloured.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on sandy or corky soils in woodland. It grows at about 1,300 m altitude. It grows in Miombo woodland. In Tanzania it grow between 900-1,100 m above sea level in areas with 800-1,000 mm rainfall.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds but seeds are difficult to germinate. It can be grown from root suckers.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit are collected between April and June in Tanzania.

NOTES

It has also been put in the family Rhizophoraceae.

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