PLANT FACT SHEET

Tamarix senegalensis DC.

GENUS *Tamarix* **FAMILY** Tamaricaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Sap, Manna

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2-3 m high. It has many branches and they hang down. They are pale green. The leaves are alternate and reduced to scales. They are almost triangle shaped and 1-2 mm long. The flowers are very small and white or pink. They are in groups 20 cm long at the ends of branches. The fruit is a small cone shaped capsule.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in sandy soils of high salinity. It grows in coastal regions. It grows in the Sahel.

NOTES

There are about 50 Tamarix species.

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