PLANT FACT SHEET

Loeseneriella africana (Willd.) R. Wilczek ex N. Halle

GENUS *Loeseneriella* **FAMILY** Celastraceae

COMMON NAMES African paddle-pod

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bark - tea

The bark is used as a tea.
Caution: Fruit are poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A woody creeper. A shrub or creeper. It can be 15 m long. The young branches are green and 4 angled. The leaves are opposite and broadly oval. There can be teeth along the edge and the edge is often rolled under. The flowers are in clusters in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. They are green with red stigma. The fruit are paddle shaped pods. They are in groups of 1-3.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It can grow on coastal sands and along the edges of mangroves. It grows in thickets and along rivers. It grows up to 1,250 m above sea level. It grows in savannah woodland.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 100 Hippocratea species. They grow in the tropics.
The root is used for medicine. It also has anti-malarial activity.

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