PLANT FACT SHEET

Sorindeia juglandifolia (A. Rich.) Planch. ex Oliver

GENUS *Sorindeia* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Sorindeia, African damson

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Stem

DESCRIPTION

A climbing shrub or small tree. It can be 9 m high. The leaves are alternate and compound. There are 2-4 pairs of leaflets and one at the end. The leaflets are oval and 22 cm long by 11 cm wide. The end leaflet is the largest. The leaflets are leathery and both surfaces are green. The leaflet stalks are purplish, wrinkled, thick and 3-10 mm long. The flowers are small and creamy-white. They are tinged with pink. They occur in large loose branched heads. These can be 70 cm long. They occur in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. The sexes are separate on different trees. The fruit is broadly oval and fleshy. It is about 10 mm long. They are yellow when mature.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs in dense coastal dune bush.

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