PLANT FACT SHEET

Combretum glutinosum Perr. ex DC.

GENUS *Combretum* **FAMILY** Combretaceae

COMMON NAMES Kuilinga

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Leaves - tea, Vegetable

The dried leaves are used for tea.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It can be a woody climber. It grows 12 m tall. The leaves are bug and thick and whitish underneath. The young leaves are covered with a sticky secretion. The leaf shape varies. The flowering shoots are in the axils of leaves and are in yellow-green clusters 6-10 cm long. The fruit have 4 wings. They are about 3 cm long. They are green when young and light red when mature.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the Sahel. It grows in savannah woodland. It grows in the Sahara on dunes and poor soils. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall between 200-900 mm. It can grow in arid places. In Nigeria it has been recorded at 900 m above sea level.

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