PLANT FACT SHEET

Commiphora glandulosa Schinz

GENUS *Commiphora* **FAMILY** Burseraceae

COMMON NAMES Glandular corkwood, Tall firethorn corkwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum, Roots - drink

The gum is bitter but edible.
The root has a sweet tasting water eaten in times of drought.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It is erect with a single stem. It can grow 10 m high. The bark is grey to green. The leaves have an unpleasant smell. The are usually simple but can have 3 leaflets. The male and female flowers are often on separate plants. The flowers are small. The fruit are round and 14 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in hot arid areas with a marked dry season. It grows in areas with a rainfall below 100 mm per year. It can grow on a range of soils providing they are well drained. In southern Africa it grows between 30-1,550 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

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