PLANT FACT SHEET

Isoberlinia tomentosa (Harms) Craib & Stapf

GENUS *Isoberlinia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable

The leaves are cooked and eaten and also used as a flavouring.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 12-18 m tall. The trunk is 80 cm across. It is often hollow. There are 3-4 pairs of leaflets. They are 10-25 cm long by 5-13 cm wide. The flowers are in loose groups. The petals are white. The fruit are pods 15-30 cm long by 5-9 cm wide. They have rusty hairs. The seeds are 2-3 cm long by 2-3 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the savannah forest in West Africa on high and more stony ground. In southern Africa it grows between 900-1,600 m altitude.

NOTES

Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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