PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus scassellati Pamp.

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Crown-fruited fig

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a large strangler. It grows 30-40 m high. The bark is pale grey. The leaves are large and oval. They are 17 cm long by 7.5 cm wide. They are thick and dark glossy green. They are paler underneath. They taper slightly to the base. The edges are slightly wavy. The leaf stalk is 2 cm long. The figs are 2 cm across. They are warty. They occur singly in the leaf axils. The fruit are green tinged with purple.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in evergreen forest. It grows up to 1,800 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 800-1000 Ficus species. They are mostly in the tropics. There are 120 Ficus species in tropical America.

REFERENCES

Palgrave, K.C., 1996, Trees of Southern Africa. Struik Publishers. p 111 (As Ficus kirkii)

Tredgold, M.H., 1986, Food Plants of Zimbabwe. Mambo Press. p 101 (As Ficus kirkii)

www.figweb.org

PROVIDED BY **Food Plants International**

French, B.R. & Maynard, A.R. Food Plants International Database. Food Plants International

LICENCE CC BY-NC-SA 3.0

ONLINE FACT SHEET https://www.echocommunity.org/en/resources/a92d4a8e-38cf-4a93-be33-36483dc479be