PLANT FACT SHEET

**Edibility uncertain**
It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

# *Drypetes mossambicensis* Hutch.

**GENUS** *Drypetes* **FAMILY** Putranjivaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Sand drypetes, Lowveld drypetes, Lowveld iron plum

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, Seeds

The fruit are eaten raw.

## DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 3-20 m high. The stem is whitish grey. The bark is cracked into small squares and sometimes flakes off. The leaves are dark shiny green. The leaves are oval and the base of the leaf is unequal. Leaves are 9 cm long by 1.3 cm wide. The flowers are small and green to yellow. They occur in clusters in the axils of the leaves. Male and female flowers are on different trees. The fruit is round and 1.3 cm long. The fruit is smooth.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in low altitude woodland and on rocky outcrops. It can be on termite mounds. It can grow in arid places. In Zimbabwe it grows up to 760 m above sea level.

## NOTES

There are about 200 Drypetes species.

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