PLANT FACT SHEET

Combretum fragrans F. Hoffm.

GENUS *Combretum* **FAMILY** Combretaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit, Gum

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. It can grow up to 12 m tall. The leaves are opposite and oval. They are 7-18 cm long. They are scaly and sticky underneath when young. The flowers have a scent. They appear before the leaves. They are small and in spikes 7 cm long. The fruit are rounded and yellow-brown. They are 3 cm long and have 4 wings. Young fruit are red and sticky.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It can grow in seasonally waterlogged soils. It is often in shallow and stony soils. It can grow in woodland and semi-desert. It grows between 50-1,700 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from fresh seeds. The wings are rubbed off. It can be cut back and will re-grow.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow slowly.

NOTES

Probably now Combretum adenogonium;

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