PLANT FACT SHEET

Commiphora crenato-serrata Engl.

GENUS *Commiphora* **FAMILY** Burseraceae

COMMON NAMES Damara corkwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots

The roots are eaten raw. They contain moisture.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It has a single stem. The bark is pale brown and smooth. It loses its leaves. It grows 1-10 m tall. Male and female flowers are on separate plants. The flowers are small and cream. It grows in sprays up to 8 cm long. The leaves are compound. They have leaflets along the stalk and one at the end.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in areas with a marked season. It grows where the rainfall is 50-400 mm per year. In southern Africa it grows between 400-1,400 m above sea level. It can tolerate drought. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be cut back and allowed to re-grow.

NOTES

An edible insect (Usta wallengrenii) eats the leaves.

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