PLANT FACT SHEET

Ekebergia capensis Sparrm.

GENUS *Ekebergia* **FAMILY** Meliaceae

COMMON NAMES Dog plum, Cape ash

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tall tree. The leaves are densely clustered. The leaves have up to 6 pairs of leaflets. They are opposite with a leaflet at the end. The leaflets are broadly sword shaped. They narrow to the tip. They are 8 cm long by 2.5 cm wide. The flowering shoots are in the axils of leaves. They are 12 cm long and branched. The flowers are greenish-white. The fruit is slightly fleshy and pink. They are round and 1 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry forest on well-drained soil. It grows in savannah woodland and along rivers. It grows between 600-3,000 m altitude. It can grow in arid places. In Zimbabwe it grows up to 1,670 m above sea level. It grows in areas with a mean annual rainfall of 750-2,000 mm. In the Brisbane Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from fresh seeds. The seeds germinate in 4-9 weeks. Soaking the seeds then rubbing them improves germination. Seeds cannot be stored for long. It can be grown by cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

PICTURES



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