PLANT FACT SHEET

**Poisonous**

This plant, or parts of it, can be poisonous. Do not eat it unless you know which parts are safe and how they must be prepared.

# *Pachypodium namaquanum* (Wyley ex Harv.) Welw.

**GENUS** *Pachypodium* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Elephant's trunk, Halfmens

## DESCRIPTION

A succulent plant. It has a swollen stem. It grows 3 m tall. It has lumps with a spine at the end arranged in spirals around the stem. The leaves are in rings at the top and are 3-12 cm long by 1-4 cm wide. The fruit are follicles 2.5-4 cm long. They have grey hairs and taper to the tip. There are many flattened seeds.

## HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows on rocky arid slopes.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Plants are slow growing and can last for many years. It can be grown by cuttings.

## NOTES

Plants are protected by law.

## REFERENCES

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