PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Tacazzea apiculata* Oliv.

**GENUS** *Tacazzea* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Flowers, Vegetable, Leaves

The leaves are cooked as a vegetable.
The flowers are cooked as a vegetable.

## DESCRIPTION

A woody climber. It can be 20 m long. It has milky sap. The leaves are opposite and oval. They are pointed at the tip. The flowers are creamy white and occur in groups. The petals are net back. The flowers grow in the axils of the leaves. The fruit are capsules that occur in pairs.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the under-storey in dry forest in West Africa. It grows throughout most of tropical Africa. It grows along streams. It grows from sea level to 2,000 m above sea level.

## NOTES

There are 4 Tacazzea species. It is also put in the family Asclepiadaceae.

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