PLANT FACT SHEET

Conocarpus lancifolius Engl. & Diels

GENUS *Conocarpus* **FAMILY** Combretaceae

COMMON NAMES Damask, Common tug tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers - drinks

The flowers are used for making alcoholic drinks.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It can grow to 30 m high. The flowers are cream coloured and in dense heads. These are in clusters near the ends of branches. They have a scent. The fruit are like cones and are 6 mm long and wide.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant. It grows in hot, arid zones. It grows in areas with a rainfall between 55-1,200 mm per year. It can grow in salty and alkaline soils. It grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level. It grows in areas with a temperature between 10°-45°C and best with an average temperature about 30°C. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. Plants need to be 4-5 m apart. Seedlings can be transplanted when 6-19 months old or when 4-5 leaves are present.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

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