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 *Display help*In names list include: synonyms vernacular names and display: All names per page*Your query found 1 taxon***Terminalia brachystemma Welw. ex Hiern [1669]**

Family: COMBRETACEAE

Synonyms

Terminalia baumii Engl. & Gilg

Vernacular names

(Mozambique)	hai-hai [5480], mucacai [5480]
Afrikaans (Southern Africa)	Groenvaalboom [6190], bastertrosblaar [1279]
English (Botswana)	kalahari sand cluster-leaf [5093], kalahari sand terminalia [5093]
English (Namibia)	kalahari cluster-leaf [5121], kalahari sand terminalia [5118], kalahari terminalia [5083]
English (South Africa)	basterd cluster leaf [5666]
English (Southern Africa)	green-cluster leaf [6190]
Mbukushu (Namibia)	mushosho [5666]
SeTswana (Botswana)	nsuru-ntukunu [5093]
Tswana (Botswana)	mogonomo [5666]

Partial distribution

Plant origin	Continent	Region	Botanical country
Native	Africa	East Tropical Africa South Tropical Africa	Tanzania [6040] Malawi [6040], Mozambique [6040], Zambia [6040], Zimbabwe [6040]
		Southern Africa	Botswana [1669] [5104], Namibia [1669] [5104], Transvaal [1669] [5104]
		West-Central Tropical Africa	Zaire [6040]

ISO countries: South Africa [5104]

Descriptors**Category**

DESCRIPTION

Descriptors and states

Erect [6040]; Terrestrial [6040]; Shrub [3045]; Tree [3045] [5104] [5118]; Perennial [5104]; Plant Height 1-10 m [1279] [5121]

SOILS	Sandy [1279]; Dry [6040]
HABITAT	Plains/Flats/Pans [5121]; Woodland [1279] [5118] [5666]; Wooded Grassland [6040]; Vlei/Dambo/Seasonally Flooded Grassland [1279]; Altitude 560-1950 m a.s.l. [5104]
FURTHER DATA SOURCES	Botanical Illustration [1279] [5666]; Botanical Photograph [3045] [6190]; Databases [5123]; Habit Illustration/Photograph [5666] [6190]; Grid Map [5121] [5123]
SEPASAL DATASHEET STATUS	All Data Transferred from SEPASAL Paper Files [6040]; Nomenclature Checked

Uses

Major use	Use group	Specific uses
MATERIALS	Wood	poles (from wood); huts; tool handles [1279] [3045]
MEDICINES	Digestive System Disorders	'roots', humans, stomach [1279]
	Pain	roots, humans, stomach [1279]

Picture

None recorded

Notes

DISTRIBUTION

Botswana:

Chobe [[5093](#)] .

Mozambique:

Manica, Niassa, Sofala, Tete, Zambezia [[5480](#)] .

Namibia:

Otavi, waterberg plateau, Caprivi [[5666](#)] .

Zambia:

North-west Province, Copperbelt Province, Eastern Province, Lusaka Province, Southern Province [[5481](#)] .

Zimbabwe:

North region, West region, Central region [[5419](#)] .

DESCRIPTION

Bark:

Pale brownish-grey to grey, smoothish to longitudinally fissured [[1279](#)] .

Flowers:

Small, cream to pale yellow, in axillary spikes, 6-11 cm long [[1279](#)] [[3045](#)] .

Fruits:

Up to 5 x 3.5 cm, with almost circular wing, bright crimson when mature, drying to reddish or purplish- brown [[1279](#)] [[3045](#)] .

Fruits:

Up to 50 mm long, wing almost circular, bright crimson to purplish-brown when dry [[5121](#)] .

Height:

1-8 m [[5121](#)] .

Height:

2-8 m [[5104](#)] .

Height:

3-10 m [[1279](#)] .

Height:

4-5 m [[5666](#)] .

Leaves:

Clustered near the ends of the branches, elliptic, obovate to broadly obovate, leathery, bluish green below, green above, base narrowly tapering [1279] [3045] [5121] .

MATERIALS - WOOD

Tool handles:

The wood is used to make axe handles [1279] [3045] .

MEDICINES - PAIN

Roots, humans, stomach:

A decoction of the roots provides a remedy for stomach-ache [1279] .

FLOWERING/FRUITING/SEED SET

Flowering, Namibia:

October [5121] .

Fruiting, Namibia:

December to May [5121] .

CYTOLOGY

x = 12 (7, 13) (high polyploidy, B-chromosomes). [5150] .

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