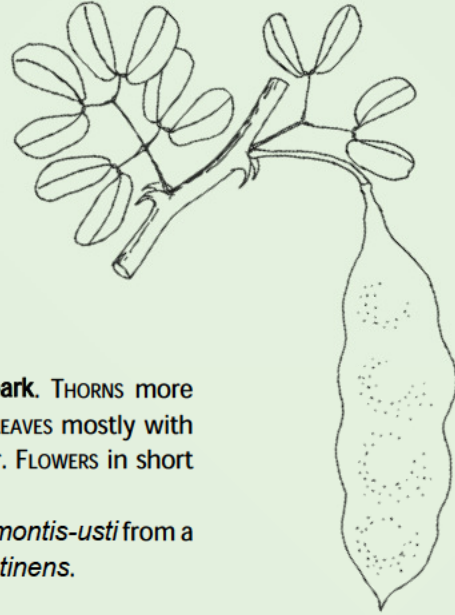


*A. mellifera* subsp. *mellifera*

## Kunene Swarthaak

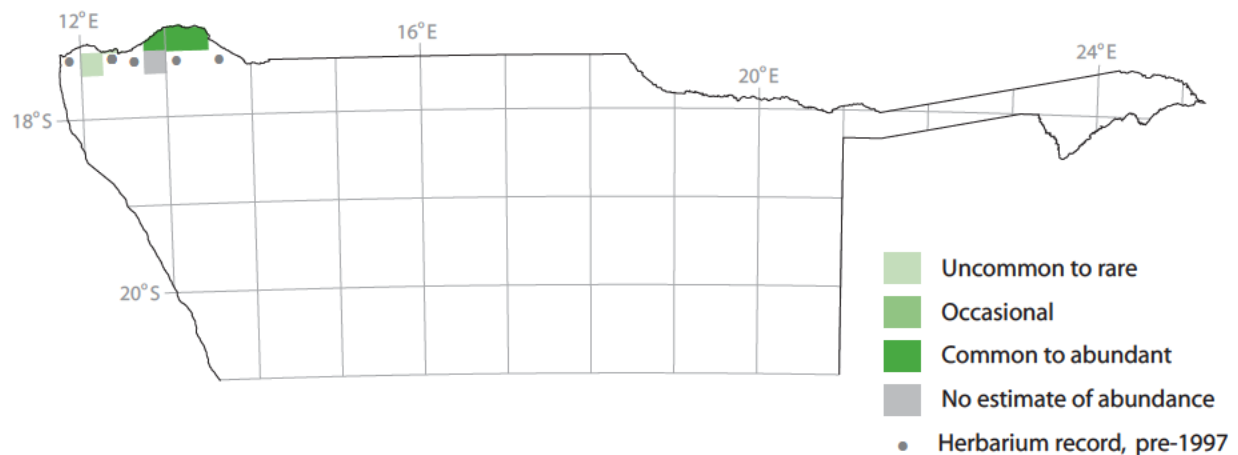
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[24 records from 11 (1%) squares]



Usually a **multi-stemmed shrub with very red, peeling bark**. THORNS more slender and less hooked than those of subsp. *detinens*. LEAVES mostly with two pinna pairs, each pinna with only a single leaflet pair. FLOWERS in short spikes.

This less-common subspecies superficially resembles *A. montis-usti* from a distance. It looks very different from *A. mellifera* subsp. *detinens*.



### DISTRIBUTION, ABUNDANCE & HABITAT

Only found in the Kunene River valley and hills nearby. Mainly on rocky hill slopes, where it is abundant to common; abundant on the river banks.

### GROWTH FORM

Mostly recorded as a tree 1–8 m tall.

### ANNUAL CYCLE

Observations few. FLOWERS no TAP records, but herbarium records in July, September and October. FRUIT one TAP record in November. Herbarium records in June, July, October and

November. LEAVES were recorded in all months that observations were made, except July; bare trees, also recorded in November.

### GENERAL

It does not appear to be exploited for anything.

### CONSERVATION CONCERNS

Although it has a very restricted range in Namibia, it is sufficiently common not to be endangered; however, a part of the population might be affected if the proposed Epupa Falls hydroelectric scheme goes ahead.