

# *Afzelia quanzensis*

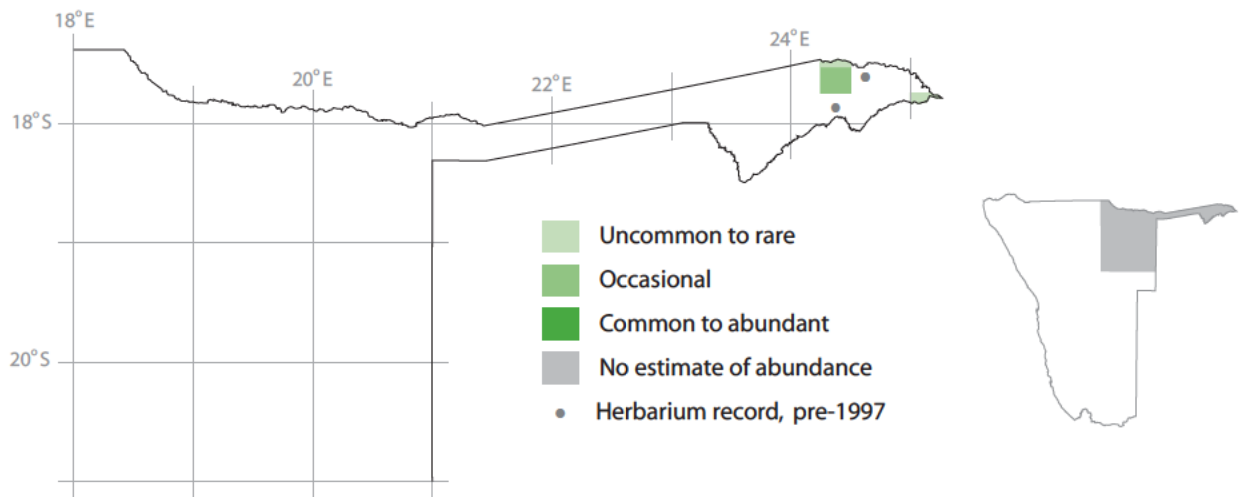
## Mwanda

Pod mahogany (E); peulmahonie (A)

[7 records from 4 squares]

Tall deciduous tree with a large spreading crown. BARK purplish-grey to pale brown, **smooth or flaking in thick, round discs**. LEAVES compound, up to 400 mm long; leaflets large, elliptic, **glossy with prominent veins; dark green above, lighter green below**. FLOWERS with a single, **relatively large, conspicuous, orange-red petal**. FRUIT a large, woody pod, obliquely-oblong, flattened; splitting into two thick, woody valves. SEEDS **black with an orange to red cup-shaped aril**.

The leaves are similar to those of *Julbernardia*.



## DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Uncommon in Caprivi, from Katimo Mulilo south to the Chobe River and east to Impalila Island.

## HABITAT

Floodplains and river banks.

## GROWTH FORM

Always a tree, usually over 8 m; 1–3 m high in 1724CC.

## ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS in November. FRUIT February, March, May and November. LEAVES were recorded in February, March and November; old leaves in May. No leaves recorded in July.

## CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded. Rare in Namibia.

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