

# *Antidesma rufescens*

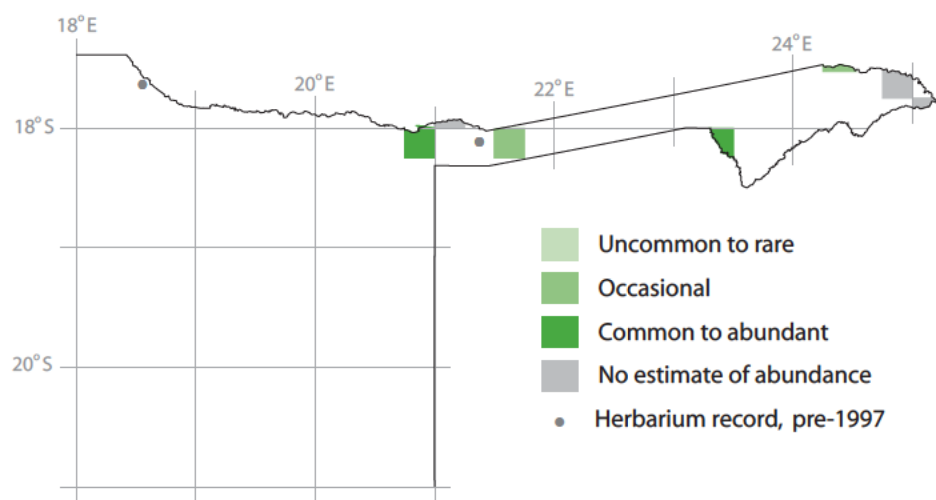
## Mukoso

Water tassel-berry (E)

[7 records from 7 (<1%) squares]

Shrub or tree. BARK pale grey, soft; **young branchlets green to rust-brown, densely woolly**. LEAVES simple, elliptic to obovate, up to 100 mm long and 50 mm wide; **leathery, hairless, shiny; dark green above; pale green below**. INFLORESCENCE an elongate cluster. FLOWERS small, with an unpleasant foetid scent; male and female flowers on separate plants. FRUIT berry-like, pendulous; initially green-white when young but gradually becoming red or black-purple when ripe.

Virtually identical to *A. venosum*, but lacks the hairy under-surface of the leaf.



### DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Common along the eastern stretches of the Okavango River; uncommon to common in eastern Caprivi.

### HABITAT

Along the banks of perennial rivers.

### GROWTH FORM

A shrub or tree, mostly in the 1–3-m height class, but sometimes over 3 m high.

### ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS and FRUIT October, November and April.  
LEAVES semi-deciduous.

### CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.