**Antidesma venosum**

**Murombe**

Tassel-berry (E); musole (L); runkwanana (K)

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

Semi-deciduous. Young branchlets green to rust-brown, densely woolly. Leaves simple, elliptic to obovate, up to 100 mm long; leathery; shiny, dark green and hairless above; pale green to pale brown and densely woolly below. Flowers small, with fetid scent; Fruit berry-like, pendulous; initially green-white becoming red or black-purple when ripe.

Very similar to *A. rufescens*, but is densely hairy on the underside of the leaves.

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**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE**

Found on the Caprivi floodplains and along the eastern stretches of the Okavango River. Generally uncommon, sometimes locally common or abundant.

**HABITAT**

Found on the banks and floodplains of perennial rivers.

**GROWTH FORM**

Mostly a shrub in the 1–3 m-height class, but sometimes a tree of over 3 m (5–6 m, according to herbarium records).

**ANNUAL CYCLE**

Observations made from December to March, only. Flowers in November, December and February. Fruit in November and December and from March to May. Leaves recorded every month of observations.

**GENERAL**

Often grows in the shade of larger woody species. The fruit is edible.

**CONSERVATION CONCERNS**

None recorded.