

Antidesma *venosum*

Murombe

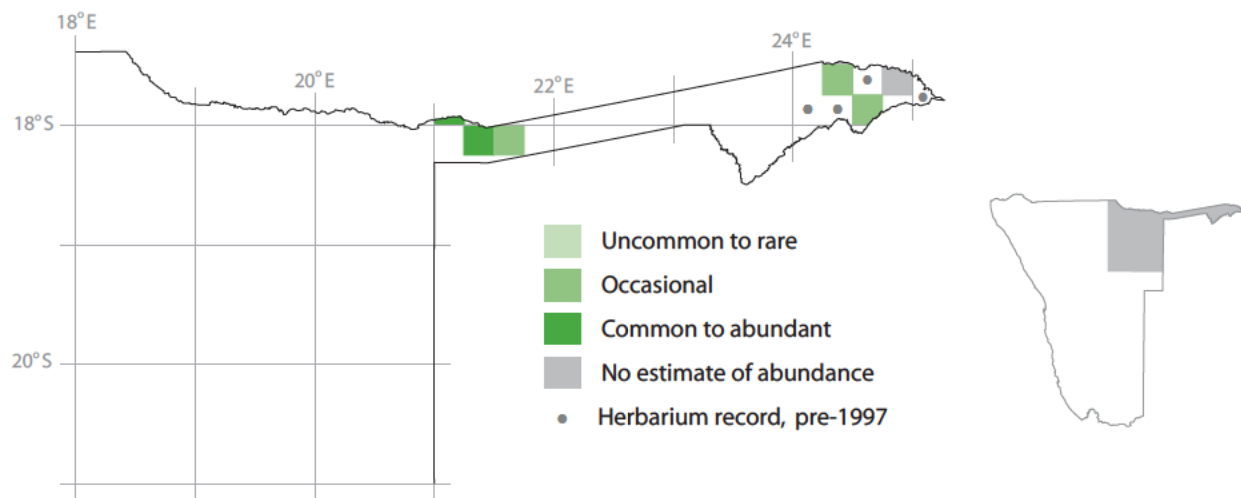
Tassel-berry (E); musole (L);
runkwanana (K)

[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 foetid 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.



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.