

HABITAT

Found on rocky hill slopes or gravel plains.

GROWTH FORM

A shrub, generally up to 2 m, but once recorded as over 3 m.

ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS February and March. **FRUIT** March, April and July, with old fruit in February. **LEAVES** deciduous.

GENERAL

Possible specialised horticultural potential as bonsai or pachycaul.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

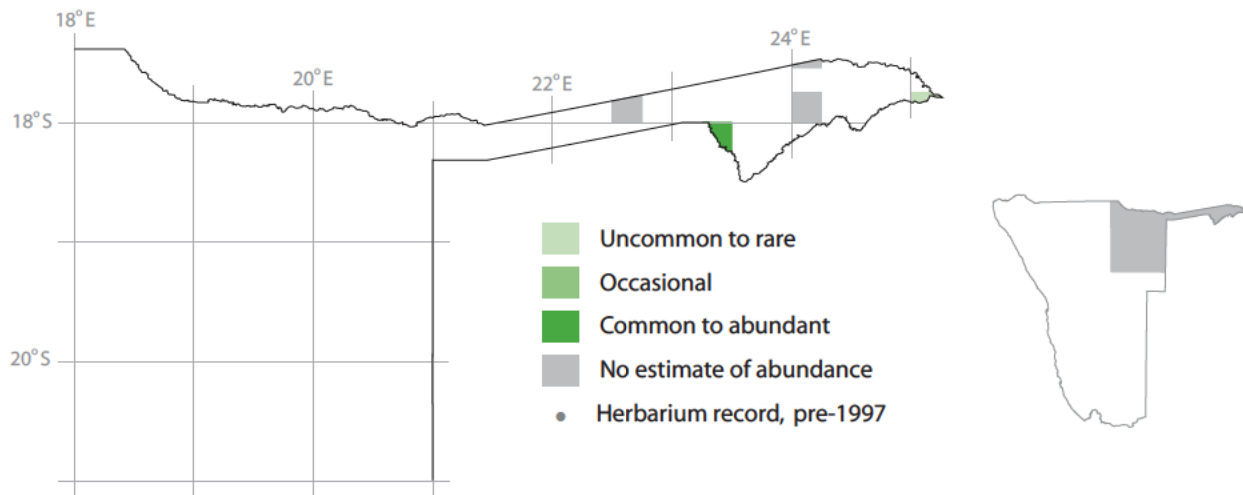
A near-endemic, potentially threatened by illegal collecting for the pachycaul trade. Assessed 'near-threatened' (Craven & Loots 2002).

Commiphora mossambicensis

Pepper-leaf Corkwood

[5 records from 5 (<0.5%) squares]

Tree up to 10 m high. **BARK** grey, smooth, sometimes peeling. **LEAVES** trifoliolate, with long petiole; leaflet large, broadly ovate to almost circular, drooping; bright, fresh green, shiny, with golden glandular hairs. **FLOWERS** small and inconspicuous. **FRUIT** with pseudaril with four lobes, two much shorter than the others.

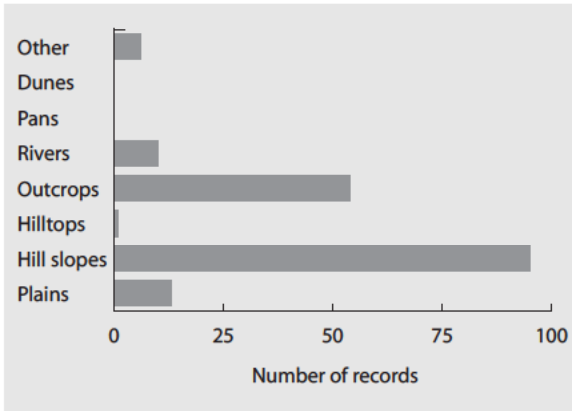
**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE**

Generally uncommon in Caprivi; locally abundant at Lianshulu Lodge (1823AB). The range in Namibia has tentatively been extended westwards from Impalila to western Caprivi, but specimens are required to confirm this.

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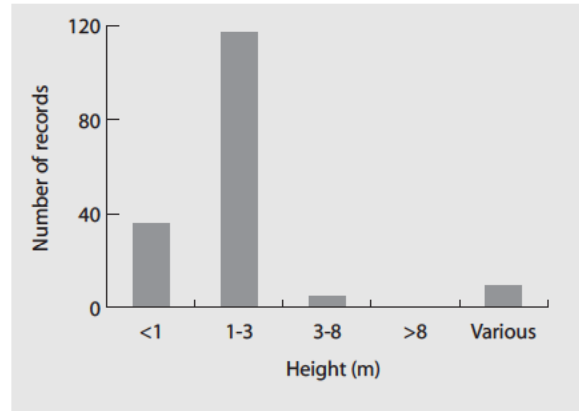
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Found mainly on hill slopes and rocky outcrops, on stony, rocky or gravel substrates.



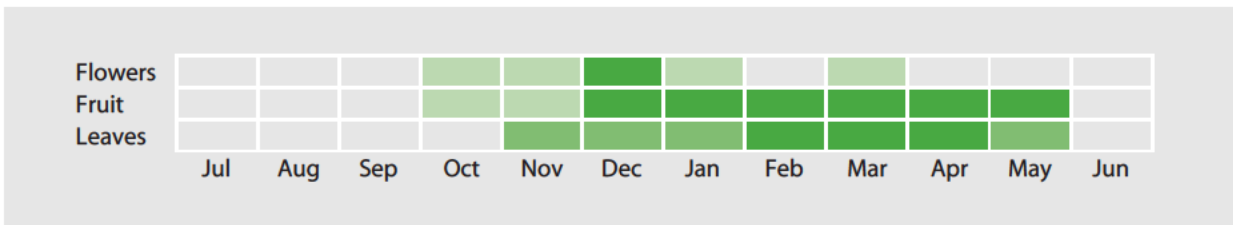
GROWTH FORM

Usually a shrub of less than 3 m high; just south of the Kunene River it is often a tree of over 3 m.



ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS mostly in December, with occasional records in other months. FRUIT most often recorded in April, but present from October to May. LEAVES present on most plants from February to April, with new leaves produced in November and December.



GENERAL

A pachycaul collector's item, and of horticultural potential as such, and as a bonsai subject.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

Potentially threatened by pachycaul collectors. Endemic.

Commiphora mossambicensis Continued from page 291:

HABITAT

Found on river banks.

GROWTH FORM

Mostly recorded as a shrub in the 1–3-m height class. A tree of 6 m on Impalila Island. A 'really scruffy, clambering shrub' at Lian-shulu Bush Lodge (1823AB, SHA1).

ANNUAL CYCLE

Data only recorded in May, August and November. FLOWERS and FRUIT only recorded in August. LEAVES recorded in May and November, with young leaves in August.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.