

# *Delbergia melanoxylon*

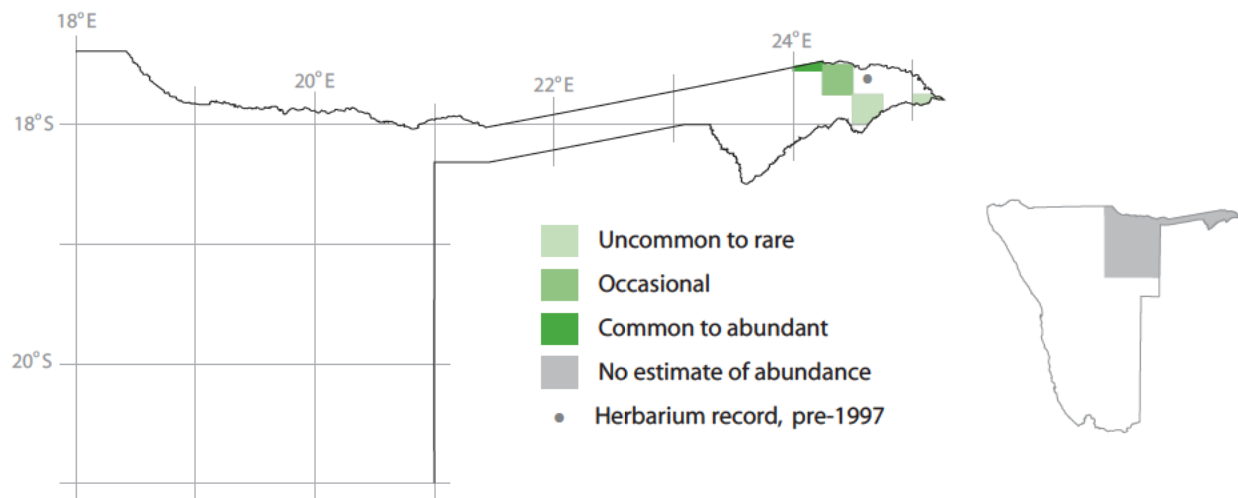
## Zebra-wood

Sebrahout (A)

[7 records from 4 squares]

Deciduous shrub, with **characteristic, spinescent lateral branches**. BARK smooth, grey, sometimes peels in strips. LEAVES compound, **spirally arranged or clustered** on spinescent shoots; 7–13 almost sessile leaflets, oval; dark green and shiny above, paler green and matt below; **apex rounded to notched**; base broadly tapering. FLOWERS **clustered on spines**; small, white or

pale pink, sweetly scented and appearing with new leaves. FRUIT a **flattened, papery pod**, up to 50 x 13 mm; pale brown to black when mature, usually borne in dense clusters.



### DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Uncommon to common in the extreme eastern Caprivi.

### HABITAT

On plains and river banks.

### GROWTH FORM

Mostly a shrub of less than 3 m high; occasionally a tree of over 8 m.

### ANNUAL CYCLE

Records only for March, April and November. FLOWERS not recorded. FRUIT recorded in November. LEAVES recorded in every observation month

### CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.