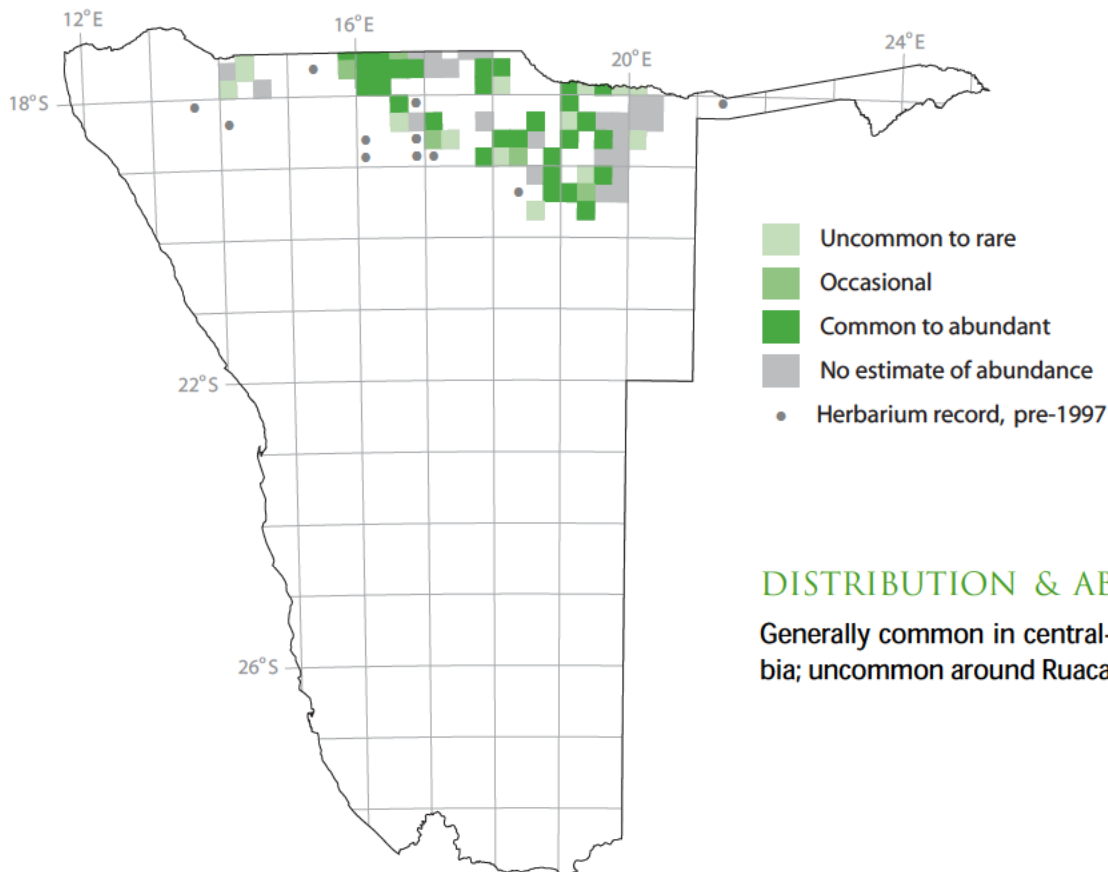


Ozoroa schinzii

Hiatata / Oifuku

[99 records from 75 (7%) squares]

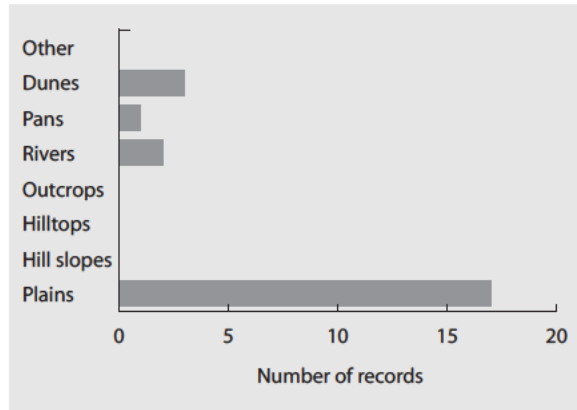
Deciduous shrub. LEAVES simple, spirally arranged or (often) 3–4-whorled, obovate to elliptic, 8–25 mm long; dark green and slightly hairy above; olive-green and slightly hairy below, margin entire; apex blunt, rounded; base broadly tapering; petiole 1–3 mm long. INFLORESCENCE an axillary or terminal spray. FLOWERS small, white. FRUIT a kidney-shaped, somewhat flattened berry, 7–8 mm long; black when ripe.

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE**

Generally common in central-northern Namibia; uncommon around Ruacana.

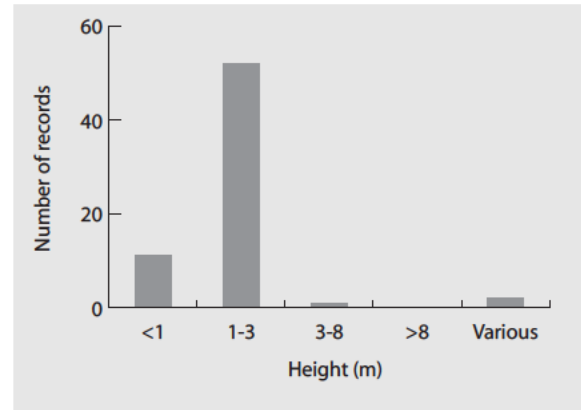
HABITAT

Predominantly found on sandy plains in woodlands.



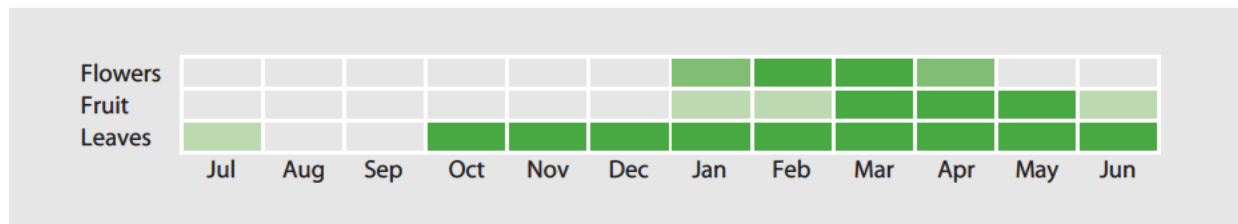
GROWTH FORM

A shrub in the 1–3-m height class. About 30% of observations were of stands of shrubs of various heights.



ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS January to April. FRUIT January to June. LEAVES October to June.



GENERAL

The roots, fruit and leaves are used medicinally, as well as the smoke produced on burning this plant. Dried stems are used to light fires. The fruit is used to make necklaces as toys for children.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.