



LEGUMINOSAE

***Acacia montis-usti* Merxm. & A.Schreib. , Bull. Jard. Bot. État Bruxelles 27: 270 (1957)**

TYPE: NAMIBIA: Erongo, Brandberg, Welwitsch-Tal, Von Wettstein 95 (holotype M)

Synonyms: *Senegalia montis-usti* (Merxm. & A.Schreib.) Kyal. & Boatwr.;

Common Names: Brandbergakasia, Brandbergdoring, Brandberg-doring (Afrikaans), Brandberg acacia, Brandberg thorn (English), Brandbergakazie (German), !ari.b, /arib, /rib, aru, nu-haib, sai (Khoekhoegowab), okangondo (Otjiherero)

Ecology: Found occurring at foot of mountain in dry river, in rocky ravines, kloofs, ridges, Euphorbia damarana plain and plains with coarse reddish sand. Associated with *Stipagrostis* spp., *Monechma* sp., *Cleome foliosa*, *Salvadora persica*. ; full sun

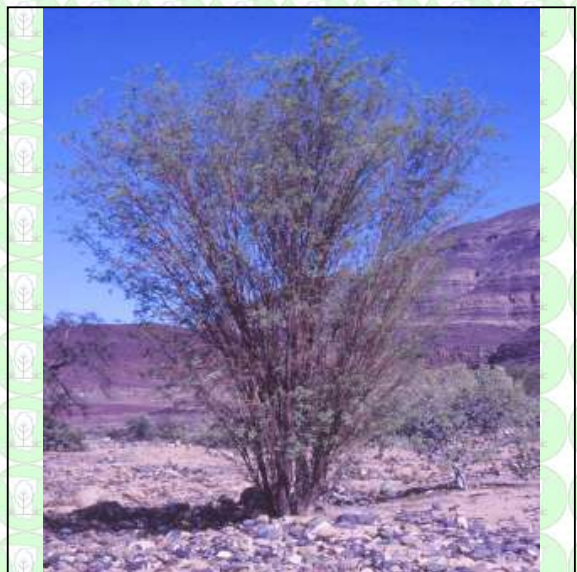
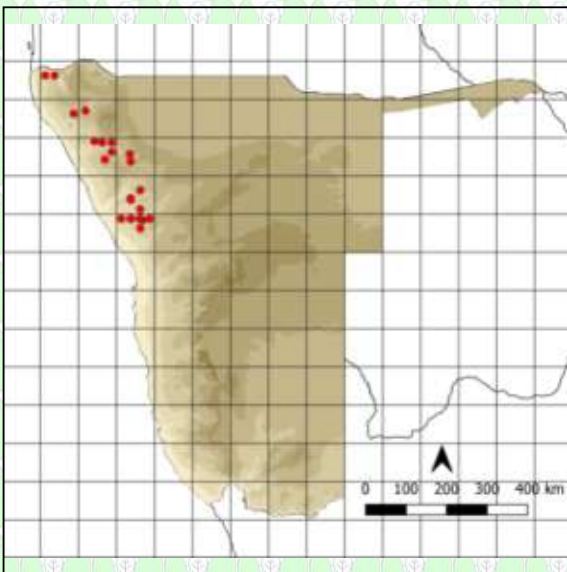


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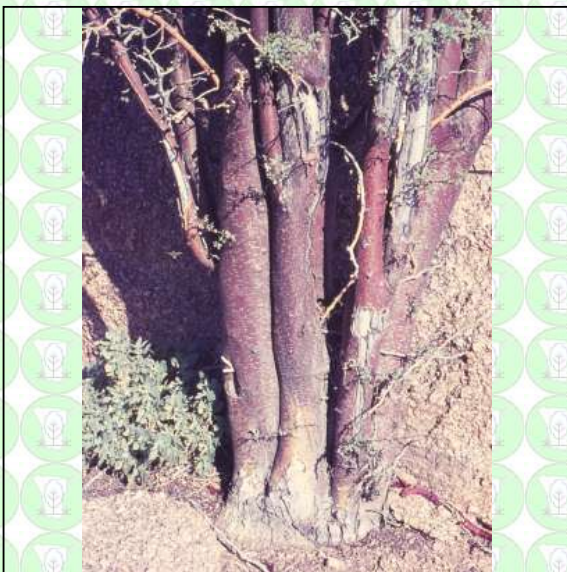


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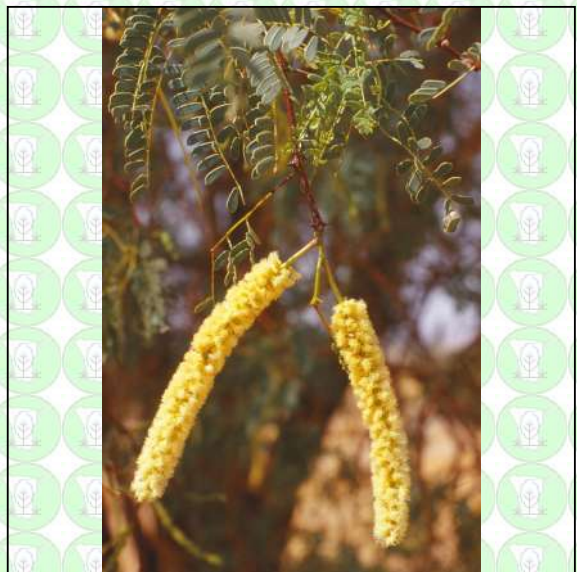


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Description: perennial shrub/tree; 3 - 15 m high; stem multiple, broom-like, bark reddish-purple to more yellowish on main stem and trunk, bark peeling; branches with black paired thorns which are



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hooked and short, thorns reddish-brown on branchlets; deciduous; leaves dark green, apex rounded, base broadly rounded, margin entire, midrib assymmetric, bipinnately compound, 3-5 pairs of pinnae, each with 10 pairs of leaflets, leaflets 8 mm long; flowers yellow - cream, spike; fruit pods brittle, straight, slightly woody, 12 - 14 cm long, 2 cm wide, oblong, green when young and still on tree, usually dark red - dark brown when matured, margin thickened

Distribution: Endemic to Namibia and Angola

Uses: ENVIRONMENTAL USES - Revegetators

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