



APOCYNACEAE

***Adenium boehmianum* Schinz** , Verh. Bot. Ver. Brandenb. 30: 259 (1888)

TYPE: NAMIBIA: Oshikoto, Olukonda, Schinz 216a (lectotype K); Precise locality unknown, Schinz 1886 (paratype Z); Precise locality unknown, Schinz 221 (paratype Z)

Synonyms: *Adenium obesum* (Forssk.) Roem. & Schult. subsp. *boehmianum* (Schinz) G.D.Rowley;

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Common Names: boesmangif, impalalelie, pylgif, rylgif (Afrikaans), ngava-ngava (Bushmen), Bushman poison (English), Pfeilgiftbusch, Pfeilgiftpflanze (German), !khores, !khores/b, /ores (Khoekhoegowab), ngava-ngava (Kxoe), oudiyo, oudyo (Oshikwanyama), eshuwo (Nkolonkadhi), oudhiyo, ouviyo (Oshimbalanhu), uuzigo (Oshindonga), echuja (Oshiwambo), ouzuwo, ejavo, ouzuoo (Otjiherero), othuo (Ovahimba-Ovathemba), oothio (Ovathemba)

Ecology: Found in short woodland, grassland, Mopane veld, between rocks in dry rocky places or growing in shallow sandy soil, calcrete, red sand and in well-drained rocky granitic gravel soil. ; Full sun

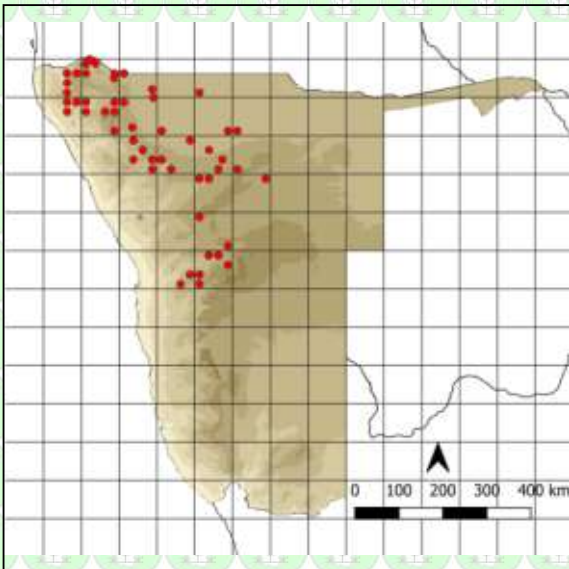
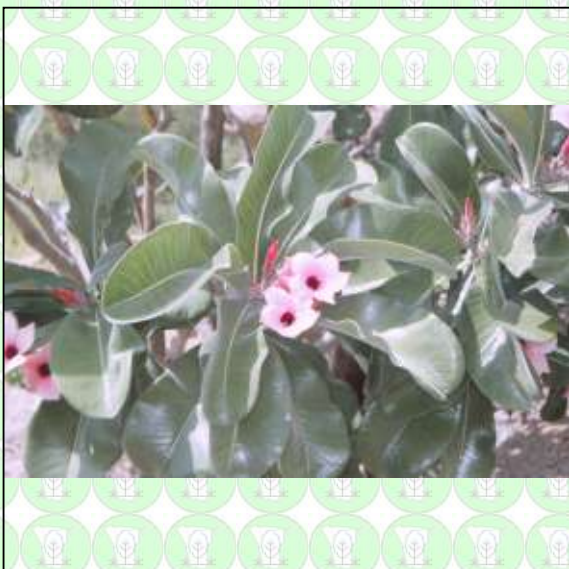


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Description: perennial shrub; 1 - 3 m high; stem thickened towards base, very soft and fibrous, difficult to break, smooth bark, greyish; short, thick, soft, fleshy branches; leaves simple, broad elliptical to large obovate, somewhat wavy, soft, hairy, parallel venation, clustered terminally, margins undulating, glaucous, shiny above, dull below; sap white/ yellow, milky; flowers pink, cerise, rose; fruit a paired follicle; seed brown, cylindrical with a tuft of golden hair on each end

Distribution: Endemic to Namibia (NW) and Angola (SW)

Uses: POISON - arrows

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