

Indigenous

Af: Sihigto
Hd: Teker
Sh: Suhuga

Ar: Asak
Km: Kara
Tr: Haq

Bl: Sh.ela.wa
Nr: Kar
Tg: Suhug

Ecology: This tree is confined to the Sudan, Somalia, Arabia and Ethiopia. In Eritrea, it is commonly found in the eastern and western lowlands, e.g. on the Buri Peninsula, around Zula, Seburguma, Solomuna, Hidai Valley, Seber, Mai-lam and Barentu, 350-1,600 m. Usually associated with *Terminalia brownii* and *Boscia angustifolia*.

Uses: **Firewood, charcoal, timber** (construction), fodder (camel browse), bee forage, medicine (smoking the bark).

Description: A tree or shrub up to 10 m. **BARK:** On young stems yellow and peeling, on older stems dark grey and fissured. **THORNS:** Variable, short, straight or recurved, single, in threes, the central thorn hooked. **LEAVES:** Compound, with **3-6 widely spaced pairs of pinnae**, on a stalk to 5 cm, leaflets grey-green with rounded tips. **FLOWERS:** White-pale **yellow on spikes to 11 cm**. **FRUIT:** **Straight flat pods, brown-purple** and smooth **to 12 cm long**, breaking open.

Propagation: Does well from seedlings. Direct seeding on moist sites is possible.

Seed: No. of seeds per kg: 5,000-6,000.

treatment: Soak in cold water for 24 hours.

storage: Can be stored for a long period.

Management: Pollarding, coppicing

Remarks:

