

Discopodium penninervium

Solanaceae

Indigenous

Common Ecology: **names:** **Lugishu:** Chichiwondo **Sebei:** Zabakwa. A forest undershrub recorded in the wetter forests of the Aberdare Mountains, Kenya, and also in Ethiopia. In Uganda it is found in lower montane forests in gaps and disturbed areas associated with Podocarpus and Olea. It is also commonly found growing as hedges and individual shrubs in Kapchorwa, Kabale and Kisoro Districts, and can also be associated with *Datura suaveolens* and *Iboza multiflora*.

Uses: Firewood, tools, live fence.

Description: A shrub or small tree up to 5 m high, stems slightly fleshy, branchlets brown, hairy. **BARK:** smooth, pale to dark brown. **LEAVES:** **very large and oval, to 25 x 10 cm**, edge wavy. **FLOWERS:** **yellow-green-white, very small, in bunches** beside

the leaves; the triangular calyx lobes bend back. **FRUIT:** **orange-yellow berries**, about 1 cm across. Cuttings, seedlings. Collect berries when ripe, mash and separate, not necessary.

Propagation:

Seed:
treatment:
storage:

Management: Fast growing; pollarding, lopping, coppicing. The wood tends to be succulent, and if used as firewood it needs to dry for a long time.

Remarks:

