

Lannea schweinfurthii var. stuhlmannii

Anacardiaceae

Indigenous

- Common names: Arusha: eravande; Gogo: muwumbu; **Iraqw:** tambaragi, thigii; **Kuria:** mumendo, omosaruwa; **Lugu:** muhingilo; **Mate:** ndelamwana; **Mwera:** mpupi; **Nyam:** mnyumbu; Pare: msighe; **Rangi:** msakawa; **Suku:** msayu, nsayu; **Swah:** mtundu; **Zara:** mpiwipwi; **Zigua:** mumbu; **Zinza:** mnyamendi, mribwampara, muhondobogo.
- Ecology: Widespread in Africa from Somalia to southern Africa at a range of altitudes, 0-1,800 m. Common in wooded grassland, dry forest, river valleys. It is found all over Tanzania.
- Uses: Timber (stools, chairs, mortars), food (fruit), medicine (leaves, bark, roots), fodder (leaves), stuffing (root fibres).
- Description: A shrub or small deciduous tree, usually 3-5 m, irregularly branched, the crown rounded and spreading, branchlets drooping. **BARK:** grey-brown, fairly smooth, flaking when older. **LEAVES:** compound, usually crowded at the ends of branches, few leaflets, usually **3-5 shiny** and stiff, oval, **larger terminal leaflet to 9 cm**, tips blunt, leaf stalk grooved. **FLOWERS:** strongly scented, small, cream coloured, in hanging spikes to 20 cm. Male and female trees. **FRUIT:** oblong **1-2 cm, red-brown**, fleshy, edible.
- Propagation: Seedlings, root suckers.
- Seed info.: No. of seeds per kg: 40,000-45,000. Germination is good, completed after 45 days,
- treatment: not necessary.
- storage: very perishable; seeds can keep viability for **a few weeks** only.
- Management: Coppicing.
- Remarks: The species is resistant to fire. The fibrous roots like red-brown wool have been used for stuffing pillows. **Young** branches are very flexible and the white wood is soft **and** light.

