

Pseudolachnostylis maprouneifolia

Euphorbiaceae

Indigenous

Common names: **Bende:** mtunduru; Eng: duiker berry; **Haya:** mutoto; **Hehe:** memena; **Lugu:** msolo; **Mate:** muholo, nzolo; Mwera: mng'olo, ngolo; Nyam: mtunguru; **Sangu:** mumemena; Swah: muguruka; **Zara:** mpulu, msyolo; Zigua: mselenkanga.

Ecology: A common tree in the miombo woodland south to the Transvaal, often found at low and medium altitudes on light soils. Grows best on deep well-drained soils.

Uses: Firewood, charcoal, timber (joinery, local carpentry), fodder (leaves, fruit), medicine (roots, bark, leaves), shade, dye (fruit).

Description: A semi-deciduous tree which can reach up to 16 m. Usually about 6 m with large branches to a light crown. **BARK:** cream-grey-brown, irregularly cracked and scaly, **small** branches smooth, white. **LEAVES:** small, oval, to 8 cm, **alternate** on the twigs, **thin, rather blue-green with yellow stalks.** **FLOWERS:** occur from July to December, male and female trees; small green-white in few-flowered clusters. **FRUIT:** ripen from June to October, **green-yellow, rounded to 2 cm** across, thin flesh with **3 seeds in 3 parts.**

Propagation: Seedlings (natural regeneration).

Seed info.:

treatment:

soak the seed in hot water and allow to cool for 2 days.

storage:

can be stored in cold, dry conditions.

Management:

Pruning, weeding.

Remarks:

Some of the tribes in Tanzania worship ancestral spirits associated with this tree species.

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