

Rhus glutinosa subsp. *abyssinica*

Anacardiaceae

Indigenous

Ar: *Sambu*

Sh: *Amus*

Tg: *Amus*

Tr: *Shamutet*

Ecology: In Eritrea this shrub is common over 1,500 m in the central and northern highlands as well as in the eastern escarpment, often on rocky hillsides. It occurs around Semenawi-bahri, Embasoira, Wogret, Debresina and on Mt. Bizen and Mt. Tekera, for example, often in association with *Carissa edulis* and *Rhus natalensis*. It is drought resistant.

Uses: **Firewood, timber** (construction), walking sticks, food (fruit), bee forage, toothbrush.

Description: A shrub or tree up to 7 m high. **BARK:** Dark grey to brown or reddish, rough. **LEAVES:** **Three leaflets on a hairy stalk to 8 cm long, leaflets without stalks**, all oval, the central leaflet longer, 7-20 cm, **both surfaces softly hairy**, edge wavy or with rounded teeth only at the tip. **FLOWERS:** Small, brown-white on terminal branched heads or beside leaves, **to 20 cm long**, stalk hairy. **FRUIT:** Small, rounded, **shiny**, containing seed, **slightly flattened, 3-5 mm across**.

Propagation: Seedlings, wildings.

Seed:

treatment:

storage:

Management: Fast growing.

Remarks:

