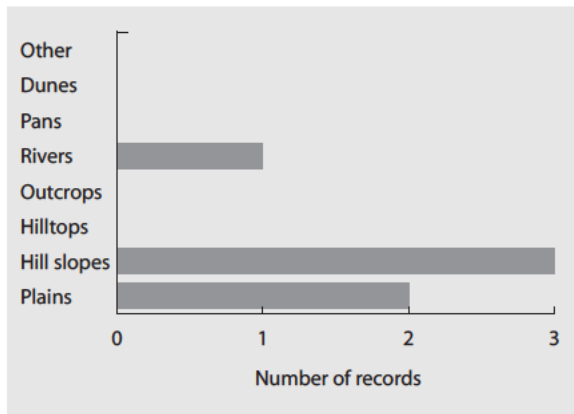


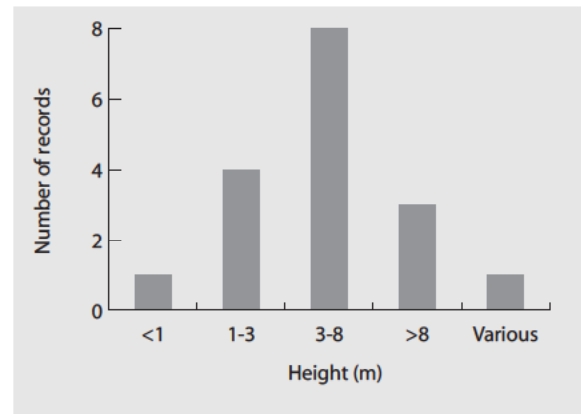
HABITAT

Found mainly on sandy plains, but also on rocky hill slopes in the north-west.



GROWTH FORM

A tree, generally up to 8 m high, but occasionally higher (17% of records).



ANNUAL CYCLE

There was only one observation between July and November. FLOWERS none recorded. FRUIT March to December. LEAVES recorded December to June and not in August.

GENERAL

The roots are used medicinally; the fruit is used to produce an alcoholic beverage.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

Either this species was overlooked by atlasers because it is so uncommon, or its range has been reduced. Needs further investigation.

Margaritaria discoidea

Peacock-berry

[3 records from 3 squares]

Semi-deciduous shrub or small tree with spreading crown. TRUNK straight, buttressed. BARK brown, rough, flaking irregularly to expose red-brown underbark. LEAVES simple, ovate to obovate; bright green, papery. FLOWERS inconspicuous, yellowish-green. FRUIT a three-lobed capsule, yellow.

Three records from eastern Caprivi. A rare shrub in the 1–3-m height class in Salambala Conservancy (1724DC) and on Impalila Island (1725CC), and an uncommon tree in the 3–8-m height class at Lianshulu (1823AD). The last record is a range extension (CUR1, specimen 1250). Flowers recorded in October. Three earlier herbarium records (1724AD, CC and DA) report it as a tree 3–5 m high, with fruit in December and February.