

HABITAT

Found on sandy plains in woodland; also on floodplains in the Caprivi.

GROWTH FORM

Always a shrub, mostly in the 1–3-m height category.

ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS November to March. FRUIT October to March. LEAVES apparently deciduous, but no observations made in winter; bare in October.

GENERAL

Easily colonises disturbed areas. Has horticultural potential for frost-free areas due to its lovely flowers.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.

Markhamia zanzibarica

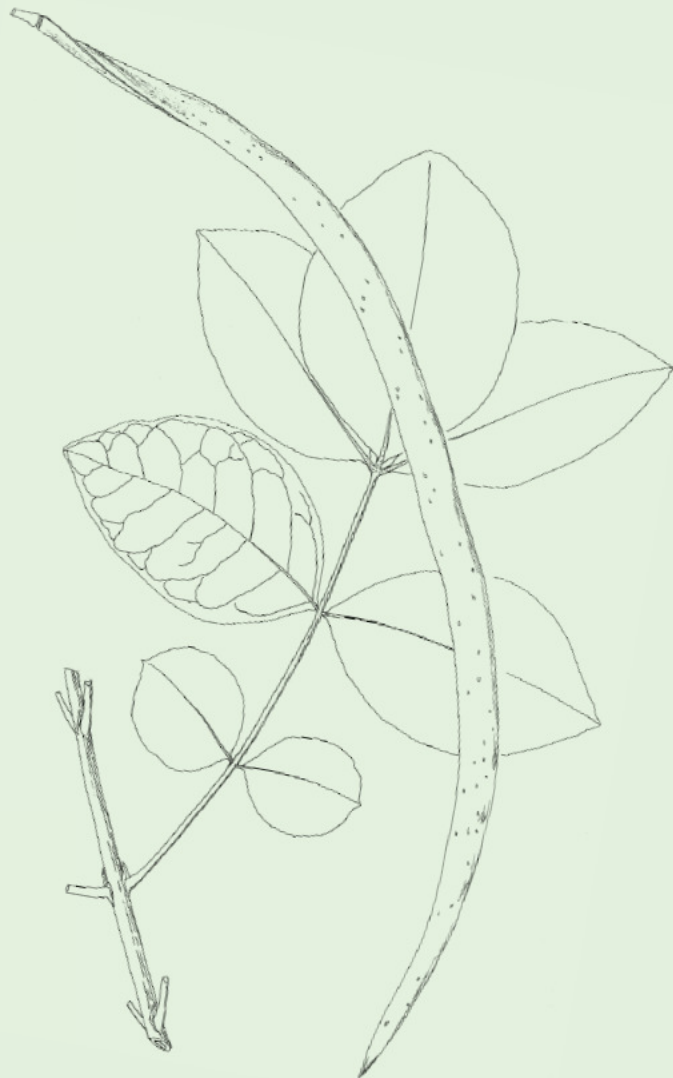
= *Markhamia acuminata*

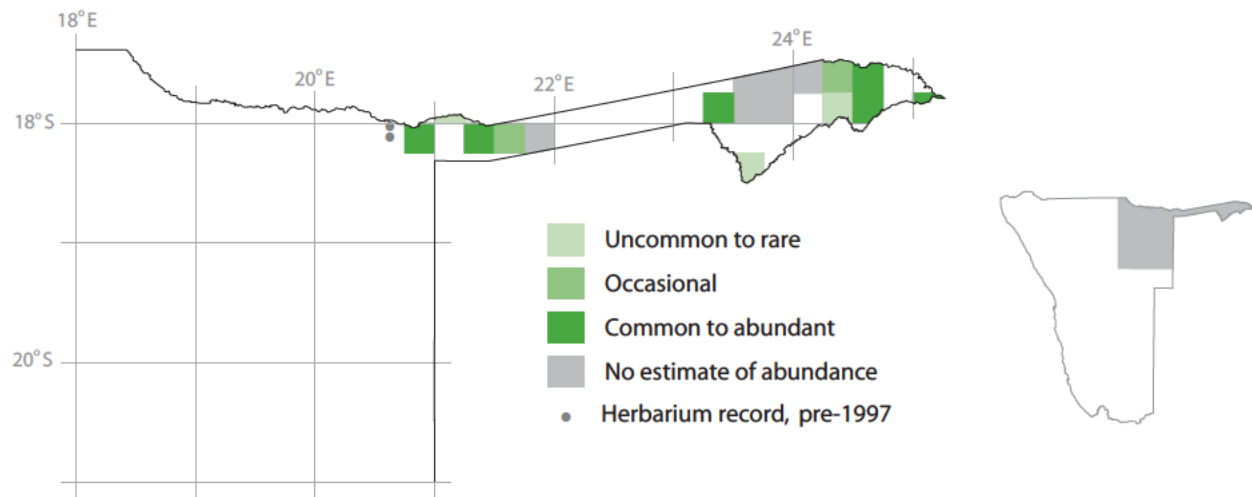
Bell-bean

Klokkiesboontjieboom (A); kaitala (Kx); mupatagwali (L)

[27 records from 20 (2%) squares]

Deciduous, **untidy shrub** or tree. BARK smooth, shiny, grey-brown to dark grey; flaking near the base in uneven plates. BRANCHES brittle; young branchlets white-downy. LEAVES compound, with 2–3 sessile leaflet pairs, **the basal pair is distinctly smaller than the others; leaflets obovate to almost circular**; dark green above, with sparse hairs and scales; paler below. FLOWERS large, **bell-shaped, striking; yellow with dense, maroon flecks**. FRUIT a long, sickle-shaped, twisted capsule up to c. 10 mm broad; brown with whitish dots when ripe.



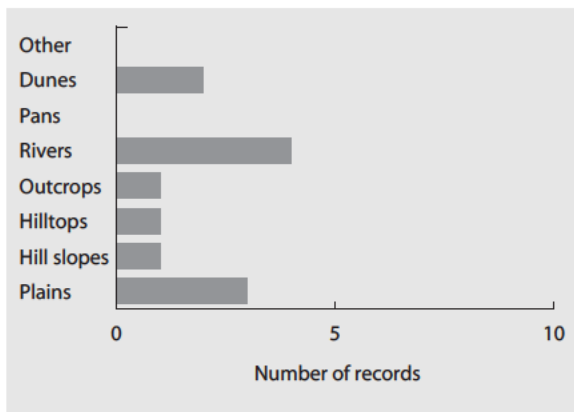


DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Found mostly along the rivers of the eastern Caprivi, as well as the Okavango River.

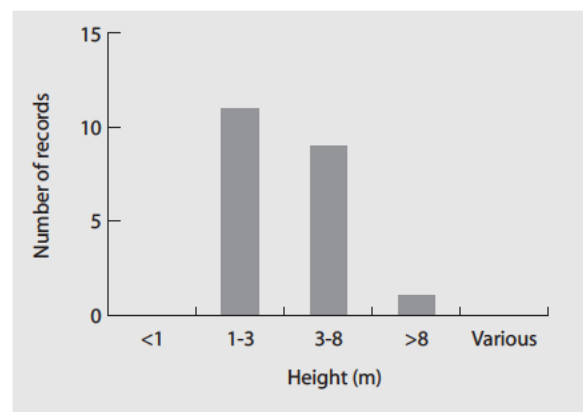
HABITAT

Found on river banks and floodplains in riverine woodland; also on sandy plains and dunes.



GROWTH FORM

Mostly a tree (62% of records), but often shrubby or clambering.



ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS mainly in December, but also in November and January. FRUIT from December to June. LEAVES apparently deciduous, but no observations in winter; bare trees recorded in November.

GENERAL

Of horticultural potential for frost-free areas due to its lovely flowers.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.