

# ***Discopodium penninervium***

Solanaceae

## **Indigenous**

**Ag:** *Alumi* **Am:** *Ameraro* **Or:** *Aja'a*, *Mararo* **Tg:** *Alhem*

## **Ecology**

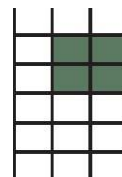
A shrubby species growing at the margins of evergreen cedar and *Podocarpus* forests and woodlands, usually in Dry, Moist and Wet Dega and Wurch agroclimatic zones Tigray, Welo, Gojam, Shoa, Harerge, Arsi, Sidamo and Kefa regions, 2,100-3,100 m.

## **Uses**

Firewood, farm tools (especially 'digir'), live fence.

## **Description**

Shrub or small tree up to 5 m high, stems slightly fleshy, branchlets brown, hairy. BARK: Smooth, pale to dark brown. LEAVES: Very large and oval, to 25 x 10 cm, edge wavy. FLOWERS: Yellow-greenwhite, very small, in bunches beside the leaves; the triangular calyx lobes bend back. FRUIT: Orange-yellow berries, about 1 cm across.



## **Propagation**

Cuttings, seedlings.

## **Seed**

**Treatment:** No need

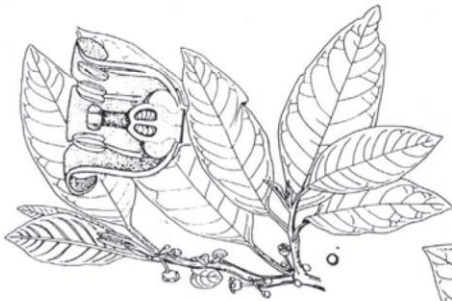
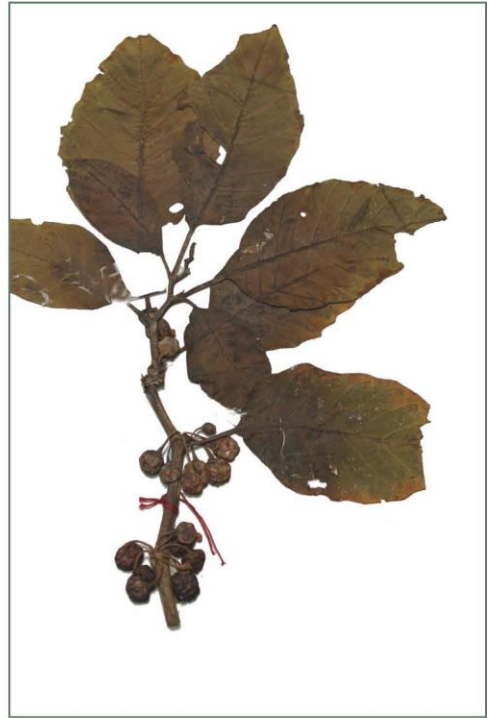
**Storage:** Can be stored in dry and airtight containers

## **Management**

Pollarding, lopping, coppicing.

## **Remarks**

The large leaves are used locally for baking bread.



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