# Steganotaenia araliacea

Apiaceae

## Indigenous

Agn: Urao

Am: Temene, Etse, Menahe

Brt: Sheget

Eng: Violet tree, Carrot tree

Gmz: Sikida Nur: Leele

Or: Jirma-jales, Etse Menabele, Shenkore

Shn: Sigida Sm: Ghed-bidanie

Antrokohela, Endur, Benkala, Moad

Wt: Sangano

# **Ecology**

A small savannah tree occurring over a wide range of altitude, especially in low-altitude woodland or on rocky outcrops. It occurs in Dry and Moist Bereha, Kolla and Weyna Dega agroclimatic zones of Gojam, Ilubabor, Shewa, Harerge, Sidamo, and Gamo Gofa, 400-1,900 m.

#### Uses

Firewood, farm tools, medicine (roots).

### Description

A small deciduous shrub or tree, 2–7 m. BARK: Yellow-grey-green, rather waxy, peeling in papery strips or rectangles, later grey-brown, thick and corky, horizontally grooved. LEAVES: Crowded towards the ends of the few branches, compound, 2-3 pairs of leaflets plus one, spaced on a stalk to 10 cm, the base expanded around the stem. Each leaflet ovate, to 5 cm, sometimes stalked, the edge clearly toothed, each tooth bearing a fine hairy point. FLOWERS: Small, green-white, in rounded compound clusters at the end of stout twigs, quite showy as they appear before the leaves; 3-7

long stalks arise together and each bears a crown of small heads (umbels) about 8 cm across. Individual flowers on stalks 5 mm long may be male only, the stamens longer than the 5 petals. FRUIT: In large untidy clusters, cream-brown and papery, each fruit flat and heart-shaped to 12 mm, winged each side with 3 ribs. Fruit dry on the tree splitting to release seed.

### **Propagation**

Seedlings.

#### Seed

Germination in 11 – 14 days, continues for additional two weeks. About 125,000 seed per kg.

Treatment: Not necessary.

Storage:

# Management

Fast growing, coppicing.

## Remarks

The wood is soft and brittle. Stems are hollow.

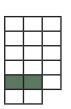






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