MERU OAK
Vitex keniensis

AGROFORESTRY USES:
- Provides shade.
- Provides wind protection.
- Great mulch.
- Wood can be used for fuel.
- Timber is hard and durable and is highly prized.

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

PLANT:
- Woody: Yes
- Latex: Absent
- Thorny: Absent
- Mature height: 12–30m
- Bark: Pale brown; narrow, vertical grooves.

LEAF:
- Type: Obvate
- Style: Palmate leaves
- Arrangement: Vaguely star-like formation
- Aroma: None
- Length: 9–21 cm
- Width: 3.5–10 cm
- Margins: NA

FLOWER:
- Size: 7–8 cm
- Colour: White or purplish
- Aroma: None
- Type: Axillary dichasia

FRUIT:
- Type: Ellipsoid drupe
- Unripe colour: Green
- Ripe colour: Black
- Size: 15 mm