A *Cyclopia intermedia* aroma wheel has been developed as a communication and quality control tool for the South African honeybush tea industry. This species-specific aroma wheel is based on the sensory analysis of infusions using a large number of fermented *C. intermedia* production batches sourced from commercial processors, farm stalls and supermarkets throughout the Western and Eastern Cape provinces of South Africa. The sample set served to capture the sensory variation in the sensory profile of this honeybush species, particularly to identify the major positive and negative aroma attributes associated with *C. intermedia*.

The attributes captured in the aroma wheel are depicted as slices with the size of each slice indicating the relative intensity of the attribute in question. The bar graph illustrates the percentage occurrence of the major aroma attributes in the sample set, another indication of the relative importance of each attribute. Combined, these sensory tools can be used to assess or describe the aroma profile of this important honeybush species.

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