Adapting agriculture to climate change: collecting, protecting and preparing crop wild relatives

Ghana

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Seed Collecting Guide







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Many individual scientists, herbaria, genebanks and specialist institutes are contributing advice and information to the Project and these guides. The Project aims to collect the wild relatives of 29 key crops, conserve them in genebanks, and prepare them for use in plant improvement programs to breed new crop varieties adapted to future climates.



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The Harlan and de Wet Crop Wild Relatives Checklist was developed by Holly Vincent and Nigel Maxted at the University of Birmingham.

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Specimen data was kindly provided to this project by many individuals and organisations who are listed on the website: http://www.cwrdiversity.org/home/data-sources

This data set will be made available for download. Please refer to the website for more information on this dataset.

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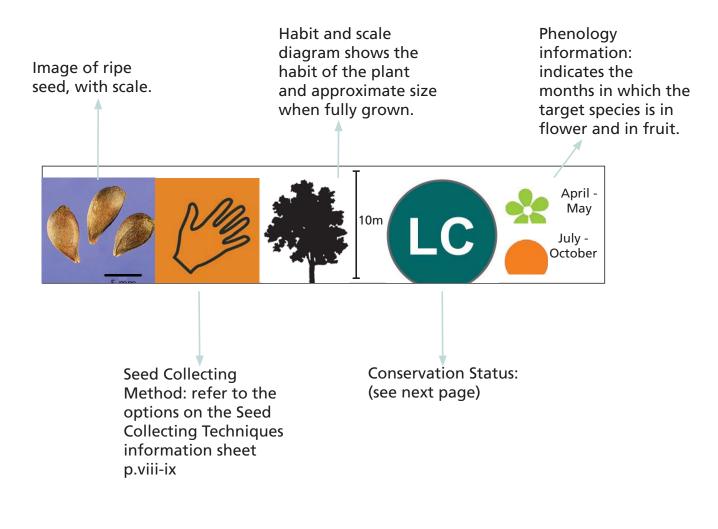
How to use this guide

This collecting guide consists of species profiles and information sheets contained within this folder, alongside a CD which contains localities of the taxa in an Excel file.

The species included in this guide are a selection of the wild relatives of the 29 key crops which this project covers (African Rice, Alfalfa, Apple, Bambara groundnut, Banana, Barley, Bread wheat, Butter bean, Carrot, Chickpea, Common bean, Cowpea, Eggplant, Faba bean, Finger millet, Grasspea, Lentil, Oat, Pea, Pearl millet, Pigeon pea, Plantain, Potato, Rice, Rye, Sorghum, Sunflower, Sweet potato, Vetch). It is not a definitive guide to the Crop Wild Relatives in this country.

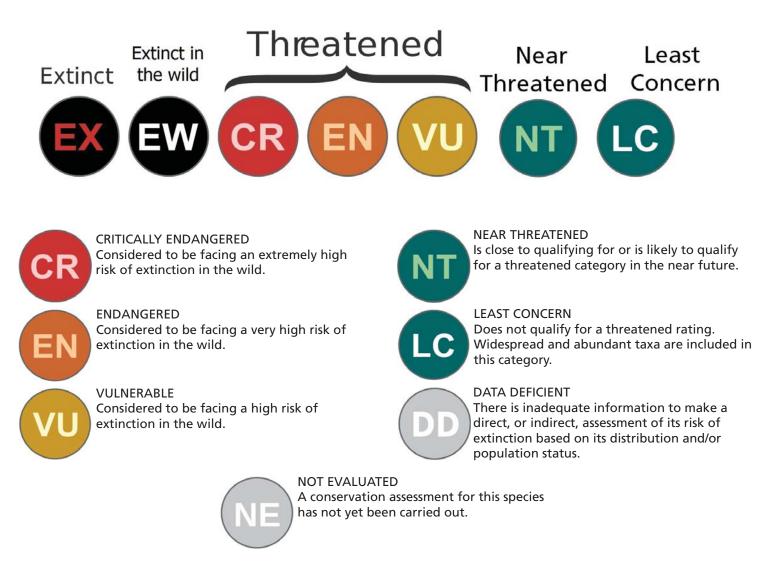
The guides are designed to be used both in the planning of a collecting trip and in the field. At the front of this guide there is a phenology table showing the flowering and fruiting times of all the taxa to indicate which species may be found at a certain time of year, or when to collect target species.

Synonyms for each species are listed in the Appendix at the end of this guide. On each species profile, there is a collection of images to help identify the target species, accompanied by a series of symbols :



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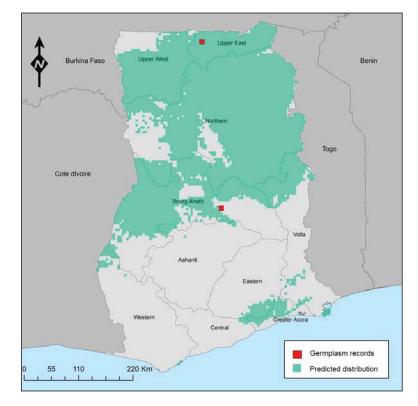
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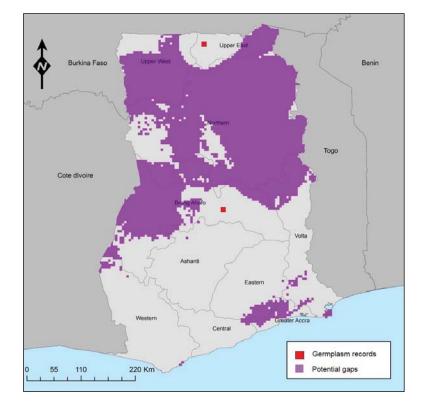
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Two maps are provided for each target species. The first map shows a point distribution of all the known localities of this species based on herbarium specimen records and existing data-sets. The area shaded on this map shows the predicted distribution based on Maxent.



The second map shows the potential gaps in gene bank collections, where seed collections should be targetted.



Useful resources

The following resources are available online.

Kew technical information sheets

- Assessing a potential seed collection: http://brahmsonline.kew.org/Content/Projects/msbp/resources/Training/02-Assessing-population.pdf
- Post-harvest handling of seed collections: http://brahmsonline.kew.org/Content/Projects/msbp/resources/Training/04-Post-harvest-handling.pdf

Other sheets covering the following topics are available from

http://brahmsonline.kew.org/msbp/Training/Resources

- Protocol for comparative seed longevity testing
- Measuring seed moisture status using a hygrometer
- Selecting containers for long-term seed storage
- Low-cost monitors of seed moisture status
- Small-scale seed drying methods
- Equilibrating seeds to specific moisture levels
- Identifying desiccation-sensitive seeds
- Seed bank design: seed drying rooms
- Seed bank design: cold rooms for seed storage
- Cleaning seed collections for long-term conservation

ENSCONET seed collecting manual for wild species

http://ensconet.maich.gr/PDF/Collecting_protocol_English.pdf

Seed conservation: turning science into practice

https://academic.oup.com/aob/article/95/5/888/201951

Collecting plant genetic diversity: Technical guidelines (Bioversity)

http://cropgenebank.sgrp.cgiar.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=390&Itemid=557

FAO – Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

http://www.fao.org/nr/cgrfa/en/

IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria (Version 3.1)

https://iucn-csg.org/red-list-categories/

Plants of the World Online

http://plantsoftheworldonline.org/

For more information about the Crop Wild Relatives Project and to access the Harlan and de Wet Crop Wild Relatives checklist, please visit the website:

www.cwrdiversity.org

Interactive identification keys can be accessed using the links below.

Kew Grassbase interactive identification key

http://www.kew.org/data/grasses-db/ident.htm

Seed Collecting Techniques

Michael Way and Kate Gold, Seed Conservation Department

Seed collecting from wild plants requires care, resourcefulness and determination. There are many different collecting techniques. The most appropriate technique will depend on the species, particularly the type of dispersal unit (fleshy fruit, dry fruit, individual seeds etc). This information sheet outlines the manual techniques most commonly used to make seed collections of adequate quality and quantity, for long term conservation.

Hand picking of whole fruits

The most basic and flexible of techniques, hand picking or plucking, has many benefits. Consider though, if you can use a more efficient technique.



Plucking is particularly suitable when:

• target fruits can easily be selected by eye (e.g. due to colour or texture change of fruit coat, or swelling of fruit);

• non-target (e.g. immature or damaged) fruit cannot be excluded from the collection by more efficient techniques;

fruits are easily accessible and collectors can tie buckets or similar containers around the waist, releasing both hands for collecting;
collecting many-seeded fleshy or dry indehiscent fruits; and

• making small seed collections.

Pruning clusters of fruit

This technique is typically used to collect tree seeds. Cut groups or clusters of fruits using secateurs or tree pruners. Assess for ripeness and damage before adding seeds to the collection.



This is a very effective technique when:

• seed is clustered at the distal (terminal) parts of branches;

• the species is abundant and a small associated loss of branch and foliage is acceptable;

• seed is beyond reach of the collectors and has to be obtained using tree pruners.

Shaking branches

Careful shaking of branches will sometimes dislodge the best available seed, which can be collected in buckets or on a tarpaulin held or spread out beneath the plant. Start with



gentle taps, and carefully check each sample of seed dislodged. Light shaking will often dislodge fully ripe fruits and seeds, leaving immature, poorly developed and damaged seeds to be retained on the parent plant. Too-heavy beating of branches may cause damage to the tree, and may also dislodge other plant material and associated insects, necessitating additional cleaning of the collection.

Shaking branches may be useful when collecting:

- dehiscent fruits with medium large seeds;
- seeds with irritant plumes (e.g. *Cercocarpus* of the Rosaceae);
- spiny trees such as Prosopis (Fabaceae);
- on level, open terrain suitable for tarpaulin use.

This technique may not be suitable for light, plumed seed from Bombacaceae and Asclepiadaceae, which may be carried away by air currents.



ABOVE: Stripping seed heads may be appropriate for grasses Credit: Global Crop Diversity Trust/Britta Skagerfalt

Stripping entire seed-heads

This is a popular technique for collecting seed from grasses and may be suitable for other species with erect infructescences (seedheads). Grasp the seedheads at the base with a gloved hand and slide the hand



upwards, dislodging many or all of the seeds. This technique may introduce a proportion of immature seeds into the collection.

Such seeds might need further postharvest ripening which can be time consuming and is best avoided.

The stripping technique is most suitable for: • dense, mono-specific stands of target species with no weed or other species present; and • infructescences which are completely and consistently at the natural dispersal stage.

Bagging seed-heads

If there is frequent access to the collecting site, and if seeds would otherwise be lost, fix a well-tied mesh bag loosely over pre-dispersal seed heads. Seeds are captured as soon as they are shed, and can be periodically



removed. This has been successfully used on a small scale, e.g. for collecting *Fouquieria* sp.

Collecting from the ground

You will frequently find seeds on the ground below trees or shrubs, but they will often be damaged by pests or pathogens. The seeds may have been on the ground for several months, and could even date from the



previous year. Such seed will have aged and lifespan in storage will be reduced. Inspect the seed carefully, noting any variation in the fruit, seed coat and internal tissues.

In general, only collect from the ground when:

- the parent tree(s) can be determined without doubt;
- you are certain that you are collecting recently dispersed seeds;
- seeds have not suffered significant damage from pests or pathogens; and
- other techniques or collecting options are unsuitable.

Collecting fleshy fruits

• Collect fleshy fruits directly into strong plastic bags or tubs with as much air as possible.

• Pack the bags in a rigid plastic container to ensure that the fruits are not squashed and help prevent them getting too hot and fermenting during transit.

• You may need to remove the seeds from fleshy fruits either during or immedately after the field trip.



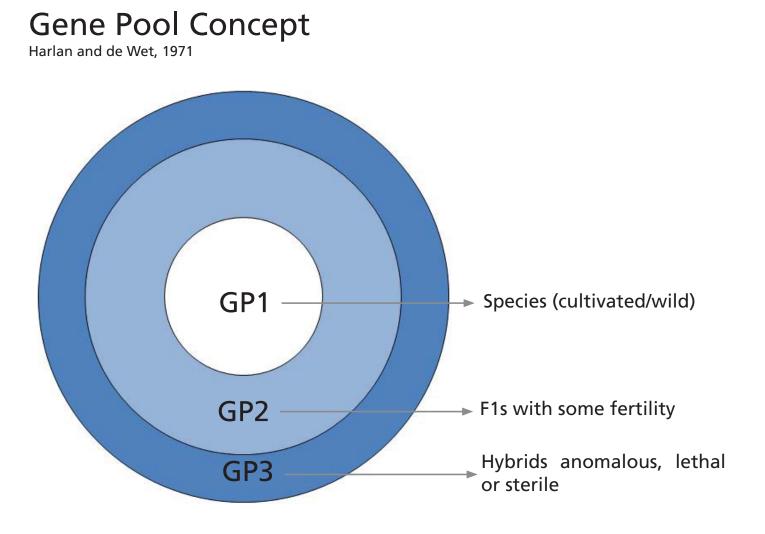
ABOVE Collecting small seeds into paper bags Credit: Ruth Harker/ RBG Kew

Containers

Collect into buckets, cloth or paper bags, and check each person's sample carefully before combining into a single population collection.

Using buckets has the advantage of allowing you to monitor the quality of the collection whilst associated insects disperse freely.

Place collections of dry, ripe seed into cloth or paper bags for transit. Store any awned seed or hooked fruit, that would damage or get stuck in cotton bags, in cardboard boxes or strong paper bags. Never collect or store seeds in plastic bags. Label all seed containers inside and out with a unique collection number, and seal them securely. It is best to prepare sufficient labels before filling the containers. Each target species in this guide is a wild relative of a crop. On each species profile it is indicated how closely related the target species is to the crop using either the **Gene Pool concept** or the **Taxon Group concept**. Species more closely related to the crop are higher priorities for collecting.



Taxon Group Concept

Maxted et al. 2006

Taxon Group 1 – cultivated/wild form of the crop

Taxon Group 2 – species in same series/section as crop

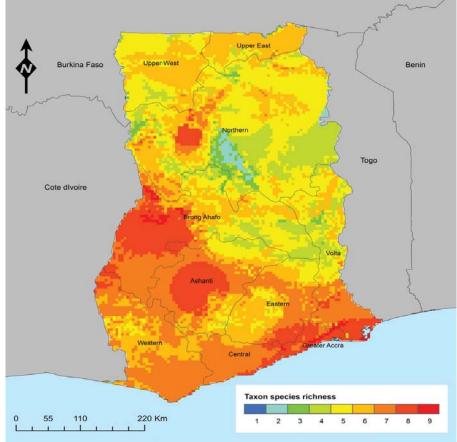
Taxon Group 3 – species in same subgenus as crop

Harlan, J. and J. de Wet (1971). Towards a rational classification of cultivated plants. Taxon 20: 509-517.

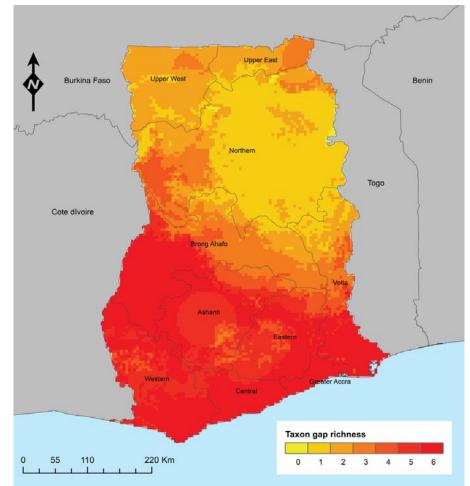
Maxted, N., B.V. Ford-Lloyd, S.L. Jury, S.P. Kell and M.A. Scholten (2006). Towards a definition of a crop wild relative. Biodiversity and Conservation 14: 1-13.

Country Maps

Species richness



Priority areas for collection



Phenology table

Taxon	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	МАҮ	NUL	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Ipomoea ochracea												
Vigna unguiculata subsp. baoulensis												
Eleusine indica												
Oryza barthii												
Oryza glaberrima												
Oryza longistaminata												
Oryza punctata												
Oryza schweinfurthiana												
Pennisetum purpureum												
Pennisetum sieberianum												
Sorghum bicolor subsp. verticilliflorum												
Solanum anguivi												
Solanum dasyphyllum												
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Data gathered from literature and herbarium specimens

Species in fruit

Species in this guide

Family	Taxon	Genepool	Collection Priority	Sheet
Convolvulaceae	Ipomoea ochracea	Sweet Potato	Low	1
Leguminosae	Vigna unguiculata subsp. baoulensis	Cowpea	Low	2
Poaceae	Cenchrus purpureus	Pearl Millet	High	3
Poaceae	Cenchrus sieberianus	Pearl Millet	High	4
Poaceae	Eleusine indica	Finger Millet	High	5
Poaceae	Oryza barthii	Rice	Low	6
Poaceae	Oryza glaberrima	Rice	Low	7
Poaceae	Oryza longistaminata	Rice	Low	8
Poaceae	Oryza punctata	Rice	Low	9
Poaceae	Oryza schweinfurthiana	Rice	Low	10
Poaceae	Sorghum bicolor subsp. verticilliflorum	Sorghum	High	11
Solanaceae	Solanum anguivi	Eggplant	High	12
Solanaceae	Solanum dasyphyllum	Eggplant	High	13

Ipomoea ochracea (Lindl.) G. Don

Wild relative of sweet potato

Yellow morning glory

HABIT: Vines, stems twining, herbaceous, up to ca. 3 m long, glabrous.

LEAVES: Leaf blades chartaceous, cordate, 3.5-6 cm long, 3-5 cm wide, glabrous, margins entire, apex narrowly acuminate to acute, mucronulate, petioles up to 8 cm long.

INFLORESCENCES: Flowers solitary, axillary, or few in cymes, pedicels 5-40 mm long; sepals unequal, inner ones ovate, larger than outer ones, ca. 6 mm long, ca. 3 mm wide, apex acute, base rounded, outer ones ca. 5 mm long, ca. 2.5 mm wide, apex acuminate, mucronate, base rounded, all sepals glabrous, minutely verrucose, margins scarious; corolla yellow, purple within tube, funnelform, 2.5-4 cm long.

FRUIT: Capsules brown, ovoid, 1.0-1.5 cm long, 0.5-0.7 cm in diameter, glabrous. Seeds often 4, sometimes fewer, black, globose to ovoid, ca. 4 mm in diameter, glabrous to puberulent.

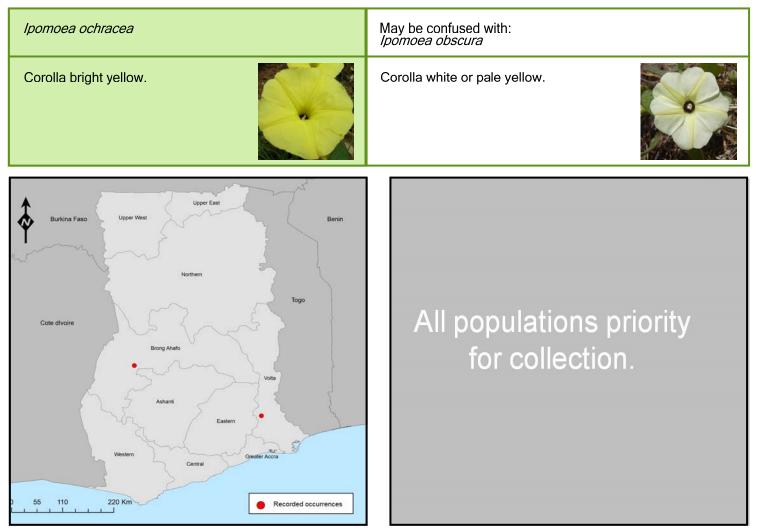
Habitat:

Grows in lower elevation, mesic (moderately wet) disturbed areas.

Found throughout the tropics.

Distribution:

Altitude: Up to 600 m



References: Wagner, W.L., Herbst, D.R. & Sohmer, S. H. (1999) Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition. Material for seed image provided by IBPGR.

Wild relative of sweet potato

Ipomoea ochracea (Lindl.) G. Don

Yellow morning glory



LEGUMINOSAE

Primary Gene Pool relative of Vigna unguiculata (L.) Walp.

HABIT: Annual herbs, erect, prostrate or climbing. Stipules oblong or ovate, medifixed, erect, 6-20 mm long, with a spur at the base.

LEAVES: Trifoliolate, leaflets lanceolate, ovate or rhombic, 15-165 x 8-90 mm, glabrous or sparsely hairy, apex acute or acuminate, venation reticulate.

INFLORESCENCES: Axillary, few-flowered, lax, rachis glands present. Flowers large, 26-38 mm long, with a strong aroma, calyx lobes short, 0.5-2 mm, keel twisted to the left, not beaked, style with a horizontal stigma directed outwards, number of ovules per ovary usually more than 16.

FRUIT: Pods bourne above ground, erect or pendent, linear-cylindrical or linear-oblong, 3.5-5(-12) mm long, not fleshy, not twisted at dehiscence. Seeds 11-18 per pod, testa black, brown or white, frequently mottled, aril present along rim, white.

Habitat:

Disturbed areas.

Distribution:

Restricted to West Africa (with one Zambian collection).

Altitude: 80-1250 m

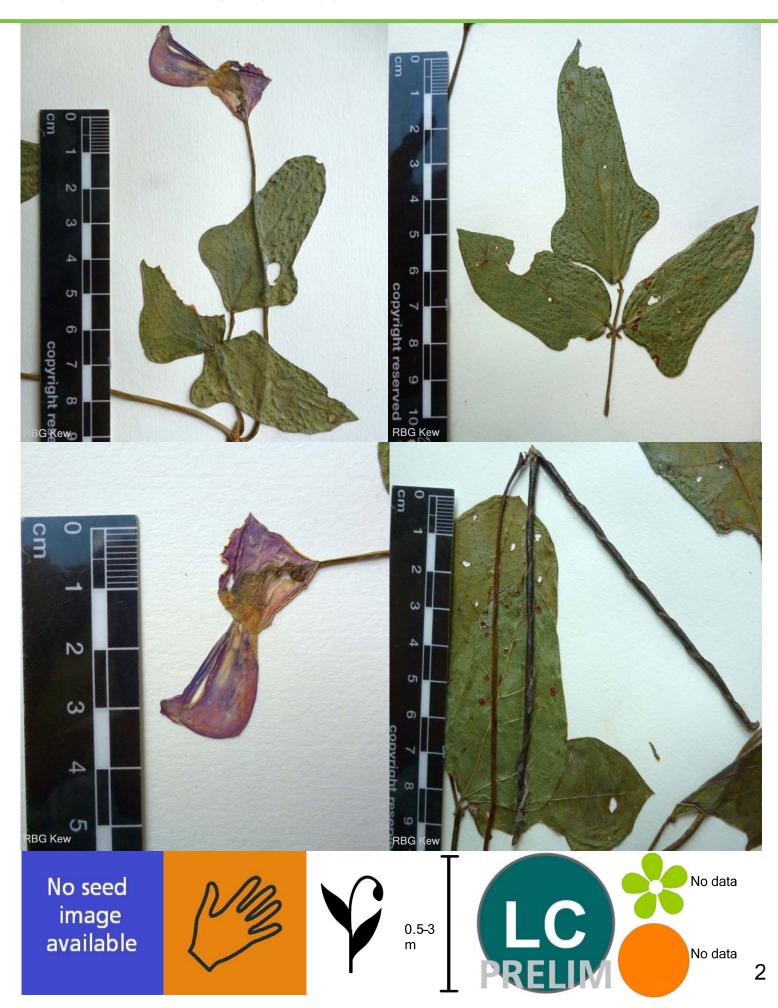
Vigna unguiculata subsp. baoulensis	May be confused with: <i>Vigna unguiculata subsp. stenophylla</i>
Calyx teeth 0.5-2 mm long; flower 26-38 mm long; ovules usually 17.	Calyx teeth 2-6 mm long; flower 16-21 mm long; ovules 10-14.
Burkina Faso Upper West Upper East Benin Octe divoire Northern Togo Cote divoire Brong Ahafo Vota Statenti Eastern Greatier Accoa 55 110 220 km Greatier Accoa	All populations priority for collection.

References: Maxted et al. (2004) An Ecogeographic Study of African Vigna.

LEGUMINOSAE

Vigna unguiculata subsp. baoulensis (A.Chev.) Pasquet

Primary Gene Pool relative of Vigna unguiculata (L.) Walp.



Primary Gene Pool relative of Eleusine coracana (L.) Gaertn.

HABIT Clump-forming annuals. Culms geniculately ascending, or decumbent, slender, 15-90 cm long. LEAVES Mostly basal. Leaf-sheaths keeled, outer margin hairy. Leaf-blades conduplicate, 5-35 cm long, 2.5-6 mm wide. INFLORESCENCES: Racemes 1-10(-17), single (rarely), or digitate, unilateral, 3.5-15.5 cm long, 3-3.5 mm wide. Spikelets comprising 3-9 fertile florets, with diminished florets at the apex. Spikelets elliptic, laterally compressed, 3-5 mm long, breaking up at maturity. Glumes persistent, similar, shorter than spikelet. Fertile lemma lanceolate in profile, 2.1-3.6 mm long, membranous, 3 -veined (excluding subsidiaries). Lodicules 2, cuneate, fleshy. FRUIT: Caryopsis with free soft pericarp, ellipsoid, isodiametric, trigonous, concealed by floret, 1-1.3 mm long, black, striate.

Habitat:

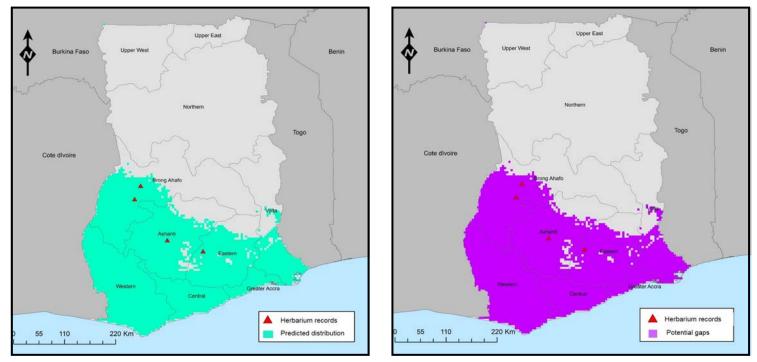
Found in moist as well as marshy areas, puddles, shallow ponds, fields, river and stream edges, ditches, canals etc.

Distribution:

Widespread throughout Africa, North and Central America, Southern Europe, Asia and Australasia.

Altitude: 0-2000 m

Eleusine indica	May be confused with: <i>Eleusine africana</i>
Smaller spikelets (3-5mm), oblong grains.	Larger spikelets (4.6 - 7.8 mm) and rounded grains.



References: Juffe Bignoli, D. (2011) IUCN Conservation assessment: http://www.iucnredlist.org/details/177359/0; Clayton, W.D., Vorontsova, M.S., Harman, K.T. and Williamson, H. GrassBase - The Online World Grass Flora. http://www.kew.org/data/grasses-db.html.

Primary Gene Pool relative of Eleusine coracana (L.) Gaertn.



Primary Gene Pool relative of Oryza glaberrima and Oryza sativa

HABIT Clump-forming annuals. Culms geniculately ascending, or decumbent; 60-120 cm long, spongy; 3-8 -noded, rooting from lower nodes.

LEAVES: Leaf-sheaths smooth, glabrous on surface, auricles erect. Ligule an eciliate membrane, 2-6 mm long, truncate, or obtuse. Leaf-blades 15-45 x 0.4-1.3 cm, surface scaberulous; rough adaxially, margins scabrous, apex acute. INFLORESCENCE Panicle open, obovate, 20-35 x 3-7.5 cm. Panicle branches angular, scaberulous, primary branches appressed or ascending. Spikelets solitary. Fertile spikelets pedicelled. Pedicels linear, angular; 1-6 mm long, smooth, or scaberulous, tip cupuliform, bibracteate. Spikelets comprising 2 basal sterile florets; and1 fertile floret, without rhachilla extension. Spikelets oblong, laterally compressed, 7-11 x 2.5-3.4 mm, falling entire, callus glabrous, base truncate, attached obliquely. Glumes absent or obscure. Basal sterile florets similar, barren, without significant palea. Lodicules 2, lanceolate, membranous. Anthers 6. Stigmas 2.

FRUIT Caryopsis with adherent pericarp. Disseminule comprising a floret.

Habitat:

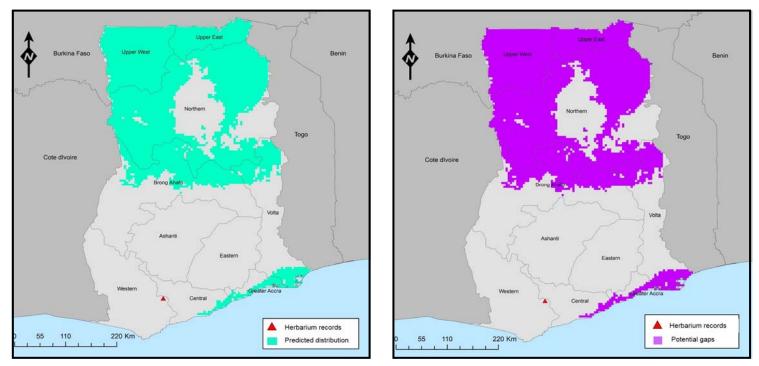
Found in Mopane or savanna woodland, savanna or fadama. Grows in deep water, seasonally flooded land, stagnant water and slowly flowing water or pools; prefers clay or black cotton soils. Found in open habitats.

Distribution:

Found throughout tropical Africa and as far south as Northern Botswana.

Altitude: 65-1600 m

Oryza barthii	May be confused with: <i>Oryza longistaminata</i>
Leaves have short ligule (<13mm)	Ligule of lower leaves >15mm

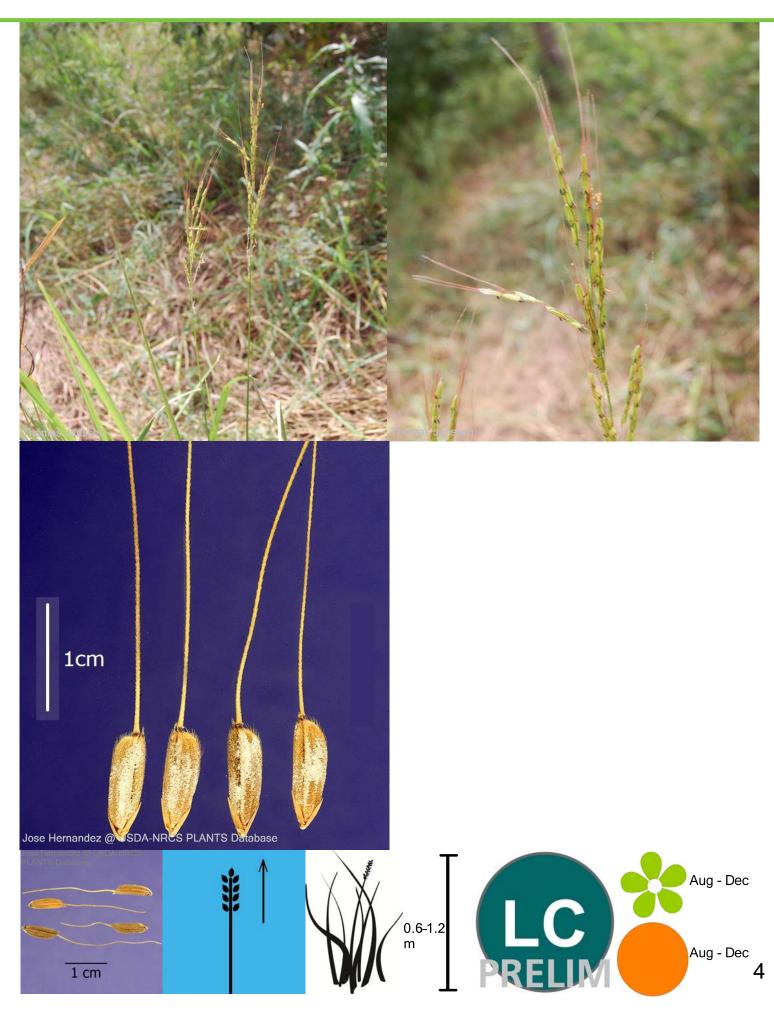


References: Vaughan, D.A. (1994) The Wild Relatives of Rice: A Genetic Resources Handbook.

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Oryza barthii A.Chev.

Primary Gene Pool relative of Oryza glaberrima and Oryza sativa



Primary Gene Pool relative of Oryza glaberrima

African rice

HABIT: Annuals, culms erect, or ascending, 90-150 cm long.

LEAVES: Leaf-sheaths smooth, surface glabrous. Ligule membranous, 1.5-2 mm long, truncate. Leaf-blades 200-300 x 10-15 mm, apex acute.

INFLORESCENCES: Panicle open, linear, equilateral, or nodding, 15-25 cm long. Primary panicle branches appressed, or ascending, angular, scaberulous. Spikelets solitary. Fertile spikelets pedicelled. Pedicels linear; angular, scaberulous, tip cupuliform, bibracteate. Spikelets comprising 2 basal sterile florets and 1 fertile floret, elliptic, or oblong, laterally compressed, 7-8 mm long, persistent. Glumes absent or obscure. Basal sterile florets similar, without significant palea. Lemma surface reticulate, glabrous, margins involute, apex rostrate. Lemma of sterile florets lanceolate; 2-4 mm long, 0.3-0.5 length of spikelet, membranous, 1 -veined, apex acute. Fertile lemma elliptic, laterally compressed, 7-8 mm long, coriaceous, keeled, 5 -veined. Palea elliptic, equalling length of lemma, coriaceous, 3 -veined, keeled. Palea keels smooth, apex acute. Flower with 2 lanceolate, membranous lodicules, anthers 6, stigmas 2. FRUIT: Caryopsis with adherent pericarp.

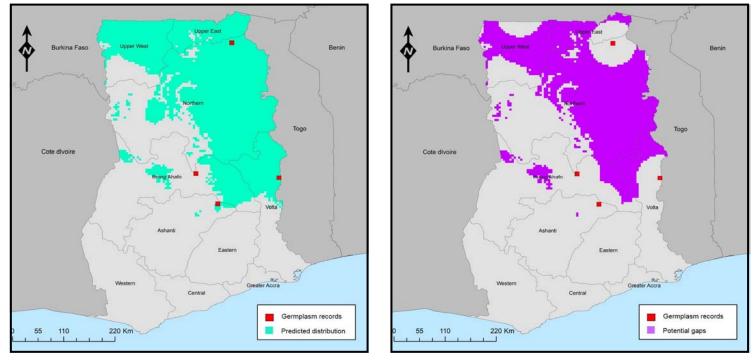
Habitat:

Grown in a wide range of conditions from uplands to mangroves. There are two main ecotypes: one is floating and photosenstitive, the other is grown in uplands or moderately dry lowlands. Distribution:

Tropical west and central Africa

Altitude: 0-1700

Oryza glaberrima	May be confused with: <i>Oryza sativa</i>
Inflorescence with few or no	Inflorescence many-branched; ligule
branches; ligule short (usually	11.5-32 mm long and usually acute;
<5mm) and rounded; spikelets	spikelets with awns, 7.3-8.5 mm long by
without awns, 8-8.5 mm long by 3.3-	2.8-3.6 mm wide; pubescence on leaves
3.6 mm wide; pubescence on leaves	and spikelets long and moderately
and spikelets usually sparse.	dense to dense.



References: Clayton, W.D., Vorontsova, M.S., Harman, K.T. and Williamson, H. (2006 onwards). GrassBase - The Online World Grass Flora. http://www.kew.org/data/grasses-db.html;

Primary Gene Pool relative of Oryza glaberrima

Oryza glaberrima Steud. African rice



Oct - Dec

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Primary Gene Pool relative of Oryza glaberrima and Oryza sativa

HABIT: Rhizomes elongated. Culms geniculately ascending, or decumbent, 70-120 x 0.5-1 cm. LEAVES: Leaf-sheaths smooth, glabrous on surface. Ligule an eciliate membrane, Leaf-blades 10-75 x 0.5-2.5 cm. INFLORESCENCES: Panicle open, elliptic, or oblong, 16-40 cm long, 1.5-8 cm wide. Primary panicle branches appressed, or ascending. Panicle branches angular; scaberulous, glabrous or pubescent in axils. Spikelets solitary. Fertile spikelets pedicelled, comprising 2 basal sterile florets and 1 fertile floret without rhachilla extension. Spikelets oblong, laterally compressed, 7-12 x 2-3 mm, falling entire. Spikelet callus glabrous, base truncate, attached obliquely. Glumes absent or obscure. Basal sterile florets similar, barren, without significant palea. Lodicules 2, lanceolate, membranous. Anthers 6, 4.5-5.5 mm long. Stigmas 2.

FRUIT: Caryopsis lanceolate or oblong, 5-7 mm long, laterally compressed, reddish, hilum linear, as long as caryopsis.

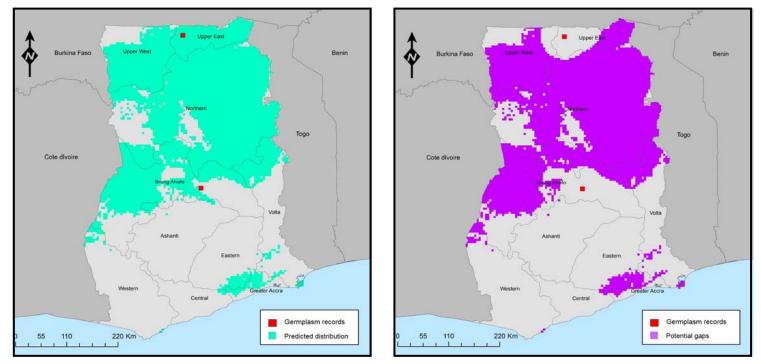
Habitat:

Deep water, standing or running water, salt marshes, dry, sandy fields.

Distribution: Throughout Africa.

Altitude: 0-2000 m

Oryza longistaminata	May be confused with: <i>Oryza sativa</i>
Red caryopsis.	Caryopsis brown to white.



References: Flora of Mozambique website: http://www.mozambiqueflora.com; IRRI Rice Knowledge Bank http://www.knowledgebank.irri.org

Oryza longistaminata A.Chev. & Roehrich

Primary Gene Pool relative of Oryza glaberrima and Oryza sativa



Secondary Gene Pool relative of Oryza glaberrima and Oryza sativa

Red rice

HABIT: Clump-forming annuals. Culms 50-120(-150) cm long, 3-6 mm diameter, spongy, 3-5 -noded. LEAVES: Leaf-sheaths smooth, glabrous on surface. Leaf-blade surface scaberulous, rough on both sides, margins scabrous, apex acuminate.

INFLORESCENCES: Panicle open, elliptic; 15-35 x 3-17 cm. Primary panicle branches ascending, or spreading. Panicle branches angular; scaberulous. Spikelets solitary. Fertile spikelets pedicelled. Pedicels linear, angular; 2-5 mm long, scaberulous, tip cupuliform. Fertile spikelets comprising 2 basal sterile florets and 1 fertile floret, without rhachilla extension. Spikelets elliptic, laterally compressed, 4.9-6.2 mm long, 1.9-2.6 mm wide (2.5 times longer than wide), falling entire. Spikelet callus glabrous, base truncate, attached transversely. Glumes absent or obscure. Basal sterile florets similar, barren, without significant palea.

FRUIT: Caryopsis with adherent pericarp. Disseminule comprising a floret.

Habitat:

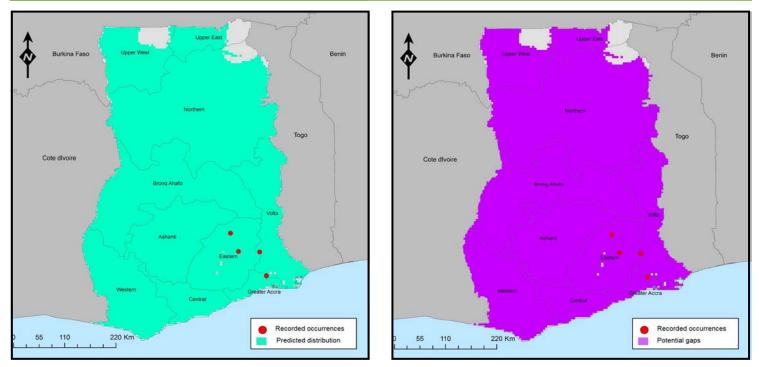
Open/semi-open habitats, forest margins, grassland and thickets, degraded mopane scrub, open bush or shifting cultivation fields; swampy areas, around water holes and pools, on riverbanks that flood to 1 m. Prefers black clay or sandy soil.

Distribution:

Distributed across southern, eastern, central and western Africa.

Altitude: 33-930 m

Oryza punctata	May be confused with: <i>Oryza eichingeri</i>
Culms 3-6 mm diameter.	Culms 2-3 mm diameter.



References: Clayton, W.D., Vorontsova, M.S., Harman, K.T. and Williamson, H. (2006 onwards). GrassBase - The Online World Grass Flora. http://www.kew.org/data/grasses-db.html; IRRI rice knowledgebank http://www.knowledgebank.irri.org/extension/oryza-punctatakotschy-ex-steud.html

Oryza punctata Kotschy ex Steud.

Secondary Gene Pool relative of Oryza glaberrima and Oryza sativa

Red rice



Secondary Gene Pool relative of Oryza glaberrima and Oryza sativa

HABIT: Culms 50-120(-150) cm tall, 3-5-noded. Leaf-sheaths scarious, often spongy and aerenchymatous, distinctly striate. Ligule 3-10 mm.

LEAVES: Leaf-laminae 15-45 x 0.5-2.5 cm, linear to very narrowly elliptic, acuminate, usually broadest around the middle, pale-green or rarely glaucous, rather flaccid, expanded or folded around the midrib; midrib distinct beneath.

INFLORESCENCES: Panicle 15-35 x 3-17 cm, narrowly to broadly elliptic, sometimes fan-shaped in outline, loose, erect, or drooping, rhachis obtusely angular; solitary or sometimes adnate, angular, scabrous. Pedicels 2-5 mm long. Spikelets 5.5-6.25 x 2.25-2.8 mm. (usually 2.5 times longer than wide), deciduous, asymmetrically elliptic-oblong or broadly oblong in lateral view, greyish-green or glaucous. Glumes reduced to a membranous whitish narrow rim. Sterile lemmas about equal in shape and size, 1-1.5 mm long, lanceolate to lanceolate-deltate, acuminate, glabrous. Fertile lemmas slightly shorter than the spikelet, cymbiform, semi-elliptic-oblong in lateral view, coriaceous, flanks finely tesselate, shortly but stiffly hispid, rarely glabrous, keel and margins stiffly ciliate, lateral apical protrusions usually distinct, awn (1)2-7.5 cm long, very slender, flexuous, scaberulous, pale yellow. Palea slightly shorter than the lemma and much narrower. Anthers oblong, pale-violet. Stigmas blackish.

FRUIT: Caryopsis 4-4.75 x 1.5-1.75 mm, oblong, glabrous, light brown.

Habitat:

Distribution:

East, Central, West and Southern Africa.

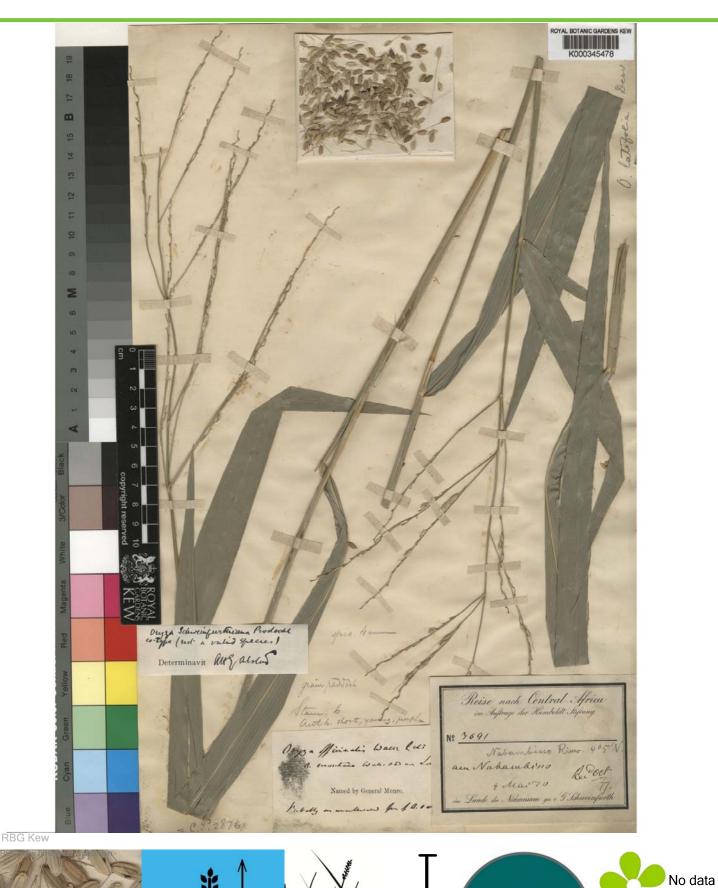
Semi-open or shaded habitats of forest margins and forests. Swampy areas, around water holes and pools, and flooding riverbanks. Clay or sandy soil.

Altitude: unknown

Oryza schweinfurthiana	May be confused with: <i>Oryza punctata</i>
O. schweinfurthiana may be considered a tetraploid form of O. punctata	
Reported from Ghana, but no localities known.	All populations priority for collection.

References: IRRI Rice Knowledge Bank http://www.knowledgebank.irri.org

Secondary Gene Pool relative of Oryza glaberrima and Oryza sativa



0.5-1.2 m

No data

Pennisetum purpureum Schumach.

Secondary Gene Pool relative of Pennisetum glaucum (L.) R. Br.

Elephant grass, Napier grass

HABIT: Robust perennial forming large, bamboo-like clumps, with culms usually 2-3.5 m high (up to 7.5 m) and branched towards the top. Stem to 3 cm diameter near the base. Spreads by short rhizomes, rooting from lower nodes or falling stems rooting at nodes creating a stolon.

LEAVES: Leaf blades glabrous or hairy, 30-120 cm long and 1-5 cm wide; leaf-sheaths glabrous or with stiff hairs. INFLORESCENCES: Bristly false spikes 10-30 cm long, 1.5-3 cm wide (excluding bristles) dense, usually yellow-brown in colour, more rarely greenish or purplish.

FRUIT: Caryopsis with adherent pericarp, ellipsoid, or ovoid, dorsally compressed, concealed by floret, 1.8-2.2 mm long.

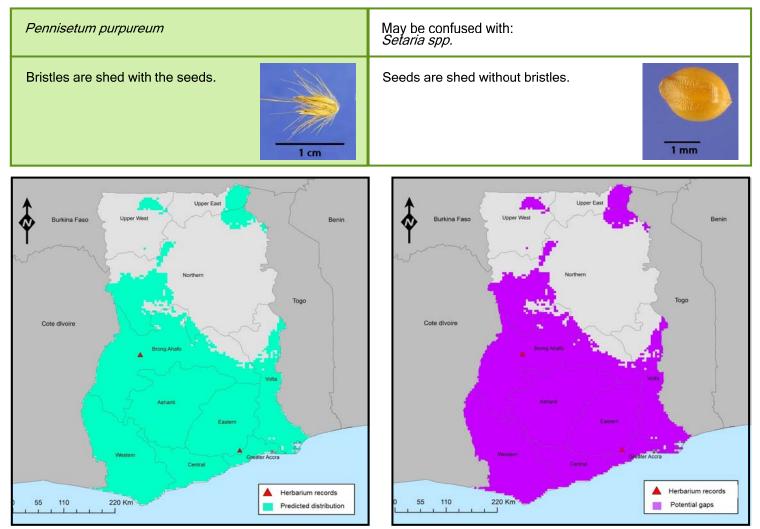
Habitat:

Riverine sites, valley bottoms and forest margins, with a preference for rich soils.

Distribution:

Tropical Africa; introduced to most other tropical countries.

Altitude: 300-1800 m



References: W. D. Clayton (1989) Flora Zambesiaca, Volume10, part 3, Gramineae; Cook, B.G., et al. (2005) Tropical Forages: an interactive selection tool http://www.tropicalforages.info/; Ibrahim K.M. & Kabuye C.H.S. (1987) An Illustrated Manual of Kenya Grasses

Pennisetum purpureum Schumach.

Secondary Gene Pool relative of Pennisetum glaucum (L.) R. Br.

Elephant grass, Napier grass



Wild relative of Pennisetum glaucum (L.) R. Br

HABIT Annual, culms robust; 100-300 cm long. Ligule a fringe of hairs.

LEAVES: Leaf-blades 50-100 x 0.2-0.4 cm wide.

INFLORESCENCES: Panicle spiciform, linear, 5-150 cm long, primary branches accrescent to a central axis, with lateral stumps, pubescent, spikelet clusters on a 0.3-1.5 mm stipe. Spikelets subtended by a bristly involucre 6-9 mm long, desciduous with spikelets. Spikelets comprising 1 basal sterile floret and 1 fertile floret, lanceolate, or elliptic, or obovate, dorsally compressed, 4-6 mm long, falling entire, deciduous with accessory branch structures. Lower glume usually absent or obscure, shorter than spikelet. Upper glume oblong, 1-3 mm long, 0.25-0.5 length of spikelet, membranous, without keels, 0-3 -veined, apex obtuse, or acute. Basal sterile florets male, or barren, palea present or absent. Lemma of lower sterile floret lanceolate, or oblong, 1.5-6 mm long, 0.33-1 length of spikelet, chartaceous, 3-5 -veined, margins ciliolate, apex emarginate, or obtuse. Fertile lemma lanceolate, or ovate, 3.5-5.5 mm long, coriaceous. Lemma margins flat, pubescent, apex truncate to acuminate. Palea coriaceous. Lodicules absent. Anthers 3, anther tip penicillate. Styles connate below.

FRUIT Caryopsis with adherent pericarp, ellipsoid, or ovoid, isodiametric, or dorsally compressed, concealed by floret, or exposed between gaping lemma and palea at maturity, 2-4.5 x 1-2 mm truncate, or obtuse.

Habitat:

Distribution:

Sahel zone of Africa, south to Angola and Namibia

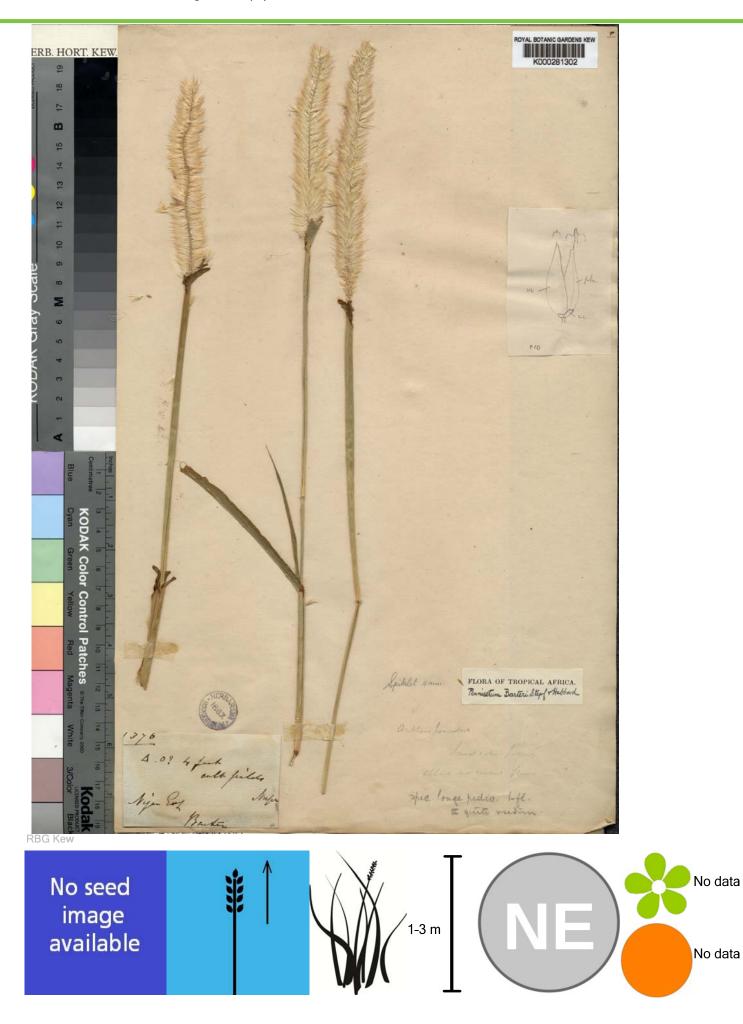
Altitude: 0-1800 m

Pennisetum sieberianum	May be confused with: <i>Pennisetum violaceum</i>
Involucres (cluster of spikelets and bristles) with stipe 0.3-1.5 mm long; mature caryopsis rounder, 1-2 mm thick.	Involucres (cluster of spikelets and bristles) sessile; mature caryopsis slender, 0.6-1 mm thick.
Reported from Ghana, but no localities known.	All populations priority for collection.

References: Clayton, W.D., Vorontsova, M.S., Harman, K.T. and Williamson, H. (2006 onwards). GrassBase - The Online World Grass Flora. http://www.kew.org/data/grasses-db.html;

Pennisetum sieberianum (Schltdl.) Stapf & C.E.Hubb.

Wild relative of Pennisetum glaucum (L.) R. Br



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Sorghum bicolor subsp. verticilliflorum (Steud.) de Wet

Primary Gene Pool relative of Sorghum bicolor

Common wild Sorghum

HABIT: Annual, rarely short-lived perennial, culms 30-400 cm high, robust, branched. LEAVES: Leaf sheaths glabrous, ligule a membrane, edged with a fringe of fine hairs and hairy on the back, leaf laminas often large, 5-75 × 0.5-0.7 cm, broadly lanceolate, flat, glabrous on both surfaces, with a prominent whitish midrib. INFLORESCENCES: Panicle 10-60 cm long, broadly spreading, main axis angular, glabrous, primary branches divided, pubescent at the nodes, 2-7-jointed, rhachis internodes and pedicels pilose. Sessile spikelet (4-)7(-9) mm long, lanceolate to narrowly ovate. Glumes coriaceous, inferior glume dorsally compressed, narrowly ovate, 2-keeled on the margins, superior glume glabrescent or with sparse hairs on the back, inferior floret empty, its lemma c. 5.5 mm long, lanceolate, ciliate on the margins, superior floret bisexual, its lemma c. 3 mm long, deeply lobed, ciliate on the lobes and margins, 1-awned,, glabrous. Palea c. 2 mm long. Pedicelled spikelets neuter, c. 6.5 mm long, linear to lanceolate, glumes chartaceous, inferior glume glabrous, superior glume slightly shorter than the inferior, glabrous, inferior lemma glabrous, with a truncate apex.

Habitat:

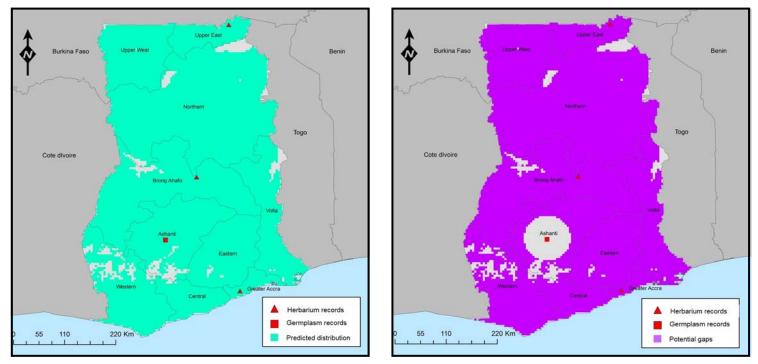
Swampy soils, streamsides, disturbed places and old farmland.

Distribution:

Native to Africa, Madagascar, and perhaps to the Mascarenes. Introduced to India, Australia, and the Americas.

Altitude: 50-1400 m

Sorghum bicolor subsp. verticilliflorum	May be confused with: <i>Sorghum bicolor subsp. drumondii</i>
Leaf blades linear lanceolate, up to 75 x 7cm, panicle up to 60 cm long x 25 cm wide.	Leaf blades lanceolate 50 x 6 cm, panicles 30 cm long x 15 cm wide.



References: Clayton, W.D., Vorontsova, M.S., Harman, K.T. and Williamson, H. (2006 onwards). GrassBase - The Online World Grass Flora. http://www.kew.org/data/grasses-db.html.

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Sorghum bicolor subsp. verticilliflorum (Steud.) de Wet

Primary Gene Pool relative of Sorghum bicolor

Common wild Sorghum



Secondary Gene Pool relative of Solanum melongena L.

Forest bitterberry, Njujui

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HABIT: Erect woody herb or shrub, up to c. 4 m tall. Stems and leaves armed with straight or somewhat curved spines, yellowish to brownish, sometimes purple near the base, up to 13 mm long, branches often purple tinged. All parts covered in stellate hairs.

LEAVES: Rhombic-ovate, elliptic or lanceolate, thinly stellate hairy above, densely so below. The central ray of the stellate hairs often much longer than the lateral rays. Leaf margin subentire to triangularly lobed. Prickles usually present on the midrib and main veins.

INFLORESCENCES Racemose heads, up to 20-flowered. Corolla pale mauve or purple to almost whitish, star-shaped. FRUITS: 6-12 mm in diameter, spherical, green, turning yellow and glossy orange-red when ripe. Edible when mature.

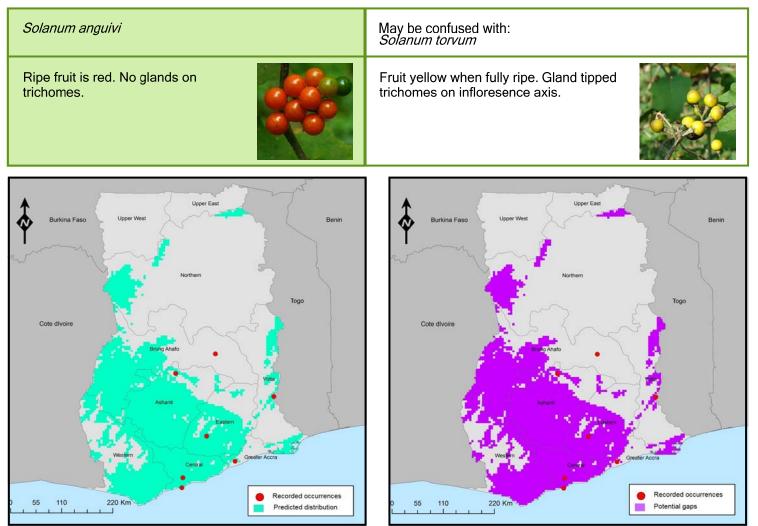
Habitat:

Markedly tolerant of open and shady sites in and at edges of both dry and wet forests, montane grassland and bushland, riverine associations, savanna woodland, thickets and coastal bushland.

Distribution:

Widespread in tropical Africa: distributed from Ethiopia southwards to South Africa (KwaZulu-Natal), also in Indian Ocean islands and the Arabian Peninsula.

Altitude: 0-2380 m



References: FZ volume:8 part:4 (2005) Solanaceae by A.E. Gonçalves; Hyde, M.A., Wursten, B.T. & Ballings, P. (2012). Flora of Zimbabwe: Species information: Solanum anguivi; Plant Resources of Tropical Africa (PROTA) website: http://www.prota.co.ke/en/home. ; Edible Wild Plants of Tanzania, Ruffo, C.K., 2002. Material for seed image provided by South African National Biodiversity Institute.

SOLANACEAE

Secondary Gene Pool relative of Solanum melongena L.

Solanum anguivi Lam. Forest bitterberry, Njujui



Tertiary Gene Pool relative of Solanum melongena L.

HABIT: Erect woody perennial herb, 0.5-1 m, heavily armed, branched at the base. LEAVES: Simple, blades 10-35 × 6-20 cm, 1.2-2 times longer than wide, elliptic, chartaceous, sparsely to densely stellatepubescent on both sides. INFLORESCENCES: Lateral, extra-axillary, 4-7 cm long, unbranched, with 5-10 flowers. Plants strongly

andromonoecious, with one long-styled flower at the base of the inflorescence and all other flowers short-styled, the flowers 5-merous. Calyx 1-3 cm long in long-styled flowers, 0.8-2 cm long in short-styled flowers. Corolla 3.5-6 cm in diameter in long-styled flowers, 1.5-3.5 cm in diameter in short-styled flowers, (white) pale mauve to purple, almost rotate, the abundant interpetalar tissue often tearing.

FRUIT: A globose berry, 1(-2) per infructescence, 2.5-4 cm in diameter, spherical throughout development, rarely somewhat elongate, the pericarp thin, smooth, shiny, glabrous, plain green or with dark green stripes when young, yellow at maturity, drying orange-brown.

Distribution:

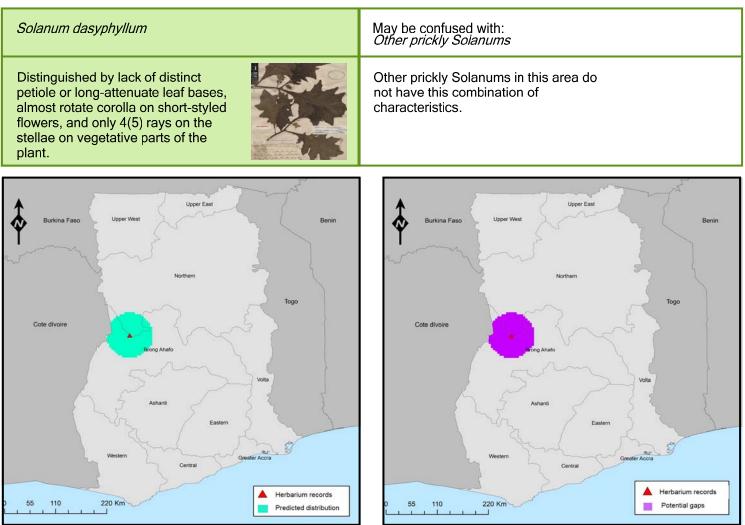
SEEDS ca. 50-100 per berry, 2.8-4.5 × 2-3.5 mm, flattened-reniform, almost round, orange to brown or almost black.

Habitat:

Usually a forest species but also found on hillsides, savannah, grassland, or wasteland, frequently near water.

Common throughout the highlands of West, Central and East Africa, between ca. 15°N and ca. 5°S.

Altitude: 600-1600 m



References: Vorontsova, M, (2009) Solanum dasyphyllum. In: Solanaceae Source. http://solanaceaesource.org/content/solanum-dasyphyllum. Material for seed photo provided by IBPGR.

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Solanum dasyphyllum Schumach.

Tertiary Gene Pool relative of Solanum melongena L.



Appendix - Synonyms

Taxon	Sheet	Synonyms
Ipomoea ochracea	1	Ipomoea curtisii House; Ipomoea ochracea var. curtissii (House) Stearn
Vigna unguiculata subsp. baoulensis	2	Vigna baoulensis A. Chev.
Eleusine indica	3	Agropyron geminatum Schult. & Schult.f.; Chloris repens Steud.; Cynodon indicus (L.) Raspail; Cynosurus ara BuchHam. ex Wall.; Cynosurus indicus L.; Cynosurus pectinatus Lam.; Eleusine distachya Trin. ex Steud.; Eleusine distans Link; Eleusine distans Moench; Eleusine domingensis Sieber ex Schult.; Eleusine glabra Schumach.; Eleusine gonantha Schrank; Eleusine gouinii E.Fourn.; Eleusine inaequalis E.Fourn.; Eleusine indica var. major E.Fourn.; Eleusine indica var. monostachya F.M.Bailey; Eleusine indica var. oligostachya Honda; Eleusine indica var. sandaensis Vanderyst; Eleusine japonica Steud.; Eleusine macrosperma Stokes; Eleusine marginata Lindl.; Eleusine polydactyla Steud.; Eleusine rigidifolia E.Fourn.; Eleusine scabra E.Fourn.; Eleusine textilis Welw.; Juncus loureiroana Schult. & Schult.f.; Leptochloa pectinata (Lam.) Kunth; Paspalum dissectum Kniph.; Poa spicata Willd. ex Steud.; Triticum geminatum Spreng.
Oryza barthii	4	<i>Oryza breviligulata</i> A.Chev. & Roehr.; <i>Oryza glaberrima</i> subsp. <i>barthii</i> (A.Chev.) De Wet; <i>Oryza mezii</i> Prodoehl; <i>Oryza perennis</i> subsp. <i>barthii</i> (A.Chev.) A.Chev.; <i>Oryza stapfii</i> Roshev.
Oryza glaberrima	5	Oryza glaberrima var. subaristata Roshev.
Oryza longistaminata	6	Oryza dewildemanii Vanderyst [Invalid]; Oryza madagascariensis (A.Chev.) Roshev.; Oryza perennis subsp. madagascariensis A.Chev.; Oryza silvestris Stapf ex A.Chev. [Invalid]
Oryza punctata	7	Oryza eichingeri var. longiaristata Peter; Oryza sativa var. punctata (Kotschy ex Steud.) Kotschy; Oryza schweinfurthiana Prodoehl
Oryza schweinfurthiana	8	None known
Pennisetum purpureum	9	Pennisetum benthamii Steud.; Pennisetum purpureum subsp. benthamii (Steud.) Maire & Weiller; Pennisetum purpureum subsp. flexispica (K.Schum.) Maire & Weiller
Pennisetum sieberianum	10	 Penicillaria compacta A.Braun & C.D.Bouché; Penicillaria cordofana A.Braun & C.D.Bouché; Penicillaria doche A.Braun [Invalid]; Penicillaria gymnothrix A.Braun & C.D.Bouché; Penicillaria gymnothrix A. Braun & Bouché; Penicillaria leucostachya Klotzsch ex A.Braun [Invalid]; Penicillaria leucostachys Klotzsch; Penicillaria nigricans A.Braun [Invalid]; Penicillaria nubica Müll.Berol; Penicillaria perrottetii Klotzsch ex A.Braun; Penicillaria perrottetii Müll. Berol.; Penicillaria sieberiana Schltdl.; Penicillaria socia A.Braun & C.D.Bouché; Penicillaria speciosa A.Braun & C.D.Bouché; Penicillaria stenostachya Klotzsch ex A.Braun & C.D.Bouché; Penicillaria vulpina A.Braun & C.D.Bouché; Penicillaria vulpina Müll. Berol.; Pennisetum americanum subsp. stenostachyum (Klotzsch ex A.Braun & Bouche) Brunken; Pennisetum americanum var. vulpinum (A.Braun) Chiov.; Pennisetum barteri Stapf & C.E.Hubb.; Pennisetum dalzielii Stapf & C.E.Hubb.; Pennisetum glaucum subsp. sieberianum (Schltdl.) Stapf & C.E.Hubb.; Pennisetum gymnothrix (A.Braun & C.D.Bouché) K.Schum.; Pennisetum nigricans T.Durand & Schinz; Pennisetum nigricans var. stenostachyum (Klotzsch ex A.Braun & C.D.Bouché) K.Schum.; Pennisetum nigricans r. leucostachyum T.Durand & Schinz; Pennisetum nigricans var. stenostachyum (Klotzsch ex A.Braun & C.D.Bouché) K.Schum.; Pennisetum nigricans var. leucostachyum T.Durand & Schinz; Pennisetum nigricans var. stenostachyum (Klotzsch ex A.Braun) T.Durand & Schinz; Pennisetum nigricans var. stenostachyum (Klotzsch ex A.Braun) T.Durand & Schinz; Pennisetum nigricans var. stenostachyum (Klotzsch ex A.Braun) T.Durand & Schinz; Pennisetum perspeciosum Stapf & C.E.Hubb.; Pennisetum perspeciosum Stapf & C.E.Hubb.; Pennisetum perspeciosum Stapf & C.E.Hubb.; Pennisetum perspeciosum Var. Jynesii Stapf & C.E.Hubb.;

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Pennisetum sieberianum (cont.)		Pennisetum sampsonii Stapf & C.E.Hubb.; Pennisetum sclerocladum Stapf & C.E.Hubb.; Pennisetum spicatum var. compactum (A.Braun & Bouche) T.Durand & Schinz; Pennisetum spicatum var. cordofanum (A.Braun & C.D.Bouché) T.Durand & Schinz; Pennisetum spicatum var. gymnothrix (A.Braun & C.D.Bouché) T.Durand & Schinz; Pennisetum spicatum var. nubicum (C.Muell.) T.Durand & Schinz; Pennisetum spicatum var. socium (A.Braun & C.D.Bouché) T.Durand & Schinz; Pennisetum spicatum var. speciosum (A.Braun) T.Durand & Schinz; Pennisetum spicatum var. vulpinum (A.Braun) T.Durand & Schinz; Pennisetum stenostachyum (Klotzsch ex A.Braun) Stapf & C.E.Hubb. [Illegitimate]; Pennisetum vulpinum (A.Braun) Stapf & C.E.Hubb.;
Sorghum bicolor subsp. verticilliflorum	11	Sorghum verticilliflorum (Steud.) Stapf; Sorghum brevicarinatum Snowden; Andropogon sorghum (L.) Brot. var. aethiopicus Hack.; Andropogon sorghum (L.) Brot. subsp. vogelianus Piper; Sorghum vogelianum (Piper) Stapf; Sorghum usambarense Snowden; Sorghum macrochaeta Snowden; Sorghum bicolor (L.) Moench subsp. arundinaceum (Desv.) de Wet & J. R. Harlan ex Davidse; Rhaphis arundinacea Desv.; Sorghum virgatum (Hack.) Stapf; Sorghum stapfii (Hook. f.) C. E. C. Fisch.; Holcus sorghum L. var. effusus Hitchc.; Andropogon arundinaceus Willd.; Andropogon sorghum (L.) Brot. var. virgatus Hack.; Andropogon sorghum (L.) Brot. var. effusus Hack.; Andropogon verticilliflorus Steud.; Sorghum pugionifolium Snowden; Holcus sorghum L. var. verticilliflorus (Steud.) Hitchc.; Sorghum arundinaceum (Desv.) Stapf; Sorghum lanceolatum Stapf; Sorghum aethiopicum (Hack.) Rupr. ex Stapf; Andropogon stapfii Hook. f.
Solanum anguivi	12	Solanum indicum L.; Solanum indicum var. lividum (Link) Bitter; Solanum indicum var. maroanum Bitter; Solanum lividum Link; Solanum scalare C. H. Wright; Solanum sodomeum L.
Solanum dasyphyllum	13	Solanum duplosinuatum Klotzsch