PLANT FACT SHEET

Chrysopogon zizanioides (L.) Roberty

GENUS *Chrysopogon* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Vetiver, Botha grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root - oil for flavouring

The fragrant oil is used to flavour sherbets, syrup sweets and fruit drinks.
Vetivar extracts are added to canned asparagus to enhance the flavour.

DESCRIPTION

A tropical grass. It keeps growing from year to year. It has stout roots. It grows 2 m high. It grows in dense tufts. The leaf blades are 90 cm long by 4-10 mm wide. The flower panicle is oblong and 13-30 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in areas that are seasonally flooded. It grows in ponds and ditches. It is good for cleaning dirty water.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from rhizomes and rooted stems.

PICTURES



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