PLANT FACT SHEET

Megathyrsus infestus (Andersson) B.K.Simon & S.W.L.Jacobs

GENUS *Megathyrsus* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Grooved panic-grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal, Grains

DESCRIPTION

A grass. It is tufted and keeps growing from year to year It grows 1.5 m tall. It can form roots at the lower nodes. The leaves are loosely hairy. The blades are expanded. The flowering shoot is 20 cm long. It has spike like branches. The spikelets are 3-3.5 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows below 1,200 m above sea level. It grows in dry soils. It is rare in Swaziland. It can grow in arid places. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

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