PLANT FACT SHEET

Aristida stipoides Lam.

GENUS *Aristida* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Grootfontein bristlegrass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Cereal, Seeds, Stem, Pith

The inner stems are sweet and are sucked.

DESCRIPTION

An annual grass. It is a robust tufted plant. It grows 1.5 m high. The stems usually have 3 nodes. The leaf blade is 30 cm long by 0.4 cm wide. The flower panicle is 50 cm long. It can be nodding.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows along roadsides across the Sahel. It can grow in arid places. In Kenya it grows between 1,200-1,350 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 330 Aristida species.

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