PLANT FACT SHEET

Dichanthium annulatum (Forsskal) Stapf

GENUS *Dichanthium* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Bluegrass, Sheda grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Manna

DESCRIPTION

A grass which keeps growing from year to year. It forms erect tussocks. It grows 0.5-1 m high. The leaves are 10-30 cm long and 0.3-0.5 cm wide. The culms are erect and branched. They are slender and covered with white powder. The seed heads can be single or in groups or 2-4. They are 4-6 cm long. They are pale green or purple.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical and subtropical places. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall between 150-1,600 mm. It grows between sea level and 1,800 m above sea level. It can grow in alkaline and salty soils. It grows in deep sandy soils. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed or division.

NOTES

There are 15 Dichanthium species. They grow in the tropics.

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