PLANT FACT SHEET

Stipagrostis damarensis (Mez) De Winter

GENUS *Stipagrostis* **FAMILY** Poaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are eaten in porridge.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is an erect grass that forms loose tufts. It has rhizomes or underground stems and keeps growing from year to year. It grows up to 1.2 m high.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid areas. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall less than 250 mm. It grows between 400-1,200 m above sea level. It can grow in deep sandy and stony soils and deserts. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The seeds are collected from ant heaps where they are collected by harvester ants.

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