PLANT FACT SHEET

Oryza barthii A. Chev.

GENUS *Oryza* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES African perennial rice

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The grain is eaten cooked. It is used in kreb a grain mixture eaten in Sudan.

DESCRIPTION

An annual cereal grass. It grows 60-120 cm tall. There are 3-8 nodes. It produces aerial roots from the lower nodes. The stems are spongy. The flower panicles are 20-35 cm long by 3-8 cm wide. There are many flowers. The grains fall off easily.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. Kano State, northern Nigeria. It grows in water. It grows in shallow ponds. It grows in wet grass savannah. It can be in flooded rice fields. It Ethiopia it grows at about 600 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is harvested into baskets without cutting.

NOTES

There are about 20 Oryza species. This is a diploid species with AgAg genome.

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