PLANT FACT SHEET

Sporobolus virginicus (L.) Kunth

GENUS *Sporobolus* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Seashore dropseed, Sand couch

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Grain, Stems, Cereal

The seeds are ground and cooked and made into cakes.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is a grass that keeps growing from year to year. It has slender underground stems or rhizomes. It grows 60 cm high. The leaves are narrow and stiff. The flowers are in a dense panicle 5 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on sandy seashores. It can grow in salty soils. Along beaches it will grow down to high water level. It is a good sand binder. It grows from sea level to 300 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The grain can often be harvested from ant hills.

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