PLANT FACT SHEET

Sorghum purpureosericeum (A. Rich) Asch. & Schweinf.

GENUS *Sorghum* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild sorghum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cereal

The seeds are eaten as a staple and taste like rice. The heads are collected and threshed and winnowed and the seed boiled like rice or ground into flour.

DESCRIPTION

A robust annual millet grass. The stalks are 2 m tall. The nodes have white hairs. The leaf blades are 50 cm long and 1 cm wide. The flowers are branched panicles. The seeds are smaller than rice grains.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows along rivers and near lakes. In Tanzania it grows between 500-1,500 m above se level in areas with a rainfall between 1,000-1,300 mm.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Seeds are collected in the dry season.

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