

Guidelines for using the checklist

Cymbopogon excavatus (Hochst.) Stapf ex Burt Davy



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Synonyms: *Andropogon excavatus* Hochst. 47

Common names: Breëblaarterpentyngras A; Broad-leaved turpentine grass E; Breitblättriges Pfeffergras G; dukwa, heng'ge, kamakama (-si) J

Life form: perennial

Abundance: uncommon to locally common

Habitat: various

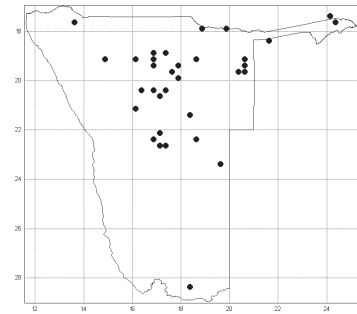
Distribution: southern Africa

Notes: said to smell of turpentine hence common name E2

Uses: used as a thatching grass E3

Cited specimen: *Giess 3152*

Reference: 37; 47



Botanical Name: The grasses are arranged in alphabetical order according to the currently accepted botanical names. This publication updates the list in Craven (1999).

Status: The following icons indicate the present known status of the grass in Namibia:

- Endemic—occurs only within the political boundaries of Namibia.
- ⊙ Near endemic—occurs in Namibia and immediate surrounding areas in neighbouring countries.
- ◆ Endemic to southern Africa—occurs more widely within political boundaries of southern Africa.
- * Naturalised—not indigenous, but growing naturally.
- ⊛ Cultivated.
- ⊙ Escapee—a grass that is not indigenous to Namibia and grows naturally under favourable conditions, but there are usually only a few isolated individuals.

The icons and a short definition also appear at the bottom of each page in the checklist for ease of reference.

Number: The number starting with 990- is the PRECIS (National Herbarium, Pretoria (PRE) Computerised Information System) computer number prefix assigned to the grasses. The following four digits represent an unpublished number obtained from KEW (Herbarium: Royal Botanic Garden, Kew) which is followed by National Botanical Institute, Pretoria (PRE) and National Herbarium of Namibia (WIND). Each genus has a unique number.

Synonyms: Botanical names no longer in use are included here, followed by a number that refers to the references.

Common names: A letter indicating the Namibian national language to which they belong follows common names:

Afrikaans	A
English	E
German	G
Ju 'hoan	J
Khoekhoegowab	K
Oshiwambo	O
Otjherero	H
Rugciriku	Gc

Rukwangali	R
Shishambyu	Sh
Silozi	L
Thimbukushu	T

Life form: This indicates if the plant is generally an annual or perennial and in certain cases whether the plant occurs in water as a hydrophyte.

Abundance: The frequency of occurrence according to herbarium holdings of specimens at WIND and PRE is indicated here.

Habitat: The general environment in which the grasses are found, is indicated here according to Namibian records. This should be considered preliminary information because much more information is needed for an accurate assessment.

Distribution: The worldwide distribution of the particular grass. Distribution in Africa follows the areas demarcated on the accompanying map, which was generated using the mapping program ArcView based on the map of Orchard (1999).

Notes: Short notes of interest have been included.

Uses: Ethnobotanical uses of the grasses are indicated and references provided, for example, E2. Information obtained from a herbarium specimen is followed by the name of the collector and collection number in square brackets and underlined.

Cited specimen: The name of a collector and the collection number are provided as a voucher. These specimens have been selected as vouchers in previous publications or selected from herbarium specimens in WIND and PRE.

Reference: These refer to taxonomic literature that provides descriptions, keys, sketches, etc. The numbers refer to the taxonomic reference list.

Maps: Maps were drawn mainly from the Specimen Database (SPMNDB, the database used to computerise the holdings of the National Herbarium Collection) or from literature where herbarium specimens were unavailable.

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