

DESCRIPTORS FOR FARMERS' KNOWLEDGE OF PLANT ON "TOGOTIA" WEEDY VEGETABLE.

1 IDENTIFIERS			
FIELD WORK DATE	2019/3/18		
FIELD WORK ACTIVITY: FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION			
NAME OF LOCAL INFORMATION PROVIDER: GATUME SELF-HELP GROUP			
AGE: 45-85 YEARS			
MAIN OCCUPATION: FARMING.			
ADDRESS : GATUNDU			
ETHNIC GROUP : AGIKUYU			
NAME OF PERSON CONDUCTING THE INTERVIEW : PERIS KAMAU -SEED SAVERS NETWORK			
2 PLANT IDENTIFICATION			
GENUS -	SPECIES -		
COMMON NAME OF CROP OR WILD SPECIES: TOGOTIA			
SPECIES RICHNESS: -			
3 SITE (ECOGEOGRAPHICAL CONTEXT)			
COUNTRY	: KENYA	COUNTY: NAKURU	SUBCOUNTY: GILGIL WARD: MORENDAT
VILLAGE: GATUNDU			
LATITUDE	S0° 29.612'	LONGITUDE	E36° 23.588' ELEVATION
6593 ft			
LOCATION OF FIELDWORK SITE: GATUNDU			
NAME OF THE LOCATION OR NEAREST PLACE: GILGIL			

DISTANCE TO SITE : APP. 12 KMS FROM SEED SAVERS NETWORK OFFICES
TYPE OF DISTANCE: ROAD DISTANCE.
DIRECTION FROM THE NEAREST PLACES: LANGALANGA CENTRE
LAND ELEMENT: OPEN DEPRESSION
4.RELATIVE ABUNDANCE
IN CULTIVATED AREAS:-
TOTAL AREA OF FARM LAND USED IN HA:-
IN CULTIVATED ARES:-
NUMBER OF COLLECTING SITES/NICHES:-
ESTIMATED AREA OF EACH COLLECTING SITE:-
REASONS FOR FREQUENCY OF COLLECTIING SITE:



Name of the cultivar/landrace/botanical variety or wild form		Togotia		
Plant further identification	Local vernacular names	Togotia		
	Language(s) of local vernacular name	Togotia		
	Local name meaning	It's a plant that grows when there is rains or on ground that are under irrigation.		
	Biological status	Weedy.		
Relative abundance	Area cultivated for each cultivar	It grows naturally in weed vegetation.		
	Number of plants	N/A		
	Total uncultivated area	N/A		
	Relative abundance of the plant (if uncultivated)	It's a common plant only during rainy season.		
TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PLANT	Distinguishing traits /characteristics used by farmers	Main reasons for using the cultivar / landrace or wild form	It's used as vegetable in mashing food and it's believed its sweet and its green is much appealing compared to other veggies.	
		Parts of the plant used	Leaves	
		Plant uses	Used as vegetables for mashing traditional food.	
	stresses	Biotic stresses	Parts of the plant used	Leaves.
			Traits attribute	Retains greens while cooked Taste better than other vegetable used in mashing.
			Agronomic traits	Matures fast than other vegetables at the onset of rainfall they emerge.
		Abiotic stresses	Diseases	Not recognized.
			Pests	Aphids
			Other biotic stresses	

	Quality traits related to the food uses	Organoleptic qualities		Taste
		Nutritional qualities		Believed its more healthy than other exotic vegetables.
		Other quality traits		More appealing green while cooked.
	Market traits			
	Social aspects	Division of labour by gender	Labour	Harvesting.
			Gender	Female
	Socio-economic characteristics		Seed supply	Naturally occurring.
			Main use of plant	Leaves used to make traditional food in Agikuyu community.
			Main form of market outlet	Only for home consumption.

Collectors note,

1. This particular wild and weedy vegetable grows well in fertile land, grows upright and at certain stage of growth it produces tiny seed in pod.