

**DESCRIPTOR FOR FARMERS' KNOWLEDGE ON PUMPKIN "WHITE COVER" .**

<b>1 IDENTIFIERS</b>		
FIELD WORK DATE	<b>2019/7/1</b>	
AGE:	<b>21-75 YEARS</b>	
FIELD WORK ACTIVITY:	<b>FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION</b>	
NAME OF LOCAL INFORMATION PROVIDER:	<b>KAMATHATHA MUOROTO SELF-HELP GROUP</b>	
MAIN OCCUPATION:	<b>FARMING.</b>	
ADDRESS :	<b>KAMATHATHA</b>	
ETHNIC GROUP :	<b>KIKUYU</b>	
NAME OF PERSON CONDUCTING THE INTERVIEW :	<b>PERIS KAMAU (SEED SAVERS NETWORK)</b>	
<b>2 PLANT IDENTIFICATION</b>		
GENUS	<i>Cucurbita</i>	SPECIES <i>maxima</i>
COMMON NAME OF CROP OR WILD SPECIES:	<b>PUMPKIN (WHITE OUTER COVER)</b>	
SPECIES RICHNESS:		
<b>3 SITE (ECOGEOGRAPHICAL CONTEXT)</b>		
COUNTRY :	<b>KENYA</b>	
COUNTY:	<b>NAKURU</b>	
SUBCOUNTY:	<b>GILGIL</b>	
WARD:	<b>EBURRU/MBARUKU</b>	
VILLAGE:	<b>KAMATHATHA</b>	
LATITUDE	<b>S0° 32.754</b>	LONGITUDE <b>E36° 17.709'</b>
ELEVATION	<b>6370 ft</b>	
LOCATION OF FIELD WORK SITE:	<b>KAMATHATHA</b>	
NAME OF THE LOCATION OR NEAREST PLACE:	<b>GILGIL</b>	

DISTANCE TO SITE : <b>8 KMS FROM SEED SAVERS NETWORK OFFICES</b>
TYPE OF DISTANCE: <b>ROAD DISTANCE.</b>
DIRECTION FROM THE NEAREST PLACES: <b>GILGIL TOWN</b>
LAND ELEMENT: <b>OPEN DEPRESSION</b>
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:

<b>Name of the cultivar/landrace/botanical variety or wild form</b>		Pumpkin		
<b>Plant further identification</b>	Local vernacular names	Pumpkin with white outer cover.		
	Language(s) of local vernacular name	White outer cover		
	Local name meaning	The pumpkin is recognized by its Colour in its cover.		
	Biological status	Traditional cultivar.		
<b>Relative abundance</b>	Area cultivated for each cultivar	Small		
	Number of plants	Few plants distributed.		
	Total uncultivated area	Few plants noted		
	Relative abundance of the plant (if uncultivated )	Rare.		
<b>TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PLANT</b>	Main reasons for using the cultivar / landrace or wild form	Food security		
		Parts of the plant used	Leaf; fruit	
	Distinguishing traits / characteristics used	Plant uses	Food; fodder	
		Parts of the plant used	Leaf; fruit	
		Traits attribute	Taste	
		Agronomic traits	High yielding; matures early	
		Abiotic stresses	High temperature	
		Biotic stresses	Diseases	Powderly mildew.
			Pests	Pumpkin insect, aphids, whiteflies
			Other biotic stresses	-
		Quality traits related to the food uses	Organoleptic qualities	Taste sweet
			Nutritional qualities	Good source of vitamins.
			Other quality traits	Cooks very fast. Tender Leaves used as vegetables.

		Market traits		Shelf life
	Social aspects	Division of labour by gender	Labor	Sowing; harvesting
			Gender	predominantly female
	Socio-economic characteristics		Seed supply	Exchange with friends and neighbor.
			Main use of plant	Home consumption
			Main form of market outlet	Local

**COLLECTORS NOTE.**

**This particular variety is recognized by the colour of the outer cover.**