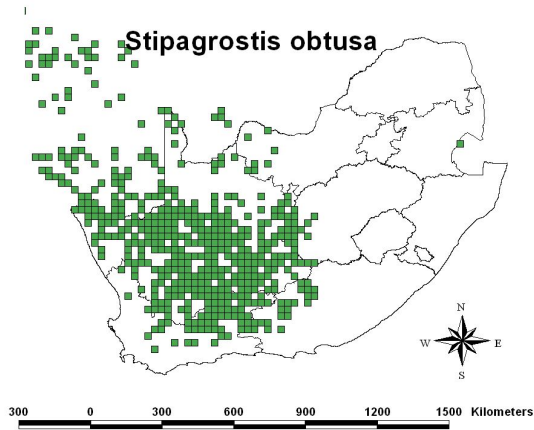


# *Stipagrostis obtusa*

Common name: Kortbeenboesmangras, fyntwa

Family: Poaceae

Habitat: Grows in sandy soils often with underlying gravel or limestone.



Map based on PRECIS data from <http://sibis.sanbi.org/>

Plant description: Fine-leaved grass up to 30 cm high. Flower heads with silky plumes.

Palatability: ★★☆☆ high for livestock and game such as red hartebeest, gemsbok and springbok.

Seed description: Seed resembles an extremely small grains of rice attached to a feathery plume.

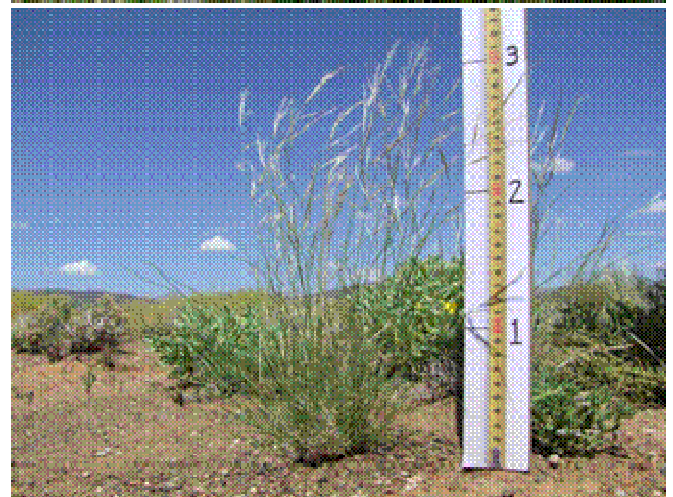
Viable seeds per kg flower heads: 8,045

Sowing density: 10kg/ha

When and how to plant: Sown in April in the Winter Rainfall region, October in summer rainfall region . Roughen soil with a spade or implement. Tie bunches of the grass to a stick for wind dispersal or scatter stems loosely on the ground. Cover with thorn branches to keep stems from blowing away and seedlings being grazed by livestock or game.



Scale: 1cm



Scale: 1 decimeter

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