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Since 2004, there has been a Namibian SEPASAL team, based at the National Botanical Research Institute of the Ministry of Agriculture which has been updating the information on Namibian species from Namibian and southern African literature and unpublished sources. By August 2007, over 700 Namibian species had been updated.

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 *Display help*In names list include: synonyms vernacular names and display: 10 names per page*Your query found 29 taxa***Cyperus compressus L. [549]**

Family: CYPERACEAE

Synonyms

None recorded

Vernacular names

None recorded

Partial distribution

Plant origin	Continent	Region	Botanical country
Status Unknown	Africa	East Tropical Africa	Kenya

Descriptors

Category	Descriptors and states
DESCRIPTION	Herb; Annual
SEPASAL DATASHEET STATUS	Nomenclature Checked [2963]

Uses

Major use	Use group	Specific uses
FOOD	'Roots'	root/tuber vegetables, raw; root/tuber vegetables; famine food

Picture

None recorded

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