

Forage Genebank, ILRI, Ethiopia

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Genebank at a Glance

Full name	ILRI Forage Genebank
Country	Ethiopia
Year established	1983
Conservation methods and facilities	Seed and field collections
Number of staff	37
Total number of accessions	22,797
Number of accessions distributed annually	18,664



Recent Highlights

- The ILRI Forage Genebank focusses its research on generating data that can help germplasm users.
- The genebank's partners have released a number of new varieties. For example, the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research has released several varieties of *Cenchrus purpureus*.
- The genebank has conducted collaborative research efforts. For example, it has worked with the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology on its Push-Pull project, aimed at intercropping cereals with pest-repelling plants.
- The genebank has concluded various restoration projects, with different stakeholders, including private consultancy firms.
- The Seed Herbage Unit has distributed over 72 tons of forage seeds and 872,000 samples of vegetative planting materials to Ethiopian research institutes, NGOs, and direct users in the past five years.



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