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SoFT: Selection of Forages for the Tropics,

an interactive selection tool

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The Selection of Forages for the Tropics

A database of species adaptation and management accumulated over the past 50 years

180 species are used or are "valuable" All with particular uses, adaptation and management preferences

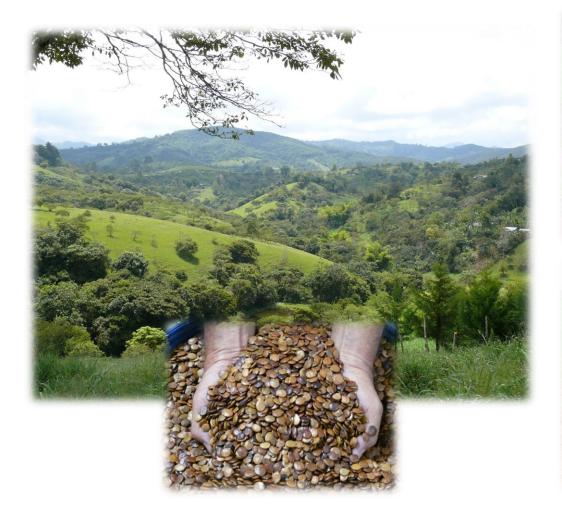
Worldwide, 3.4 billion hectares of grazing land, more than a quarter of the world crop production area is used for livestock feeding. This is more than the 70% of the total area of agricultural lands in developing countries



The tropical forages and their sub-products are classified within the greater value crops in many countries and they contribute to the sustainability of mixed animal and crops systems of production



The importance of forages creates a high demand in information







This need is in contrast with a limited number of technicians and versed scientists in the topic of tropical forages and their integration in the agricultural landscape









In this context, an idea arose for the development of a tool, that could integrate the tacit and explicit knowledge of the most outstanding tropical forages experts worldwide



Tropical Forages: an interactive selection tool

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Forage based technologies in the tropics

- Rapidly increasing demand for livestock products
- Increased demand for forage
 - To supplement crop by-products
 - New forages in sown grasslands
 - Forages in cropping systems large and small scale farmers
 - Forages for resource conservation

The Status, Background

- 50 years of detailed research on species and accession adaptation
 - Range of farming systems
 - Range of environments
 - Systems: Extensive, crop-livestock, cut and carry, agroforestry, erosion control, beef, dairy, fish
- Accumulated knowledge difficult to harness
- Adaptation studies being repeated
- Investment priorities should be elsewhere

Where are 50 years of knowledge?

- Traditional and grey literature
- Summarised info. (FAO and Prosea)
- Personal knowledge
 - Specialist forage agronomists
 - National and international centres
 - Many retired

Our aim, The Solutions

- Need to value what we already know
- Assemble knowledge
- Develop selection tool
- Updated fact sheets
- Include elite accessions
- Map climate adaptation
- Make knowledge available to users in appropriate format (interpreted data)
- Link knowledge on plant adaptation to:
 - Bibliography
 - Forage management information
 - Seed/planting material sources and availability

Methodology

- Database design and maintenance
- Database linkages (FAO)
- Information sources
- Publications/reports
- Workshops
- Interviews
- Correspondence (email etc.)

Putting it together - Development

- Downloading expertise
- Literature reviews
- Workshops around the tropics
- A team of experienced writers
- Selection tool validation
- Mapping adaptation

Outputs

- Selections of best options at the germplasm level
 - not just cultivars but not nursery results
- Appropriate bibliography
- Information sheets
- Best sources of planting material

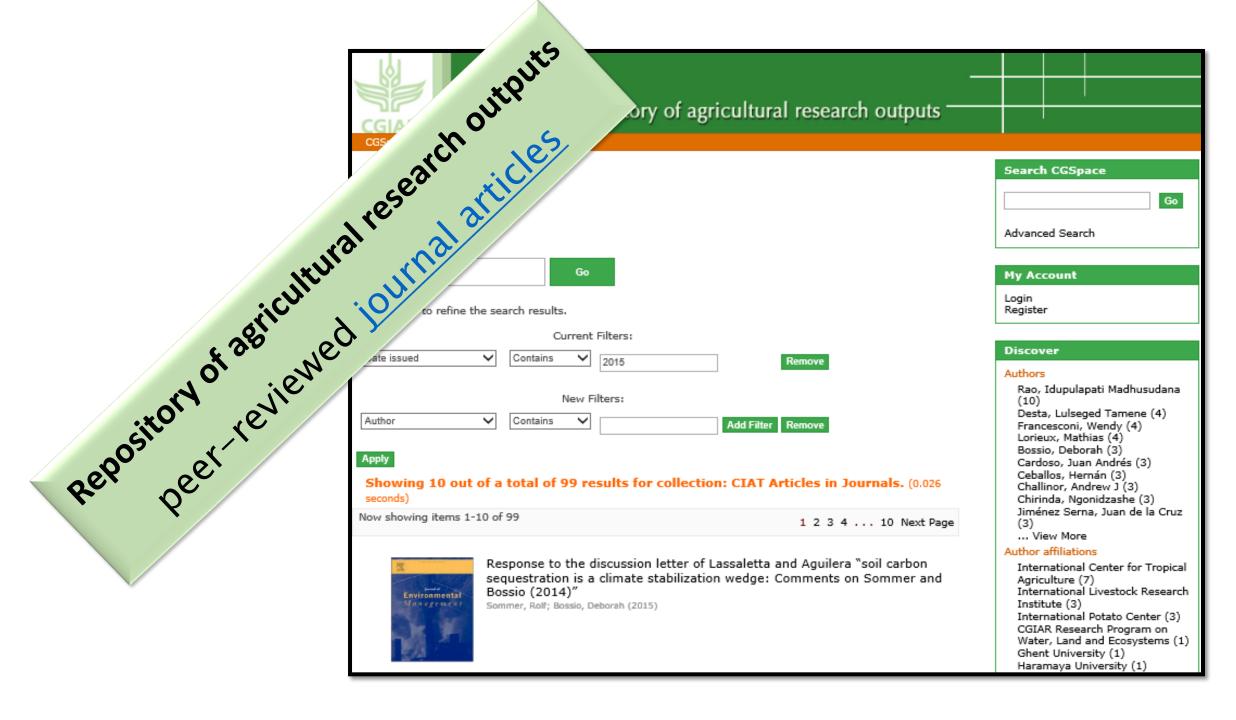
Key information

- Taxonomy
- Plant description
- Uses
- Environmental adaptation
- Productivity and feed value
- Cultivars
- Elite accessions

Audience

- Universities
- Research providers information for a particular farming system in a particular environment
- Development agencies
- Seed companies and Farmers

SoFT has been extensively used by researchers, extension workers, NGOs, farmers, and educational institutions around the world with an average of 220,000 visits per year





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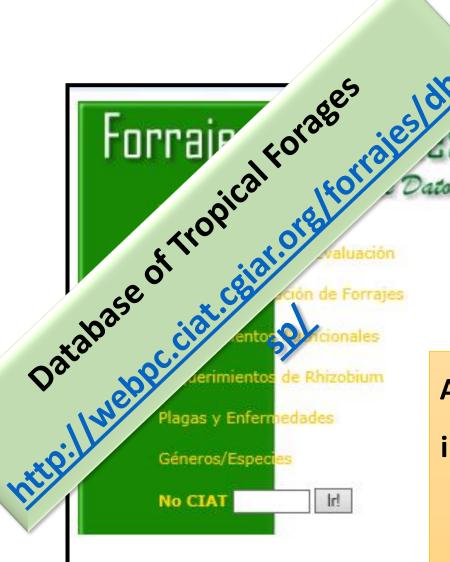
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Feb 18, 2015 - CIAT - International Center for Tropical Agriculture Dataverse

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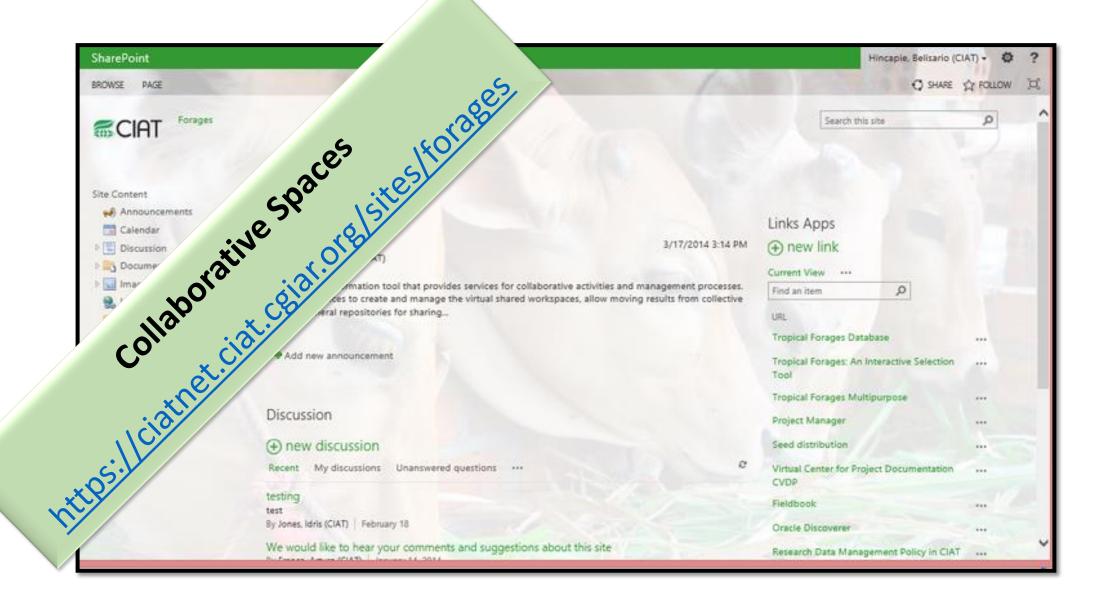
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rtes, entre productores, técnicos y estudiantes provenientes de los municipios del na el pasado 29 de mayo en Patía, Cauca, para intercambiar conocimientos sobre la gías o modelos, ya validados en la zona y enfocados en mejorar sus sistemas ganaderos.



Este encuentro es resultado de 7 años en investigación aplicada en forrajes para la región, a través de la implementación de proyectos como el de "Aplicación de tecnologías para la transformación de sistemas ganaderos de carne en el departamento del Cauca", que fue ejecutado conjuntamente entre la Universidad del Cauca, la Cooperativa de Usuarios Campesinos de Patía (COAGROUSUARIOS), la Asociación de Ganaderos de Mercaderes (ASOGAMER) y el CIAT.

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Buenas tardes Sr. Hincapie.

Tras tratar de contactar con usted telefónicamente hace escasos minutos sin éxito, la señorita de centralita me ha facilitado su correo y me ha trasmitido que usted es la persona idónea para tratar los temas que me gustaría abordar. En el mes de enero mande correo electrónico a CIAT sin que al día de hoy haya tenido contestación, en el le expresaba mis inquietudes respecto al pasto Mulato II las cuales les trasmito a usted: .

Le escribo desde España, por lo que lo primero que me gustaría me indicara cual es su pensamiento a priori sobre la implantación de aste pasto aquí en la península ibérica , si tendrá buena nacencia, y buenos rendimientos. El Clima que tenemos aquí es continental veranos de mucho calor e inviernos moderadamente frios

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primeramente quiero agradecerles toda la informacion que me suministran por medio del correo es muy valiosa para mi aunque soy un pequeño ganadero y ovinocultor me interesa mas que todos las clases de leguminosas y gramineas para alimentar mis ovejas y ganado vivo el municipio de Piendamo Cauca a una altura de 1800 snm quisiera saber si es cierto que tienen un centro investigativo cerca a la ciudad de Popayan Cauca. es importante para adquirir semilla que es tan dificil para esta zona muchas gracias y exitos en sus labores

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The SoFT tool (Selection of Tropical Forages) has a user-friendly platform for producers, technicians and scientists



Learnt Lessons

The ability to select and prioritize forages for specific niches and environments and for specific animal requirements is important to mitigate feed shortages and improve natural resource management as part of sustainable smallholder farming systems, which can help make agriculture more productive and competitive

Learnt Lessons

New research has generated information on forage performance and use in a wide range of environments over the last ten years and its utility, usability and desirability could be greatly enhanced by **updating and extending the information content**

Also the last ten years have seen quick advances in knowledge management and information technology, including the **use of mobile devices** and fast searching that could be employed in SoFT version 2.0. The **linkage** with complementary websites such as Feedipedia, Agroforestree, GRIN and Genesys will further improve end-user experience and knowledge dissemination about forages

The message

When we adopt the theory that the real incentive for the development of an economy is not trade but education

When we think not only about publishing, but about the dissemination of the necessary information based on the needs of producers, we get to achieve successful cases of adoption and therefore impact

Cuando nos alineamos a la teoría, que el verdadero motor de desarrollo de una economía no es el comercio, es la educación

Cuando pensamos, no en publicar, sino en divulgar la información necesaria basada en las necesidades de los productores, lograremos casos exitosos de adopción y por tanto de impacto

SoFT—A tool for targeting forages



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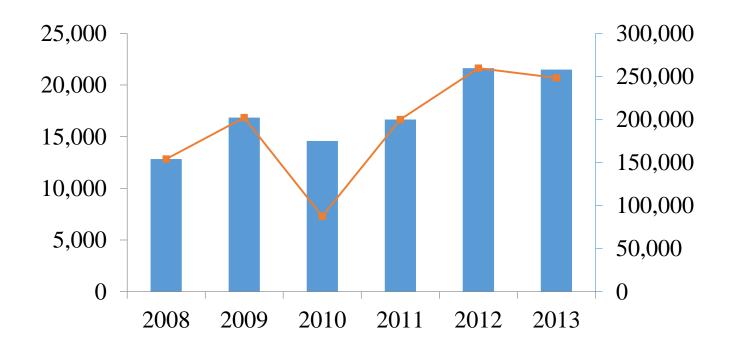


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2009	13,070	13,659	17,875	15,818	15,854	14,223	16,227	15,792	19,799	22,366	18,568	19,000	13,070	22,366	202,251
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2012	17,813	19,515	23,066	22,937	24,796	21,552	20,010	20,737	22,887	24,804	23,191	18,305	17,813	24,804	259,613
2013	21,341	20,029	22,371	25,277	23,908	21,540	19,883	19,133	20,276	21,878	20,709	11,853	19,133	21,878	257,831
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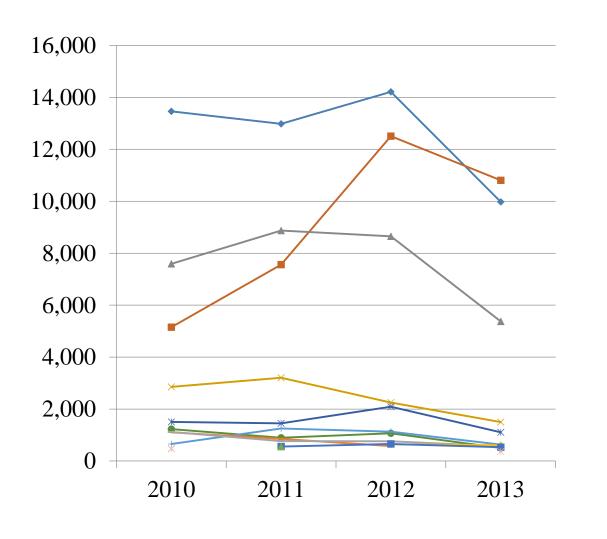


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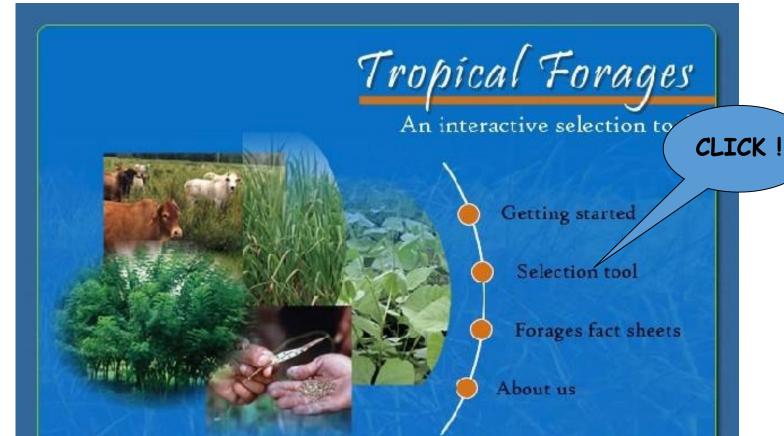
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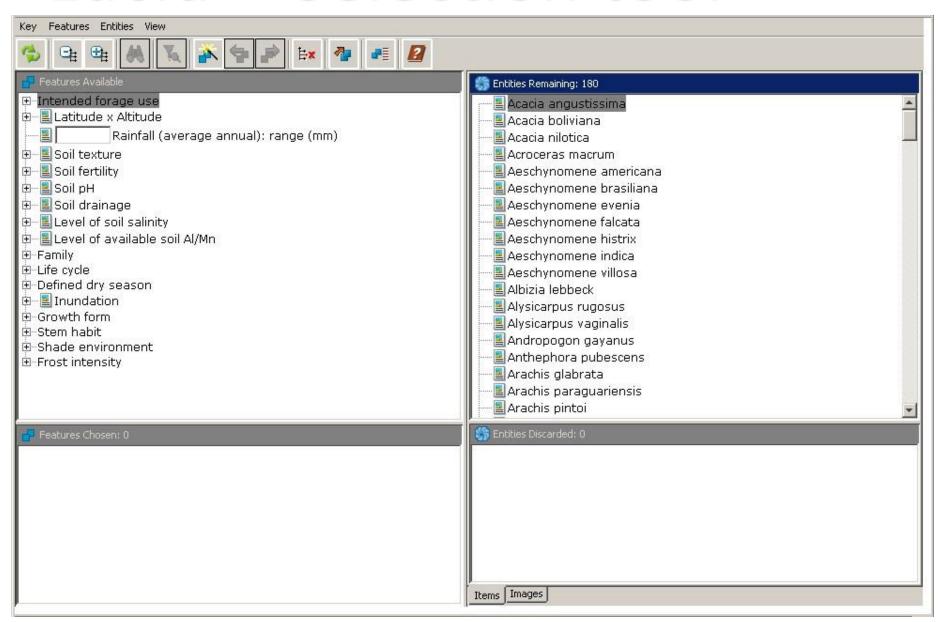
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- Cut and carry for hay
- Acid sandy soils
- Tropics 1000-2000m ASL
- Annual rainfall 800mm

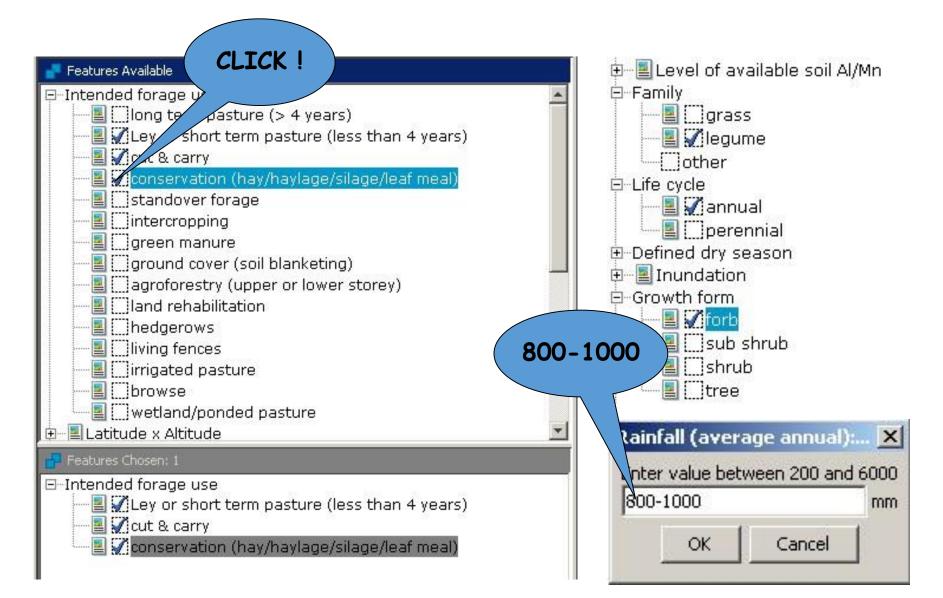




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Synonyms

Dolichos benghalensis Jacq.
Dolichos lablab L.
Dolichos purpureus L.
Lablab niger Medikus
Lablab purpurea (L.) Sweet
Lablab vulgaris (L.) Savi
Vigna aristata Piper

Family/tribe

Family: Fabaceae (alt. Leguminosae) subfamily: Faboideae tribe: Phaseoleae subtribe: Phaseolinae. Also placed in: Papilionaceae.

Common names

hyacinth bean, lablab bean, field bean, pig-ears, rongai dolichos, lab-lab bean, poor man's bean, Tonga bean (English); dolique lab-lab, dolique d'Egypte, frijol jacinto, quiquaqua, caroata chwata, poroto de Egipto, chicarros, frijol caballo, gallinita, frijol de adorno, carmelita, frijol caballero, pois nourrice (Spanish); faselbohne, helmbohne, schlangenbohne, batao, wal, sem, lubia (the Sudan); fiwi bean (Zambia); antaque, banner bean (Caribbean); wal (India); batao (Philippines); natoba, toba (Fiji); pois Antaque; pois de Senteur, tapirucusu.



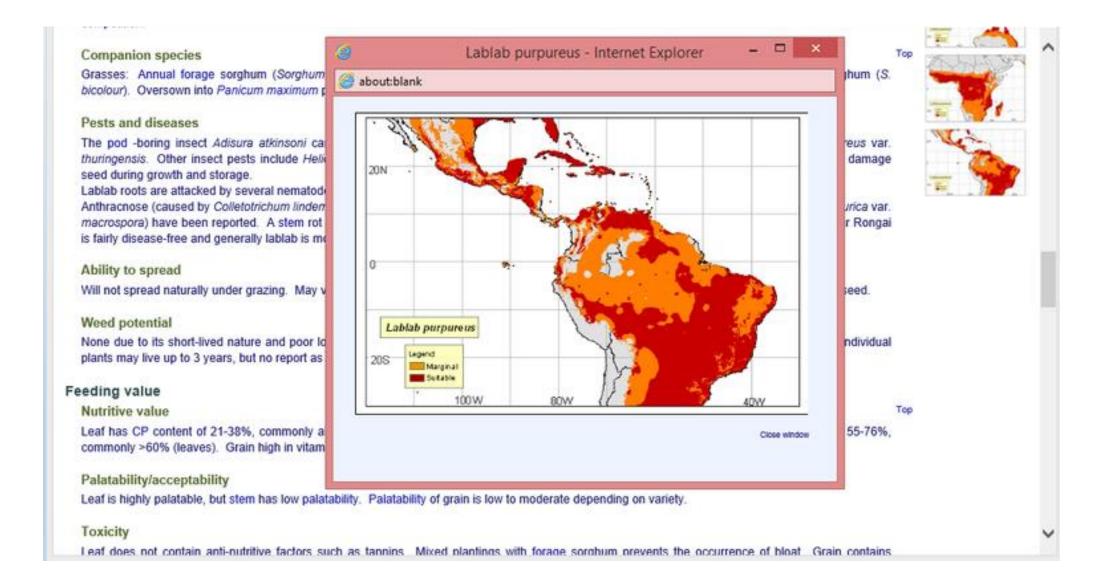




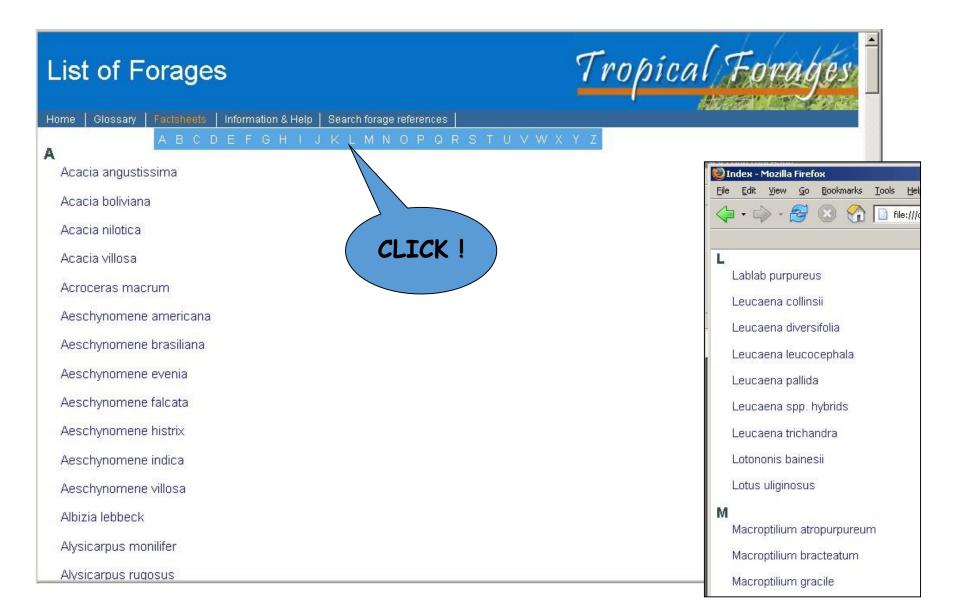




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