

Environmental weed risk assessment

digit grass, Premier digit, Pangola grass (*Digitaria eriantha*)

Digit grass (Premier) is a sub-tropical, tufted perennial grass adapted to well-drained coarse and medium-textured soils, while Pangola grass is a tropical, stoloniferous perennial grass.

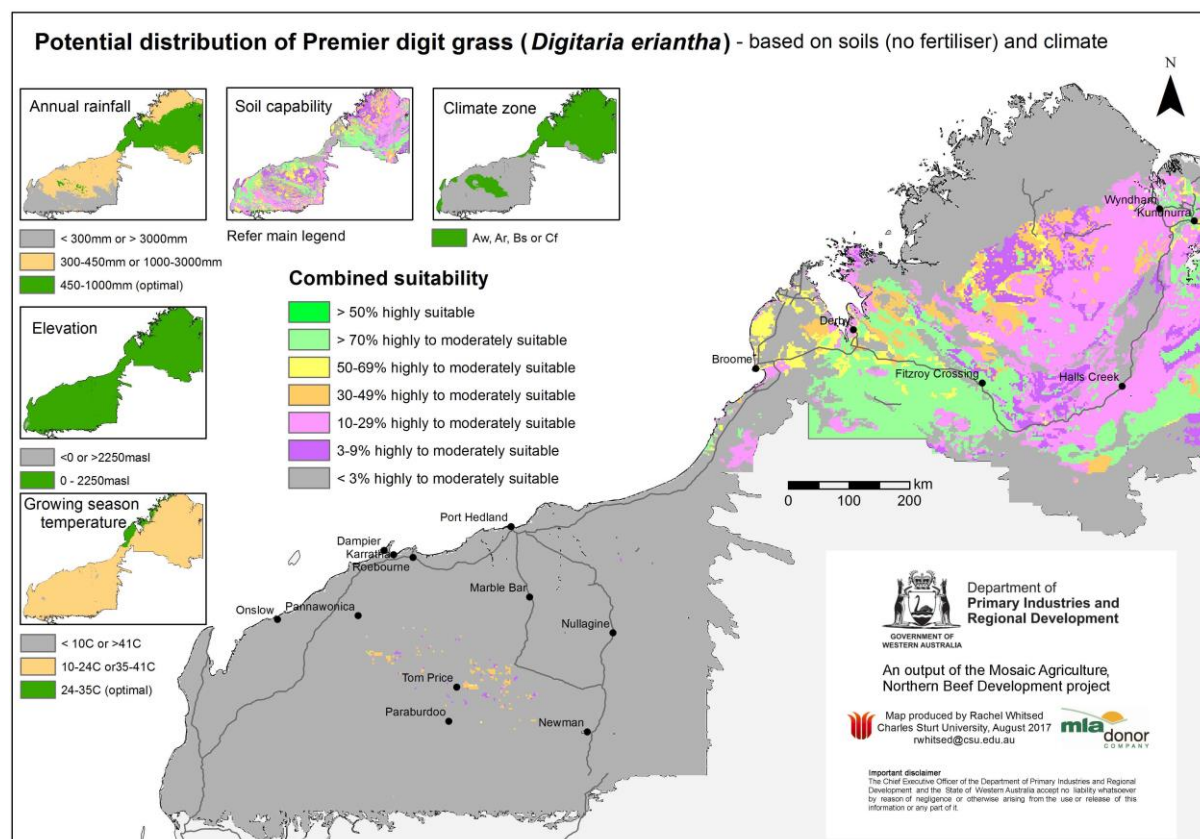


Figure 1 Distribution of digit grass (*Digitaria eriantha*) in Australia
(Source: 'The Australasian Virtual Herbarium')

Invasiveness and Impacts scores by Rod Randall

Invasiveness score	Impacts score
4.4	2.5

Potential distribution



Region	Area of suitable soils and climate (million ha)	Potential distribution score
Kimberley	6.35Mha	7.0
Pilbara (>300mm AAR*)	0.39Mha	2.0
Pilbara (<300mm AAR)	0	0.5
Gascoyne – Goldfields	0	0.5

*AAR – Average annual rainfall

Overall weed risk assessment

Region	WRA calculation*	Weed risk score	WRA rating
Kimberley	4.4 x 2.5 x 7.0	77.0	Medium
Pilbara (>300mm AAR)	4.4 x 2.5 x 2.0	11.0	Negligible-low
Pilbara (<300mm AAR)	4.4 x 2.5 x 0.5	5.5	Negligible-low
Gascoyne – Goldfields	4.4 x 2.5 x 0.5	5.5	Negligible-low

* Invasiveness (0-10) x Impacts (0-10) x Potential Distribution (0-10) = Weed risk score (0-1000)

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