

# Species Datasheet

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(family.genus.species)

DBT- Network Programme

## 1. Taxon:

Species: *Lens culinaris* Medik.

Subspecies:

Variety:

Cultivar:

Hybrid:

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**2. Synonyms:** *Ervum lens* L., *Ervum lens* Wall., *Lens culinaris* subsp. *culinaris*, *Lensesculenta* Moench, *Lens lens* Huth, *Vicia lens* (L.) Coss. & Germ.

## 3. Systematic Position:

### APG IV (2016)

- Kingdom: Plantae
- Clade: Angiosperms
- Clade: Eudicots
- Clade: Rosids
- Order: Fabales Bromhead
- Family: Fabaceae Lindl.
- Genus: *Lens* Mill.
- Species: *L. culinaris* Medik.

### Bentham and Hooker (1862)

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division: Phanerogamia  
Class: Dicotyledons  
Subclass: Polypetalae  
Series: Calyciflorae  
Cohors: Rosales Bercht. & J. Presl  
Ordo: Leguminosae Juss.  
Subordo: Papilionaceae Giseke  
Genus: *Lens* Mill.  
Species: *L. culinaris* Medik.

## 4. Distribution:

**Global:** Afghanistan, Agalega, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Azores, Balearic Is, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, California, Chile, China, Colombia, Corsica, Crete, Cyprus, Czech Republic & Slovakia, East Aegean Is, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Fiji, former Yugoslavia, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Idaho, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Java, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mauritius, Mayotte, Morocco, Nepal, New York, New Zealand (North), New Zealand (South), Northern Marianas, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Reunion, Rodrigues, Romania, Sardinia, Saudi Arabia, Sicily, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Syria, Tanzania, Tunisia, Turkey in Asia, United States, Vietnam, Washington, Yemen, Zimbabwe

**India:** Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu-Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal

**5. Indigenous/Exotic/Endemic; Cultivated/Wild:** Exotic; Cultivated

## 6. Threat Status:

**IUCN:**

**BSI:**

**7. Habit and Habitat:** Slender herb or twining vine. Height ~ 45 cm. Temperate, subtropical and tropical at higher elevations

**8.Life Form:**Chamaephytes

**9.Economic Importance:**Edible pulse crop. High in protein and B-vitamin. Best preceding crop of non-pulse crops due to high efficiency of nitrogen fixation. They are considered to be useful in the treatment of constipation and other intestinal affections. The plant can be used as a green manure. The seeds are a source of starch for the textile and printing industries

**10.Probable Progenitor of:**

**11.DNA**

**C-value**

**Methodology**

2C(8.42 pg)<sup>1</sup>

Flow Cytometry

2C(8.76-9.99pg)<sup>2,3</sup>

Feulgen Microdensitometer

**12.Basic chromosome number(s):** $x=7^{4,5,6,7}$

**13. Zygotic chromosome number(s):** $2n=14^{8-14, 16, 18-27}$

**14. Gametic chromosome number(s):** $n=7^{7,11,16,18,19,25}$

**15.Specialized chromosomes (B chromosomes/Sex chromosomes/Polytene chromosomes/Neocentric chromosomes):**

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**16.Ploidy level:**Diploid<sup>7,8,11,16,18,19,25,28</sup>

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**17.Agametoploidy:**

**18.Nature of polyploidy (auto, segmental, allo, autoallo):**

**19.Genomic formula:**

**20.Aberrant chromosome number(s)(aneuploidy, aneusomaty, polysomaty):**

**21.Somatic chromosomes:** $3,7,8,16,18,29-37$

**Karyotype** Majority metacentric/submetacentric chromosomes

**Chromosome size** Medium

**NOR chromosome(s)** 2-4

**Degree of asymmetry** Symmetrical

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**22.Banding pattern(s):**N banding<sup>36</sup>, C banding<sup>13</sup>

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**23.Physical mapping of chromosomes:**

**In situ hybridization**

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**Fluorescent in situ hybridization:** 18S-5.8S-25S and 5S ribosomal gene families<sup>29, 37, 38, 40</sup>

pLc30 and pLc7 repeated DNA sequences<sup>39</sup>

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**24. Genomic in situ hybridization:**

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**25. Linkage map:** 52,53,54,64,68,72,74

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**26. Chromosome associations:**

**Female meiosis**

**Male meiosis** 7II 7,11,18,25,28

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**27. Chromosome distribution at anaphase I:** 7 7,11,18,25,28

**28. Genetic diversity:**

**Chromosomal level:** 13,14,25,33

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**DNA level:** 41 - 79

**29. Any other information (Apomixis; Inversion; Male sterility; Pollen grain mitosis;**

**Pollen stainability; Translocation etc.):** Pollen stainability (%): 91 - 98% 25,28