

# Species Datasheet CalU+SUK-Phase I

Datasheet No. A-087.001.001  
(family.genus.species)

DBT- Network Programme

## 1. Taxon:

Species: *Maranta arundinacea* L.

Subspecies

Variety

Cultivar

Hybrid

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**2. Synonyms:** *Maranta arundinacea* f. *sylvestris* Matuda; *M. arundinacea* var. *arundinacea*; *M. arundinacea* var. *indica* Petersen; *M. arundinacea* var. *variegata* Ridl.; *M. indica* Tussac; *M. ramosissima* Wall.; *M. sylvatica* Roscoe; *M. sylvatica* Roscoe ex Sm.; *Phrynium variegatum* N.E.Br.

## 3. Systematic Position:

### APG IV (2016)

- Kingdom: Plantae
- Clade: Angiosperms
- Clade: Monocots
- Order: Zingiberales Griseb.
- Family: Marantaceae R.Br.
- Genus: *Maranta* L.
- Species: *M. arundinacea* L.

### Bentham and Hooker (1862)

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division: Phanerogamia  
Class: Monocotyledones  
Series: Epigynae  
Ordo: Scitamineae  
Genus: *Maranta* L.  
Species: *M. arundinacea* L.

## 4. Distribution:

**Global:** Mexico, Central America, West Indies, South America, Jamaica, Bahamas, Bermuda, the Netherlands Antilles, India, China, Taiwan, Volcano Islands, Mauritius, Réunion, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Florida, Cambodia, Indonesia and the Philippines

**India:** Sri Lanka

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

## 6. Threat Status:

IUCN

BSI

**7. Habit and Habitat:** Perennial herb; grows in rain forests, Moist floors of evergreen or deciduous forests

## 8. Life Form:

**9. Economic Importance: High quality starch from rhizome is used** in food preparations and confectionery, for industrial applications such as cosmetics and glue. The residue of starch extraction has a high fiber content and can be fed to livestock.

## 10. Probable Progenitor of:

## 11. DNA

C- value

4C (0.1262 AU)<sup>1</sup>

Methodology

Feulgen microspectrophotometry<sup>1</sup>

## 12. Basic chromosome number(s):

**13. Zygotic chromosome number(s):**  $2n=18^2$ ;  $2n=48^{1,3,4}$

## 14. Gametic chromosome number(s):

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

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## 16. Ploidy level:

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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:**

**Karyotype:** Majority metacentric chromosome<sup>4</sup>

**Chromosome size:** Very small to small<sup>4</sup>

**NOR chromosome(s):** 6 NOR<sup>4</sup>

**Degree of asymmetry**

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**22. Banding pattern(s):**

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**23. Physical mapping of chromosomes:**

**In situ hybridization**

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**Fluorescent in situ hybridization**

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**24. Genomic in situ hybridization:**

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**25. Linkage map:**

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**26. Chromosome associations:**

**Female meiosis**

**Male meiosis**

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**27. Chromosome distribution at anaphase I:**

**28. Genetic diversity:**

**Chromosomal level**

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**DNA level**

**29. Any other information (Apomixis; Inversion; Male sterility; Pollen grain mitosis; Pollen stainability; Translocations etc):**