

KABA

LF62-2810

PARENTAGE : SPARTAN x MENTOR

HABITAT & GENERAL APPEARANCE

Slightly recumbent when young, becoming erect later. Free trashing variety.
Flowers sparsely.

LEAF

- **Blade** Fan shaped canopy with thin leaf blades
- **Sheath** Light sheath hairs present with reddish orange patches
- **Auricle** Long and well developed on one side of the sheath
- **Ligule** Crescent shaped

STALK

- **Internode** Medium to thick diameter internodes. Greenish yellow when unexposed; changes to yellowish when exposed.
- **Growth ring** Yellowish when unexposed and changes to greenish yellow when exposed. Two narrow rings around the internode with that makes the inner portion appear sunken, otherwise swollen.
- **Root band** Whittish when unexposed but turns greenish yellow on exposure. Swollen in appearance and is wider around the bud. Root primordia is sunken, present in rows and is prominent with brown centres.
- **Bud** Obovate shaped, arises from the base of the sheath scar and touches the growth ring.

SUMMARY

Two distinct features of Kaba on close observation are patches of black blotches on the internodes and the top part of the leaves have a rusty appearance. Kaba is a mid season maturing variety recommended for planting on medium fertile soils and on deep top horizon poor soils. The best harvesting time for Kaba would be from August onwards.