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Foreword

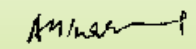
Weeds, a major contributor to losses in crop productivity due to biotic stresses, are actually responsible for more than 30% of the loss. Despite development of improved weed management technologies and their adoption on large areas, weed problems remain and the challenge to manage them becomes more complex with changing climatic conditions. Weedy rice is emerging as a serious threat to rice cultivation, particularly in areas where direct-seeding of rice is practiced and where water accumulates during rainy season. This weed is a menace in specific situations of lowland areas of central, eastern and southern India, and has forced farmers to abandon rice cultivation in such regions.

Weedy rice is presumed to originate by natural hybridization between cultivated and wild rice, and hence the plants are different from wild rice. Large variations are observed amongst the morphotypes of weedy rice in growth habit and height; leaf size, shape and colour; grain attributes, shattering and maturity. These plants not only affect crop yield but also reduce grain quality rendering it unsuitable for marketing. Weedy rice can be distinguished from cultivated or wild rice only after flowering. As both the rice types belong to the same genus and species i.e. *Oryza sativa*, no available selective herbicide can distinguish between them. These facts make management of weedy rice a difficult task.

Characterization of weedy rices for morphological, physiological and phenological parameters is essential for developing a strategy for their integrated control through preventive, cultural, mechanical and chemical means. A large number of weedy rice biotypes are found in rice-growing regions all over the country but there is no systematic information available about them. An initiative was taken in this regard in 2011 and more than 100 weedy rice biotypes were collected from all over the country. These were grown in isolated plots at the Directorate's research farm over the last 4 years and characterized for 21 different parameters.

This manual contains information on 53 morphotypes of weedy rice including 40 from Madhya Pradesh along with picture of the panicle for easy identification. I am hopeful that this information will be useful to researchers, extension workers and farmers for identification of weedy rice and undertaking control measures suited to the local conditions. Comments on this bulletin and suggestions for undertaking research on management of weedy rice biotypes are welcome.

30 June, 2016


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Director

Preface

Weedy rice, a menace in rice growing areas globally, is biosimilar having attributes similar to cultivated and wild rice, and therefore is difficult to identify at initial stages. Variations existing in weedy rice population are a major reason for its wider adaptability to varied environmental conditions and also a problem in its management. Weedy rice, evolved largely by natural hybridization between wild and cultivated rice, has become an emerging threat to rice cultivation as it affects crop production, harvest quality and thereby farmers' income. With diverse biotypes, this conspecific weed has already infested large rice growing areas across the globe. As no selective herbicide is available for control of weedy rice, various preventive and cultural practices are being used to manage it. However, an integrated approach is essential to manage weedy rice as the problem is yet to aggravate with changing climatic conditions.

With a shift to direct seeding of rice and increasing infestation of weedy rice, the weedy rice has emerged as a potential threat to rice cultivation in India as well. In the context of climate regime the problem is bound to aggravate. Hence, it would not be wrong to say that weedy rice demands immediate attention from scientists in different fields to work on its biology and management strategies.

Since last five years, Directorate has made efforts in characterizing different biotypes of weedy rice collected from different places. Information gathered on different biotypes have been compiled in this document which can serve as a ready-reference for different stakeholders.

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1. *Introduction*





Rice is a major staple food crop of India cultivated widely under varying climatic conditions and altitude. Rice is grown in upland/dry/semidry soil by either direct dry seeding (broadcasting the seed or seeding behind the plough) or direct wet-seeded (in wet/lowland soil by broadcasting sprouted seedlings) or transplanting in puddled fields. Recent increase in labor costs and water scarcity has caused a shift from puddle transplanting to direct seeding. As a result, weed infestation has enhanced with simultaneous increase in herbicide use for managing these weeds. However, as the herbicides cannot manage weedy rice, it has emerged as a serious threat in direct seeded rice (DSR).

Agronomic and ecological conditions under DSR are favourable to weedy rice and with no selective herbicide or effective control measure available to manage it, the nonspecific biosimilar weed is flourishing.



Transplanting of rice



Direct seeding of rice in puddled conditions



Major attributes of weedy rice

Early panicle initiation & maturity

Asynchronous maturity

High seed shattering

Seed dormancy

Diversity in phenotype and genotype

Vigorous nature & competitive capability

Majority of weedy rice share traits with both cultivated and wild rice.

Grains of weedy rice

- May or may not bear awns varying in length and colour.
- Vary in hull color, grain size and pericarp colour.



a



b



c



d



e

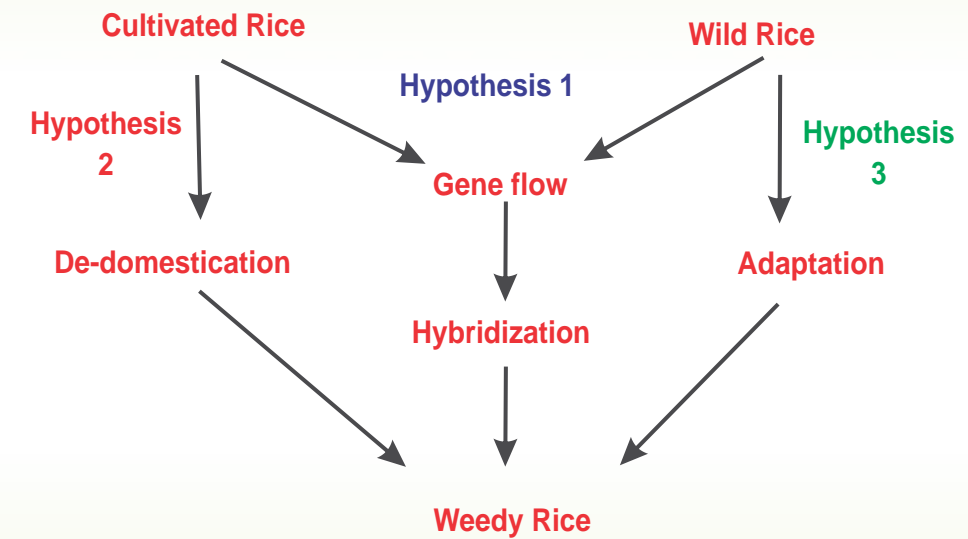


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Variations among weedy rice morphotypes in plant height and tiller number (a,b,c), asynchronous maturity in panicles (d), grain shattering (e), and increasing weed seed bank in soil (f).

The origin of weedy rice

There are three hypotheses for origin of weedy rice:



Of the three,

- ◆ The first hypothesis of natural hybridization between cultivated and wild rice is largely accepted.
- ◆ There is also possibility of evolution of weedy rice during development of hybrid rice.
- ◆ However, a single route of origin of weedy rice cannot be established and it may vary with geographical boundaries.



Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	pink
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	91.27
Tiller number	34.63
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.68
SPAD meter value	42.12
TI-Ta (°C)	-1.20
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	9.91
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.06
DTPE	75.27
DT50PE	77.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	21.54
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	16.12
Grains per panicle	82.93
Grain lb ratio	2.34
100 grain weight (g)	2.69
Awn length (cm)	4.50
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	23.00



Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	102.47
Tiller number	34.63
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.60
SPAD meter value	37.31
TI-Ta (°C)	-1.80
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	6.17
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.05
DTPE	80.26
DT50PE	87.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	29.47
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	26.18
Grains per panicle	61.26
Grain lb ratio	2.01
100 - grain weight (g)	2.27
Awn length (cm)	3.20
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	3.00





Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	99.37
Tiller number	28.63
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.85
SPAD meter value	37.32
TI-Ta (°C)	-1.59
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	6.10
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.056
DTPE	77.26
DT50PE	80.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	41.84
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	25.08
Grains per panicle	86.93
Grain lb ratio	2.34
100 - grain weight (g)	2.23
Awn length (cm)	4.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	0.00



Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	86.775
Tiller number	48.03
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.09
SPAD meter value	36.91
TI-Ta (°C)	-1.82
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	7.88
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.05
DTPE	75.26
DT50PE	77.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	32.10
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	21.72
Grains per panicle	104.59
Grain lb ratio	3.01
100 grain weight (g)	2.47
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	10.00





Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	75.57
Tiller number	48.03
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.10
SPAD meter value	37.31
TI-Ta (°C)	-1.68
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	6.65
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.05
DTPE	87.26
DT50PE	87.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	44.29
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	26.92
Grains per panicle	67.93242
Grain lb ratio	2.67
100 - grain weight (g)	2.12
Awn length (cm)	2.80
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	20.00



Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	95.07
Tiller number	39.63
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.28
SPAD meter value	34.31
TI-Ta (°C)	-1.97
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	10.67
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.06
DTPE	65.26
DT50PE	68.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	27.41
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	24.78
Grains per panicle	62.26
Grain lb ratio	2.67
100 - grain weight (g)	2.44
Awn length (cm)	2.60
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	13.00





Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	88.87
Tiller number	41.33
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.37
SPAD meter value	36.91
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.09
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	8.69
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.06
DTPE	75.26
DT50PE	80.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	27.60
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	20.32
Grains per panicle	62.93
Grain lb ratio	2.34
100 - grain weight (g)	2.66
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	3.00



Morphotype collected from DWR farm, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	103.47
Tiller number	33.83
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.89
SPAD meter value	37.21
TI-Ta (°C)	-1.43
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	6.87
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.056
DTPE	90.26
DT50PE	92.8
Flag leaf length (cm)	38.44
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	26.87
Grains per panicle	100.59
Grain lb ratio	2.67
100 - grain weight (g)	2.81
Awn length (cm)	4.50
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	17.00





Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	pink
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	112.87
Tiller number	37.33
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	4.14
SPAD meter value	36.71
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.35
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	14.01
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.08
DTPE	80.26
DT50PE	84.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	38.09
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	25.47
Grains per panicle	147.93
Grain lb ratio	2.26
100 - grain weight (g)	2.82
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	20.00



Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	pink at base
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	95.37
Tiller number	29.83
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.75
SPAD meter value	40.11
TI-Ta (°C)	-1.36
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	7.00
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.05
DTPE	92.26
DT50PE	97.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	30.59
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	25.68
Grains per panicle	333.26
Grain lb ratio	2.67
100 - grain weight (g)	2.56
Awn length (cm)	5.40
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	3.00





Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	purple
Collar colour	purple
Auricle colour	light purple
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	78.97
Tiller number	34.33
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.69
SPAD meter value	37.51
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.59
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	8.43
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.066
DTPE	68.26
DT50PE	75.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	40.4401
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	27.08
Grains per panicle	127.26
Grain lb ratio	4.01
100 - grain weight (g)	2.00
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	3.00



Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	87.27
Tiller number	19.63
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.57
SPAD meter value	40.81
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.15
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	8.92
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.066
DTPE	87.26
DT50PE	97.8
Flag leaf length (cm)	45.37
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	28.82
Grains per panicle	279.26
Grain lb ratio	4.01
100 - grain weight (g)	2.12
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	0.00





Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	78.07
Tiller number	12.33
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.96
SPAD meter value	46.21
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.89
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	13.05
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.077
DTPE	54.27
DT50PE	59.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	29.67
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	22.98
Grains per panicle	56.26
Grain lb ratio	3.01
100 - grain weight (g)	2.53
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	27.00



Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	89.87
Tiller number	42.63
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.42
SPAD meter value	37.11
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.30
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	8.47
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.06
DTPE	65.26
DT50PE	68.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	0.84
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	23.35
Grains per panicle	137.26
Grain lb ratio	2.34
100 - grain weight (g)	2.57
Awn length (cm)	5.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	3.00





Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	78.07
Tiller number	12.33
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.96
SPAD meter value	46.21
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.89
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	13.05
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.077
DTPE	54.27
DT50PE	59.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	29.67
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	22.98
Grains per panicle	56.26
Grain lb ratio	3.01
100 - grain weight (g)	2.53
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	27.00



Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	purple
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	85.87
Tiller number	47.63
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.28
SPAD meter value	34.71
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.01
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	8.41
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.05
DTPE	77.26
DT50PE	80.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	35.50
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	27.58
Grains per panicle	60.93
Grain lb ratio	2.67
100 - grain weight (g)	1.99
Awn length (cm)	6.20
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	7.00





Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	pinkish
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	93.07
Tiller number	29.63
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.26
SPAD meter value	38.21
TI-Ta (°C)	-1.87
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	4.23
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.04
DTPE	65.26
DT50PE	68.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	27.94
Flag leaf attitude	Semi-erect
Panicle length (cm)	19.42
Grains per panicle	62.59
Grain lb ratio	2.34
100 - grain weight (g)	2.41
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	10.00



Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	88.67
Tiller number	23.03
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.58
SPAD meter value	39.91
TI-Ta (°C)	-1.37
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	7.63
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.05
DTPE	85.26
DT50PE	92.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	21.50
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	20.22
Grains per panicle	76.59
Grain lb ratio	2.34
100 - grain weight (g)	2.19
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	0.00





Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	105.67
Tiller number	20.83
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.49
SPAD meter value	40.91
TI-Ta (°C)	-1.50
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	8.19
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.05
DTPE	87.26
DT50PE	87.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	30.44
Flag leaf attitude	Horizontal
Panicle length (cm)	30.47
Grains per panicle	163.59
Grain lb ratio	3.34
100 - grain weight (g)	2.35
Awn length (cm)	6.40
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	17.00



Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	102.97
Tiller number	39.63
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.47
SPAD meter value	41.51
TI-Ta (°C)	-1.36
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	7.08
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.05
DTPE	85.26
DT50PE	68.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	29.61
Flag leaf attitude	Semi-erect
Panicle length (cm)	25.79
Grains per panicle	263.26
Grain lb ratio	2.67
100 - grain weight (g)	2.02
Awn length (cm)	3.80
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	30.00





Morphotype collected from Panagar village, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	95.79
Tiller number	26.87
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.61
SPAD meter value	42.60
TI-Ta (°C)	-1.57
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	7.13
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.06
DTPE	69.76
DT50PE	78.3
Flag leaf length (cm)	35.37
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	23.99
Grains per panicle	144.83
Grain lb ratio	2.17
100 - grain weight (g)	2.14
Awn length (cm)	5.30
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	0.00



Morphotype collected from Panagar village, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	pink at base
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	90.29
Tiller number	25.77
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.50
SPAD meter value	39.30
TI-Ta (°C)	-1.77
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	8.57
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.05
DTPE	86.76
DT50PE	88.30
Flag leaf length (cm)	32.74
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	25.79
Grains per panicle	96.83
Grain lb ratio	2.17
100 - grain weight (g)	2.31
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	7.00





Morphotype collected from Panagar village, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	87.99
Tiller number	24.57
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.32
SPAD meter value	44.60
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.08
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	9.57
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.057
DTPE	78.76
DT50PE	88.30
Flag leaf length (cm)	29.84
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	28.54
Grains per panicle	117.83
Grain lb ratio	4.84
100 - grain weight (g)	1.905
Awn length (cm)	1.40
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	10.00



Morphotype collected from Panagar village, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	85.79
Tiller number	22.57
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.54
SPAD meter value	41.50
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.90
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	14.27
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.08
DTPE	78.76
DT50PE	88.30
Flag leaf length (cm)	34.29
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	22.99
Grains per panicle	114.49
Grain lb ratio	2.17
100 - grain weight (g)	1.97
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	3.00





Morphotype collected from Panagar village, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	75.89
Tiller number	26.27
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.67
SPAD meter value	41.80
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.37
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	11.04
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.05
DTPE	60.76
DT50PE	69.3
Flag leaf length (cm)	28.09
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	22.89
Grains per panicle	108.83
Grain lb ratio	2.51
100 - grain weight (g)	2.67
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	17.00



Morphotype collected from Panagar village, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	purple
Collar colour	purple
Auricle colour	purple
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	85.49
Tiller number	30.37
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.98
SPAD meter value	42.70
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.88
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	13.37
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.06
DTPE	88.76
DT50PE	93.30
Flag leaf length (cm)	34.54
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	27.69
Grains per panicle	271.49
Grain lb ratio	4.34
100 - grain weight (g)	2.66
Awn length (cm)	3.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	17.00





Morphotype collected from Mehgawan village, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	93.59
Tiller number	28.87
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.77
SPAD meter value	37.20
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.26
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	9.67
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.05
DTPE	69.76
DT50PE	76.3
Flag leaf length (cm)	33.34
Flag leaf attitude	Semi-erect
Panicle length (cm)	27.62
Grains per panicle	146.83
Grain lb ratio	2.51
100 - grain weight (g)	2.92
Awn length (cm)	6.90
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	0.00



Morphotype collected from Mehgawan village, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	79.49
Tiller number	32.87
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.44
SPAD meter value	39.50
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.6
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	9.07
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.057
DTPE	88.76
DT50PE	93.30
Flag leaf length (cm)	32.47
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	23.36
Grains per panicle	142.49
Grain lb ratio	1.84
100 - grain weight (g)	2.47
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	17.00





Morphotype collected from Mehgawan village, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	88.99
Tiller number	30.27
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.81
SPAD meter value	45.20
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.20
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	13.07
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.067
DTPE	55.76
DT50PE	63.30
Flag leaf length (cm)	23.00
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	21.76
Grains per panicle	81.83
Grain lb ratio	2.51
100 - grain weight (g)	2.69
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	10.00



Morphotype collected from Barahat Village, Bhind, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	pink at base
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	69.49
Tiller number	52.07
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.67
SPAD meter value	42.20
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.18
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	11.97
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.07
DTPE	88.76
DT50PE	93.30
Flag leaf length (cm)	29.94
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	17.86
Grains per panicle	134.16
Grain lb ratio	2.17
100 - grain weight (g)	1.80
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	3.00





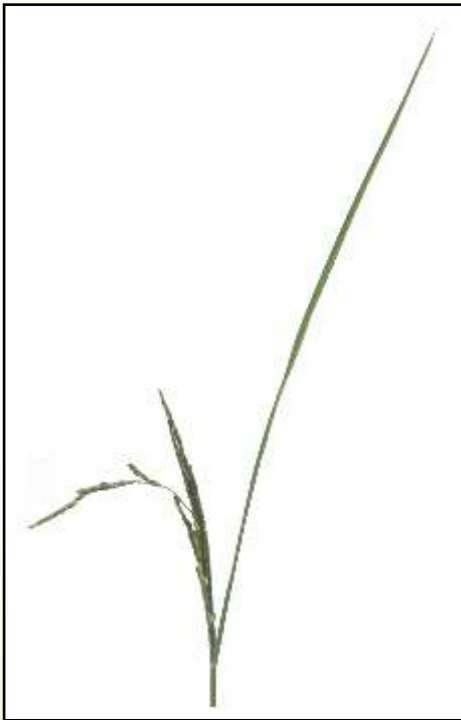
Morphotype collected from Rithwara village, Muraina, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	pink at base
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	118.19
Tiller number	24.17
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.57
SPAD meter value	42.10
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.45
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	14.71
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.07
DTPE	55.76
DT50PE	76.30
Flag leaf length (cm)	38.29
Flag leaf attitude	Semi-erect
Panicle length (cm)	27.46
Grains per panicle	268.49
Grain lb ratio	2.84
100 - grain weight (g)	2.50
Awn length (cm)	2.80
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	7.00



Morphotype collected from Malanpur village, Bhind, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	112.49
Tiller number	44.27
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.86
SPAD meter value	39.00
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.20
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	10.27
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.05
DTPE	85.76
DT50PE	88.30
Flag leaf length (cm)	38.31
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	23.69
Grains per panicle	231.49
Grain lb ratio	2.51
100 - grain weight (g)	2.62
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	3.00





Morphotype collected from Bhitwar village, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	98.09
Tiller number	26.87
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	4.15
SPAD meter value	44.40
TI-Ta (°C)	-3.16
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	15.77
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.08
DTPE	88.76
DT50PE	93.30
Flag leaf length (cm)	45.06
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	28.82
Grains per panicle	98.49
Grain lb ratio	2.51
100 - grain weight (g)	2.42
Awn length (cm)	4.90
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	0.00



Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	103.78
Tiller number	48.08
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.87
SPAD meter value	41.49
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.24
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	16.89
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.06
DTPE	54.26
DT50PE	62.80
Flag leaf length (cm)	33.20
Flag leaf attitude	Semi-erect
Panicle length (cm)	25.15
Grains per panicle	97.00
Grain lb ratio	2.67
100 - grain weight (g)	2.10
Awn length (cm)	4.70
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	7.00





Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	94.00
Tiller number	39.00
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.52
SPAD meter value	36.90
TI-Ta (°C)	-1.28
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	7.25
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.056
DTPE	65.00
DT50PE	76.00
Flag leaf length (cm)	24.57
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	24.98
Grains per panicle	175.00
Grain lb ratio	5.02
100 - grain weight (g)	2.58
Awn length (cm)	4.70
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	33.00



Morphotype collected from Panagar village, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	84.00
Tiller number	28.00
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.91
SPAD meter value	40.70
TI-Ta (°C)	-1.72
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	10.77
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.06
DTPE	64.00
DT50PE	70.00
Flag leaf length (cm)	28.84
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	26.26
Grains per panicle	154.00
Grain lb ratio	2.51
100 - grain weight (g)	2.15
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	6.70





Morphotype collected from Mehgawan village,Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	83.29
Tiller no	46.27
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.96
SPAD meter value	41.40
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.06
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	11.37
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.068
DTPE	69.77
DT50PE	76.30
Flag leaf length (cm)	32.89
Flag leaf attitude	erect
Panicle length (cm)	23.53
Grains per panicle	156.50
Grain lb ratio	2.51
100 - grain weight (gm)	2.70
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	10.00



Morphotype collected from Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	Pink at base
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	119.9
Tiller number	25.00
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.45
SPAD meter value	35.50
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.67
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	14.37
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.07
DTPE	77.00
DT50PE	81.00
Flag leaf length (cm)	42.60
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	24.99
Grains per panicle	171.40
Grain lb ratio	2.84
100 - grain weight (g)	2.52
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	17.00





Morphotype collected from DWR, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	75.88
Tiller number	67.00
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.11
SPAD meter value	41.59
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.43
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	16.59
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.07
DTPE	68.00
DT50PE	88.00
Flag leaf length (cm)	26.27
Flag leaf attitude	Semi-erect
Panicle length (cm)	20.61
Grains per panicle	87.00
Grain lb ratio	2.34
100 - grain weight (g)	1.88
Awn length (cm)	5.50
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	13.00



Morphotype collected from Panagar village, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Culm colour	Purple at base
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	116.28
Tiller number	35.00
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.41
SPAD meter value	36.89
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.71
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	11.59
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.07
DTPE	79.00
DT50PE	81.00
Flag leaf length (cm)	36.34
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	21.95
Grains per panicle	84.00
Grain lb ratio	2.67
100 - grain weight (g)	2.73
Awn length (cm)	5.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	3.00





Morphotype collected from Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh

Culm colour	purple
Collar colour	light purple
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	85.25
Tiller number	36.01
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.09
SPAD meter value	35.29
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.59
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	8.56
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.055
DTPE	92.97
DT50PE	97.9
Flag leaf length (cm)	35.15
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	24.53
Grains per panicle	252.20
Grain lb ratio	2.46
100 - grain weight (g)	1.64
Awn length (cm)	0.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	23.00



Morphotype collected from Katra, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	126.25
Tiller number	42.01
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.82
SPAD meter value	32.29
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.20
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	11.84
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.065
DTPE	80.97
DT50PE	87.90
Flag leaf length (cm)	51.17
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	28.49
Grains per panicle	145.19
Grain lb ratio	2.80
100 - grain weight (g)	2.29
Awn length (cm)	3.40
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	20.00





Morphotype collected from Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh

Culm colour	Purple at base
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	77.24
Tiller number	50.00
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	3.24
SPAD meter value	33.28
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.55
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	7.50
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.06
DTPE	85.00
DT50PE	88.00
Flag leaf length (cm)	29.40
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	26.36
Grains per panicle	99.00
Grain lb ratio	2.79
100 - grain weight (g)	2.31
Awn length (cm)	4.80
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	10.00



Morphotype collected from Ballia, Uttar Pradesh

Culm colour	green
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	101.24
Tiller number	38.00
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	2.84
SPAD meter value	34.28
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.46
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	9.10
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.05
DTPE	86.00
DT50PE	88.00
Flag leaf length (cm)	33.11
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	23.67
Grains per panicle	172.2
Grain lb ratio	2.79
100 - grain weight (g)	1.88
Awn length (cm)	3.00
Germination (%) under flooding (15 cm)	10.00



Morphotype collected from Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

Culm colour	Purple at base
Collar colour	white
Auricle colour	white
Ligule shape	2-cleft
Plant height (cm)	122.25
Tiller number	33.00
Transpiration (mMol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	4.43
SPAD meter value	36.28
TI-Ta (°C)	-2.57
Photosynthetic rate (μmole CO ₂ m ⁻² leaf area s ⁻¹)	13.18
Conductance (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.08
DTPE	88.00
DT50PE	93.00
Flag leaf length (cm)	43.97
Flag leaf attitude	Erect
Panicle length (cm)	25.96
Grains per panicle	244.53
Grain lb ratio	2.46
100 - grain weight (g)	2.42
Awn length (cm)	3.80
Germination(%) under flooding (15 cm)	33.30



4. Research accomplishments



- One hundred and one weedy rice morphotypes have been maintained at the Directorate as pure lines.
- Studies on morphological, physiological and phenological parameters reveal that Indian weedy rice is not necessarily taller than cultivated rice, dwarf morphotypes are also available.
- Diversity in panicles have been recorded in weedy rice morphotypes.

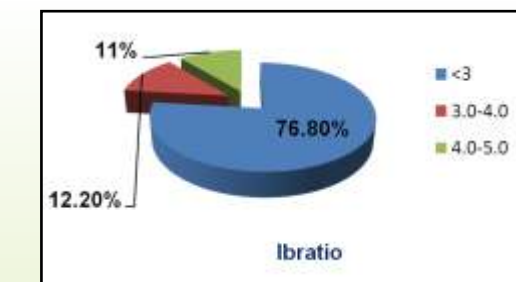
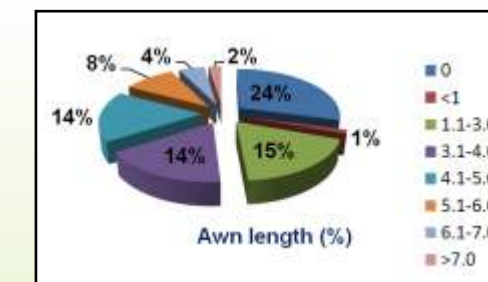


Panicle diversity

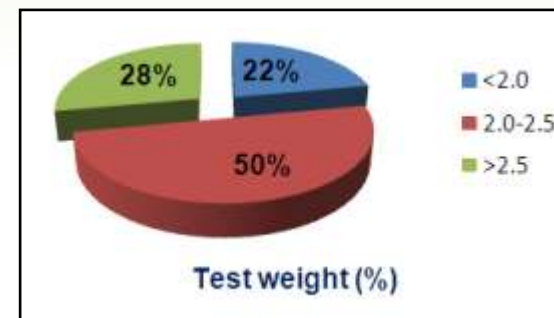
- Diversity analysis based on 17 functional traits reveals that difference in duration (days) from panicle emergence to heading is the most variable trait and awn length is the least variable trait.
- It also reveals that Indian weedy rice has phenotypic and seed mimicry with cultivated rice. Chronological mimicry is absent as weedy rice panicles emerge and mature asynchronously and earlier than cultivated rice.
- Indian weedy rice groups up neither based on agro climatic zones nor geographic regions.
- Diversity analysis based on molecular fingerprinting validates Indian weedy rice to be a hybrid of cultivated and wild rices. It also validates occurrence of independently originated morphotypes i.e. that cluster up with neither cultivated rice nor wild rice.
- Majority of the weedy rice seeds are awned. Amongst 82 morphotypes studied, 76% had awns though varying in length.
- Majority of morphotypes (76.8%) had grain length - breadth ratio below 3.0 while only 1% had it between 4 - 5.



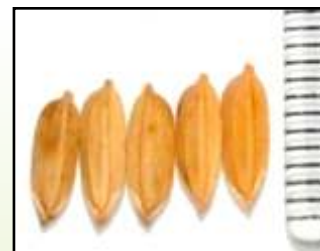
Early maturity of weedy rice



- Hundred seed weight was broadly demarcated into a range of 2.-2.5 wherein 50% morphotypes fell. The remaining 50% had a 100 seed weight <2.0 (22%) and >2.5 (28%).



- Weedy rice from India have different hull colour- wheatish, brown and blackish.



Wheatish hull



Blackish hull



Brownish hull



Wheatish hull with awns

- Weedy rice from Central India have a red-brown pericarp, but some also have a white pericarp.
- Indian weedy rice has ability to germinate under stringent anaerobic conditions. This germination ability decreases with increasing seed burial depths and increasing standing water heights.
- Elevated atmospheric CO₂ levels significantly affect dry weight of shoot and root, root volume, plant fresh weight, total leaf area, tiller number and SPAD of cultivated rice and weedy rice.
- GxE Interaction studies reveal significant effects of enhanced CO₂ levels on root volume and dry weight of root in weedy rice morphotypes.
- Elevated temperature (T) and carbon dioxide (C) delayed panicle maturity in weedy rice morphotype evaluated.
- Dormancy studies of Indian weedy rice reveal significant variations amongst morphotypes from Jharkhand, Bihar, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. Some of the morphotypes reveal dormancy even after six months of sowing.



Germinating weedy rice under anaerobic conditions



Delayed maturity in panicles



Weedy rice infested crop



Purple coloured 'Shyamla' variety of cultivated rice

- Use of purple colored rice cultivars e.g. Nagkesar, Shyamla (as there are different in canopy coloured) at higher seed rates in weedy rice infested fields is an option to manage the menace.
- Different cultural methods evaluated for their ability to reduce weedy rice infestations reveal stale seed bed to be the most effective method.
- Another option is adoption of the cropping system rice - wheat - greengram during *kharif-rabi-zaid* as a line sown crop, wherever possible, to manage weedy rice. This will allow application of herbicides to manage weedy rice in a standing crop of greengram as herbicides will not affect the crop.

5. Suggested reading





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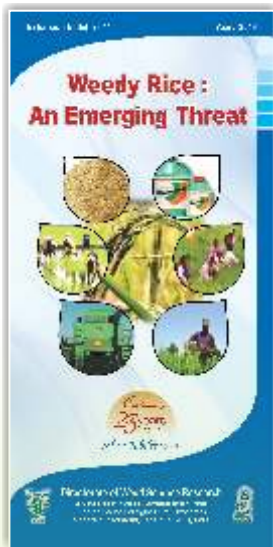
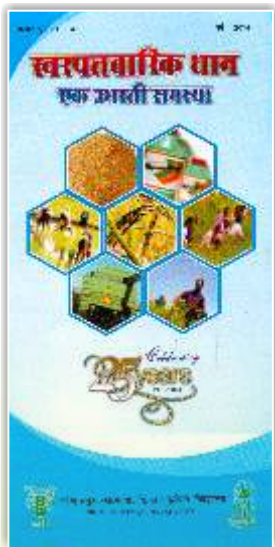
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Abbreviations

AICRP-WM	-	All India Coordinated Research Project on Weed Management
cm	-	centimetre
CO ₂	-	Carbon dioxide
DAS	-	Days after sowing
DSR	-	Direct Seeded Rice
DTPE	-	Days to panicle emergence
DT50PE	-	Days to 50% panicle emergence
DWR	-	Directorate of Weed Research
g	-	gram
GxE	-	Genotype x Environment
ICAR	-	Indian Council of Agriculture Research
m	-	metre
mMol	-	milliMol
s	-	second
Ta	-	air temperature
TI	-	leaf surface temperature
USA	-	United States of America
°C	-	degree celcius

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