

## **REPORT OF EXPLORATION FOR VETIVER GRASS IN IMO STATE**

Vetiver grass search commenced at Imo State Agricultural Development Project Zonal Office Okigwe, in company of my guide (Mr. Romanus Nlemchi), officer in charge of Subject Matter Specialist Agro Forestry). Some shrubs of vetiver were seen around his office area (ref. pictures 3124-3128).

Mr. Atuegbu was called to join the team. He (Mr. Atuegbu) led us to a house where patphylum grass was used for protection of erosion (ref. pictures 3129 & 3130).

Mr. Romanus Nlemchi and I proceeded to Isiala Mbano, to see more locations where vetiver grass exists (ref. pictures 3131-3133).

Later we visited Eleh, Oru West L. G. in Orlu Zone (ref. picture 3134).

We visited the private farm of my guide Mr. Romanus Nlemchi at, Umuchima, Umunba in Urata, Owerri North (ref. pictures 3135-3137). I observed that this man knows the importance of this grass and that is why he kept some of this in his farm for expansion of the grass when the need arises.

The last place visited was a patphylum grass field located at Mbaise road by Dick Tiger Street in Owerri (ref. pictures 3138).

My guide led me to meet the Director Technical Services Imo State Agricultural Development Project Pastor Anayochi E. Jonathan (he is in charge of all ADP Zonal Offices in Imo State). We had a very promising discussion with assurance from him that we will get whatever quantity required, based on the fact that, they have farmer cooperatives consisting of Professors and Doctors in agricultural field among members of the union. He claimed the farmer cooperatives have large existing farms that could be used for the planting, so therefore they will not waste time looking for land and whenever they are mobilized, the mass planting will commence since ADP will provide the grass to them.

I was reliably informed that vetiver grass is better spread at 1meter (1.00m) spacing combined with patphylum grass for appropriate erosion control.

Prices:

Vetiver grass is ₦70:00k per tiller (sod)

Patphylum grass is ₦900:00k to ₦1,000:00k per m2.

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Vetiver grass at ADP office Okigwe



Pix 3126

Vetiver grass at ADP office Okigwe



Pix 3127

Mr. Romanus Nlemchi, standing beside Vetiver grass at ADP office Okigwe



Pix 3128

Patphylum grassing at Okigwe



Pix 3129



Mr. Atuegbu, walking beside Patphyllum grassing at Okigwe

Pix 3130



Vetiver grass at Isiala Mbano

X=296817; Y=624284 (in UTM)

Pix 3131

Mr. Romanus Nlemchi, on looking at Isiala Mbano

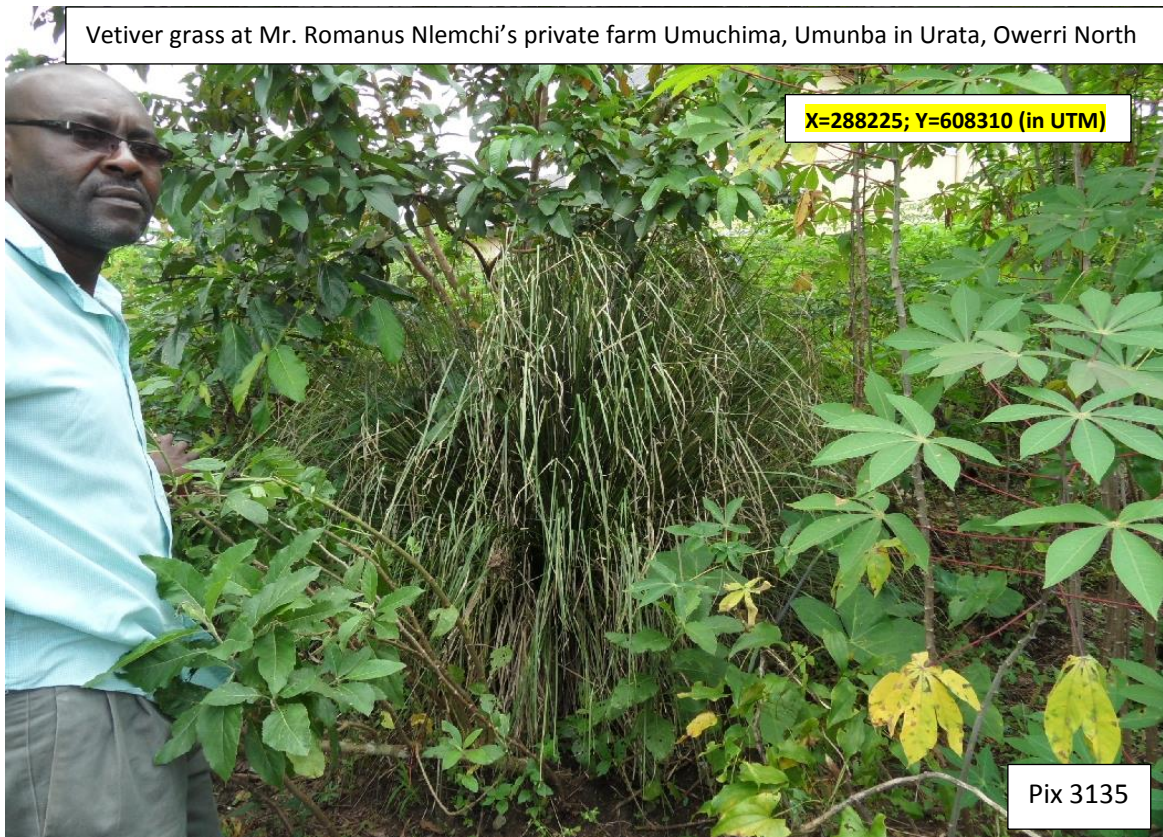


Pix 3132

Vetiver grass at Isiala Mbano, right side is Mr. Romanus Nlemchi



Pix 3133



Vetiver grass at Mr. Romanus Nlemchi's private farm Umuchima, Umunba in Urata, Owerri North



Pix 3136



Pix 3137



Patphylum grass field located at Mbaise road by Dick Tiger Street in Owerri

X=284573; Y=605784 (in UTM)



Pix 3138