



## Vetiver Sénégal - Pépinière Naac Baal

# Vetiver Grass - For Landscaping, Gardens, and Green Spaces



Vetiver grass, known all over the world as a solution to erosion, is also an attractive addition to any garden or green space.



Vetiver is a non-evasive grass (with sterile seeds) and is ideal for creating hedges or as a decorative plant in tropical or semi tropical environments. It helps to retain moisture in the soil, and acts to prevent soil erosion. It is very long lasting and can survive in quite hostile conditions.



As well as being an attractive plant, especially when in flower, vetiver is now as a 'miracle' grass due to its other properties and uses:

- Easy to maintain
- Increases soil fertility and benefits other plants grown nearby.
- Maintains soil humidity due to its long roots, and therefore reduces the amount of watering needed.
- It 'fixes' the soil with its roots, stabilising the soil to the benefit of infrastructure.
- Prevents erosion from heavy rainfall.
- Makes an attractive windbreak





**Vetiver grass is resistant to salt, and can be used to protect other plants near the sea. These photos are from beaches in southern India.**



## Additional benefits....

- Vetiver roots contain a fragrant essential oil, and can be used to purify and flavour drinking water, with a range of other health benefits (see [www.vetiver.org](http://www.vetiver.org)) .



- The grass can be used as a source of high quality straw which can be used for handicrafts and thatched roofing, making a source of additional income.



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