

PURPLE FOUNTAIN GRASS

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During my recent trip to Vietnam and the Philippines, I noticed an ornamental grass locally known as **PURPLE VETIVER**, which looks like Vetiver to people not familiar with Vetiver, but on closer examination it is not *Chrysopogon zizanioides*.



This plant is widely used in the region including Thailand and Indonesia. I found these on an upmarket Resort in Central Vietnam and a Golf Course near Manila in the Philippines. It is in fact **Purple Fountain Grass** - *Pennisetum setaceum* – see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pennisetum_setaceum and https://www.google.com/search?q=purple+fountain+grass&rlz=1C5CHFA_enUS562US562&espv=210&es_sm=119&source=lnms&tbn=isch&sa=X&ei=X_FBU8e7E-bbyQGvt4CQBw&ved=0CAkQ_AUoAg&biw=1327&bih=925 for details

AS THIS PLANT IS NOT A VETIVER, IT SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A VETIVER PLANT IN THE VETIVER SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY