

CORCHORUS

PHOTO ALBUM



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Photo album of *Corchorus* spp. from Ghana Genebank

- Family : *Malvaceae*
- Genus : *Corchorus*
- Kingdom : *Plantae*
- Species : *C. olitorius*

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PREFACE

Corchorus olitorius spp. is an edible leafy vegetable belonging to the family Malvaceae. *Corchorus olitorius* is variedly known as bush or wild okra, wild jute, West African sorrel or Jute nalta (Loumeren and Alercia, 2016).

It is an annual herbaceous plant whose leaves are distributed in an alternate appearance, contains a small yellow inflorescence (flowers) and the seeds enclosed in a capsule form (Loumeren and Alercia, 2016). *Corchorus* spp. performs well in the lowland tropics warm temperate zones and tropical deserts. It is consumed as food (fresh, cooked or dried), and is known to contain sufficient nutrients and energy (Ndlovu J. and Afolayan, 2008)

In Ghana, *Corchorus olitorius* spp. is commonly called “Ayoyo” by the Hausas in Northern Ghana and “Ademe” by Ewe the people of the Volta region. It is used to produce sauces which accompany a variety of maize and millet dishes. Aside from the food value, *Corchorus* spp. is used as fibre in the textile and paper industries. Extracts from different parts of the plant are used for the treatment of various ailments (Kuetee, et al, 2017).

The genetic diversity of *Corchorus olitorius* spp. and the wild relatives are considered relevant to the food and nutrition needs of people in Ghana and relevant for adaptation to biotic and abiotic stress (Bissah et al., 2022; Maity et al., 2012). The Ghana National Genebank is responsible for the collecting, conservation, production and distribution of genetic resources. The collection of *Corchorus* spp. in the Genebank of Ghana needs to be documented to support better germplasm curations and to promote the use of the collection for addressing the food and nutrition needs of the population. This photo album is developed as part of the critical resources to support the exploration of the phenotypic diversity of *Corchorus* spp. for breeding and use.

LEAF AND CAPSULE MORPHOLOGY



Accession	GH 10123
Leaf Margin	Double Serrate
Leaf Shape	Lacerate
Pod Colour	Light Green
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Golden Yellow



Accession	GH 10133
Leaf Margin	Entire
Leaf Shape	Linear
Pod Colour	Green with pink lines
Pod Shape	Slender constricted
Stem Colour	Pink



Accession	GH 101024
Leaf Margin	Denticulate
Leaf Shape	Lanceolate
Pod Colour	Green with pink lines
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Pink



Accession	GH 10302 - C
Leaf Margin	Denticulate
Leaf Shape	Lanceolate
Pod Colour	Light Green
Pod Shape	Slender constricted
Stem Colour	Light Green



Accession	GH 9652 - A1
Leaf Margin	Denticulate
Leaf Shape	Lanceolate
Pod Colour	Green
Pod Shape	Sub Cylindrical
Stem Colour	Golden Yellow



Accession	GH 10073
Leaf Margin	Denticulate
Leaf Shape	Lanceolate
Pod Colour	Green with pink lines
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Pink



Accession	GH 10131
Leaf Margin	Double Serrate
Leaf Shape	Lacerate
Pod Colour	Green
Pod Shape	Flat non - constricted
Stem Colour	Light Green



Accession	GH 10189 - A
Leaf Margin	Double Scrrate
Leaf Shape	Lacerate
Pod Colour	Green
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Light Green



Accession	GH 10124
Leaf Margin	Denticulate
Leaf Shape	Lanceolate
Pod Colour	Green with pink lines
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Pink



Accession	GH 10076 - B
Leaf Margin	Denticulate
Leaf Shape	Lanceolate
Pod Colour	Green
Pod Shape	Flat non - constricted
Stem Colour	Light Green



Accession	GH 10659 - B
Leaf Margin	Serrulate
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Pod Colour	Green
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Light Green



Accession	GH 9652 B - 1
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Leaf Shape	Lanceolate
Pod Colour	Green
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Light Green



Accession	GH 10075
Leaf Margin	Denticulate
Leaf Shape	Lanceolate
Pod Colour	Green with pink lines
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Pink



Accession	GH 10243
Leaf Margin	Double Serrate
Leaf Shape	Lacerate
Pod Colour	Green
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Light Green



Accession	GH 10441
Leaf Margin	Denticulate
Leaf Shape	Lacerate
Pod Colour	Light Green
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Light Green



Accession	GH 10123
Leaf Margin	Double Serrate
Leaf Shape	Lacerate
Pod Colour	Green
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Light Green



Accession	GH 10133 - B
Leaf Margin	Double Serrate
Leaf Shape	Lacerate
Pod Colour	Green
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Light Green



Accession	GH 10244 - A
Leaf Margin	Serrulate
Leaf Shape	Lanceolate
Pod Colour	Green
Pod Shape	Slender constricted
Stem Colour	Light Green



Accession	GH 10302 - A
Leaf Margin	Double Serrate
Leaf Shape	Lacerate
Pod Colour	Light Green
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Light Green



Accession	GH 9625 -BB - 1
Leaf Margin	Denticulate
Leaf Shape	Linear
Pod Colour	Green
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Golden Yellow



Accession	GH 10301 - B
Leaf Margin	Denticulate
Leaf Shape	Lanceolate
Pod Colour	Green with pink lines
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Pink



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Leaf Margin	Denticulate
Leaf Shape	Lanceolate
Pod Colour	Green with pink lines
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Pink



Accession	GH 10302
Leaf Margin	Denticulate
Leaf Shape	Lanceolate
Pod Colour	Green with pink lines
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Pink



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Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Pink



Accession	GH 10074
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Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Pink



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Pod Colour	Green
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Pink



Accession	GH 10397 - C
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Pod Colour	Green
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Pink



Accession	GH 10125
Leaf Margin	Denticulate
Leaf Shape	Lanceolate
Pod Colour	Green with pink lines
Pod Shape	Flat constricted
Stem Colour	Pink



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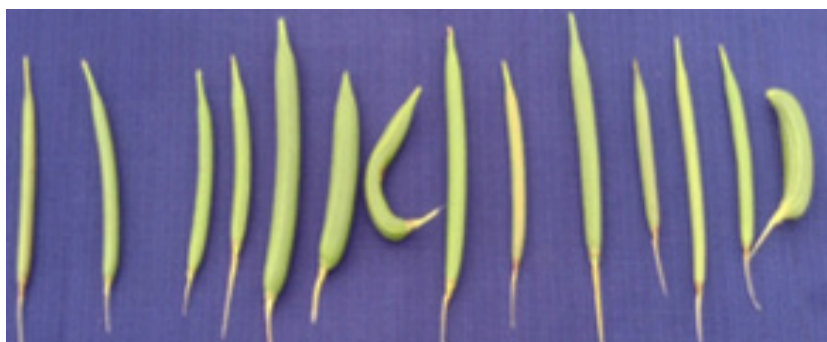


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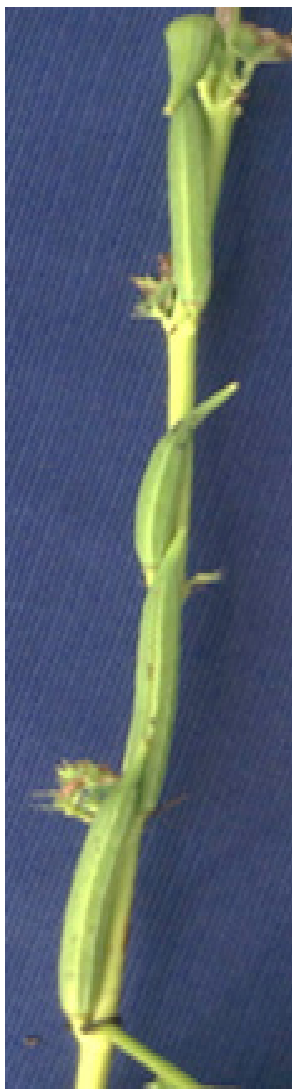


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Stem Colour	Light Green

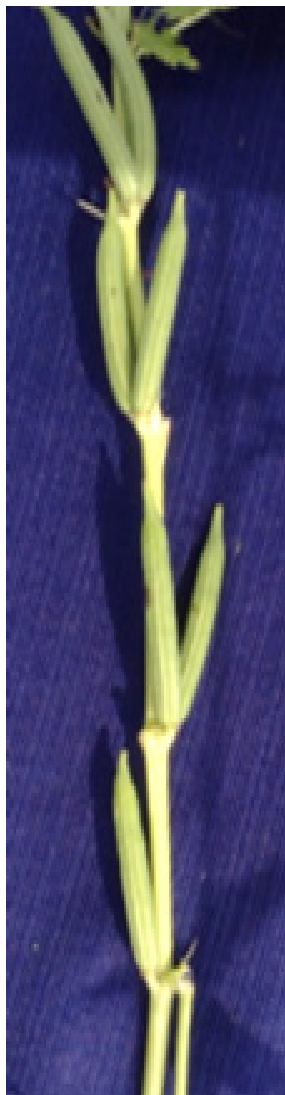
DIVERSITY IN CORCHORUS CAPSULES



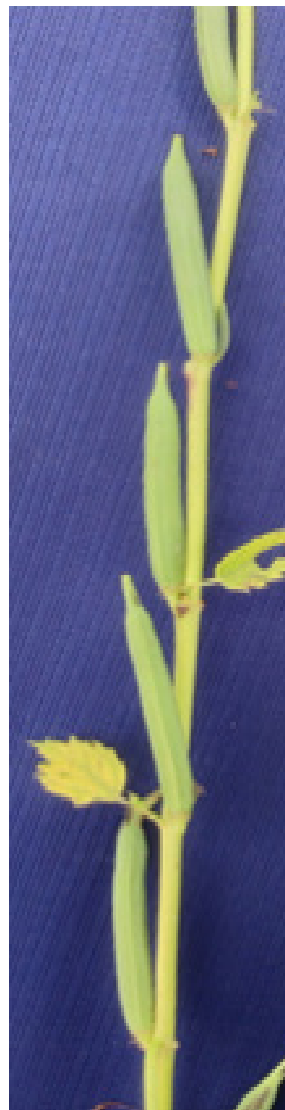
DIVERSITY IN CORCHORUS STEM AND FRUIT ARRANGEMENT



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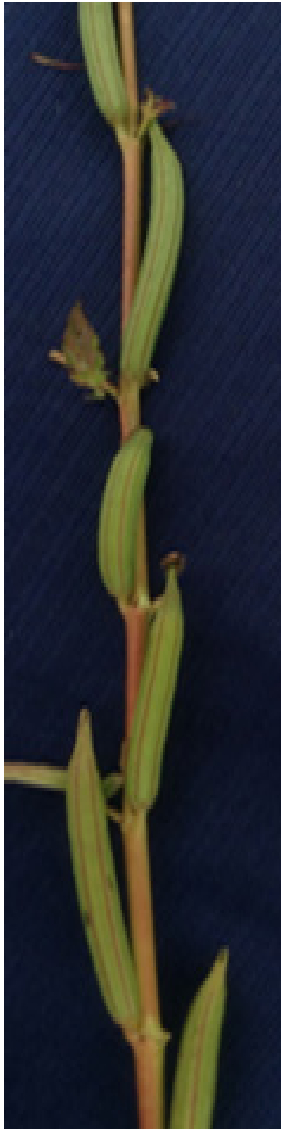
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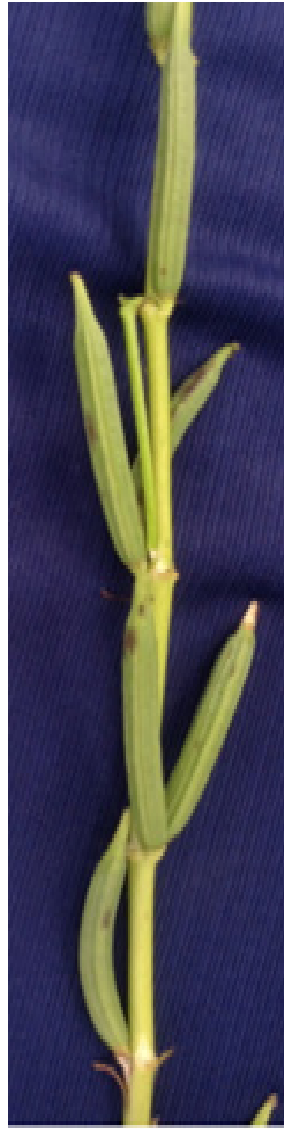
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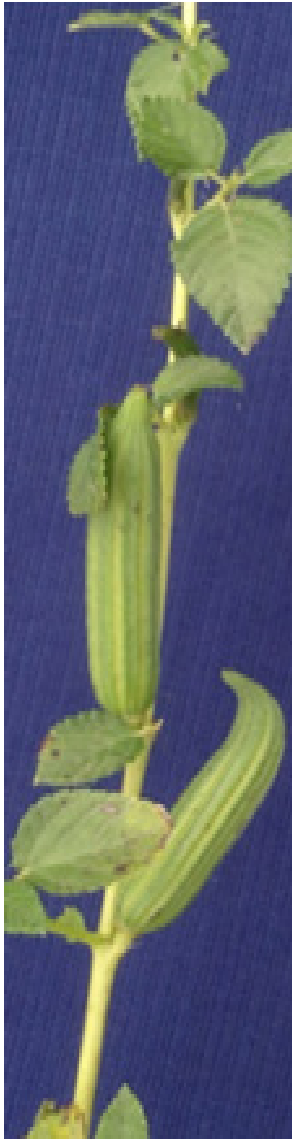
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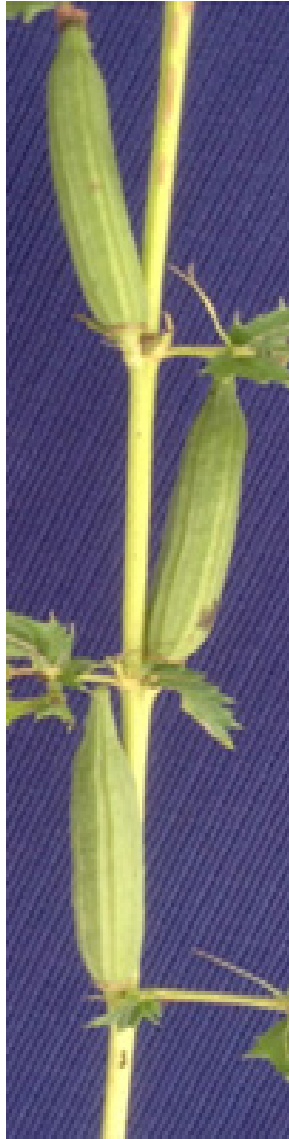
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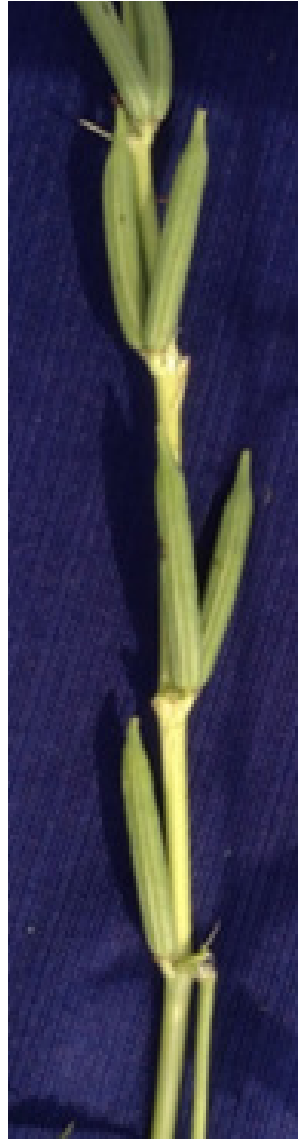
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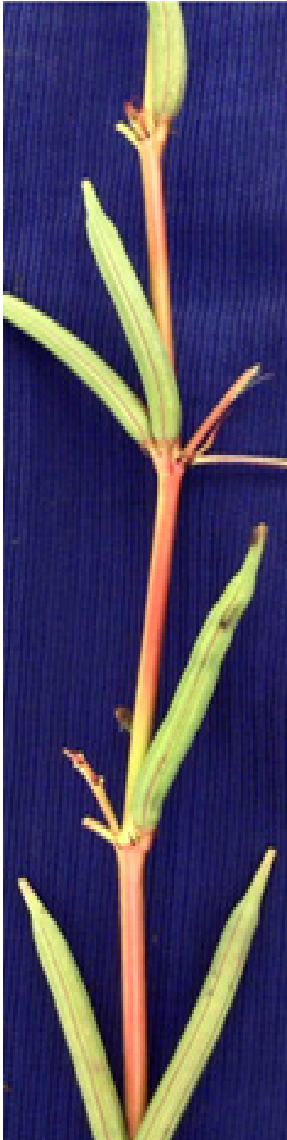
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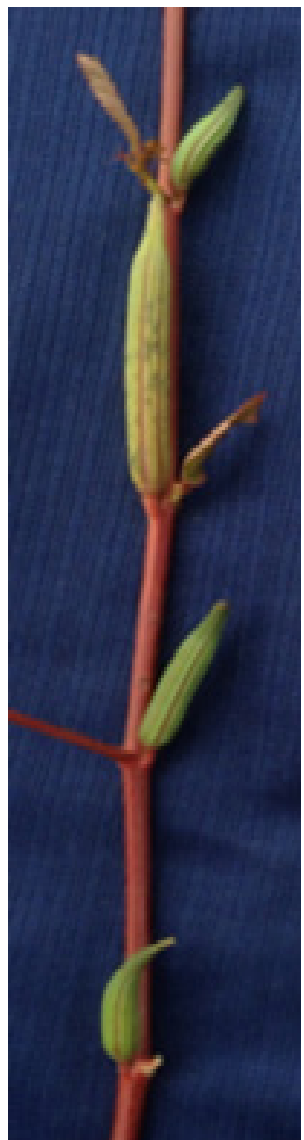
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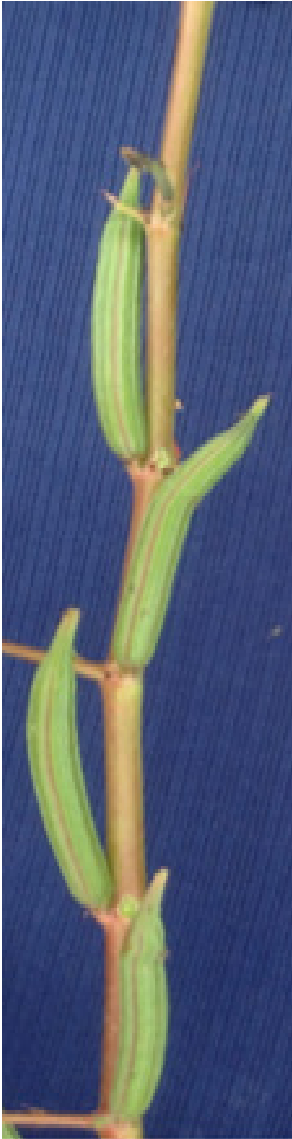
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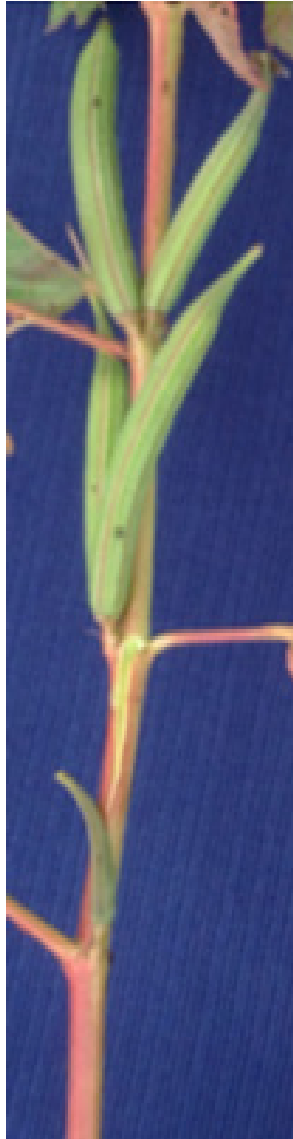
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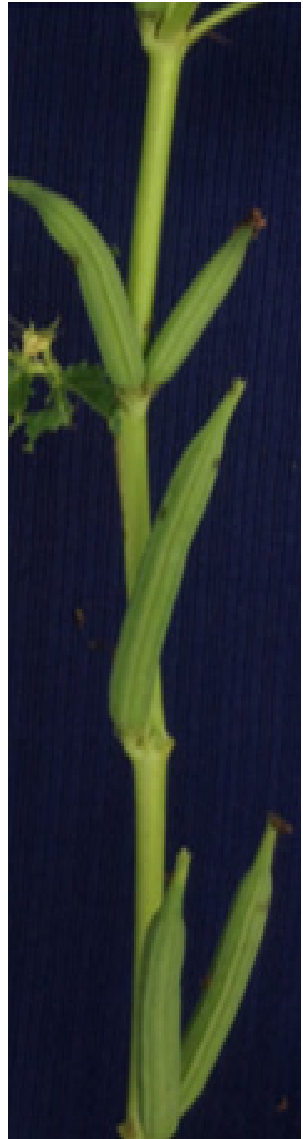
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