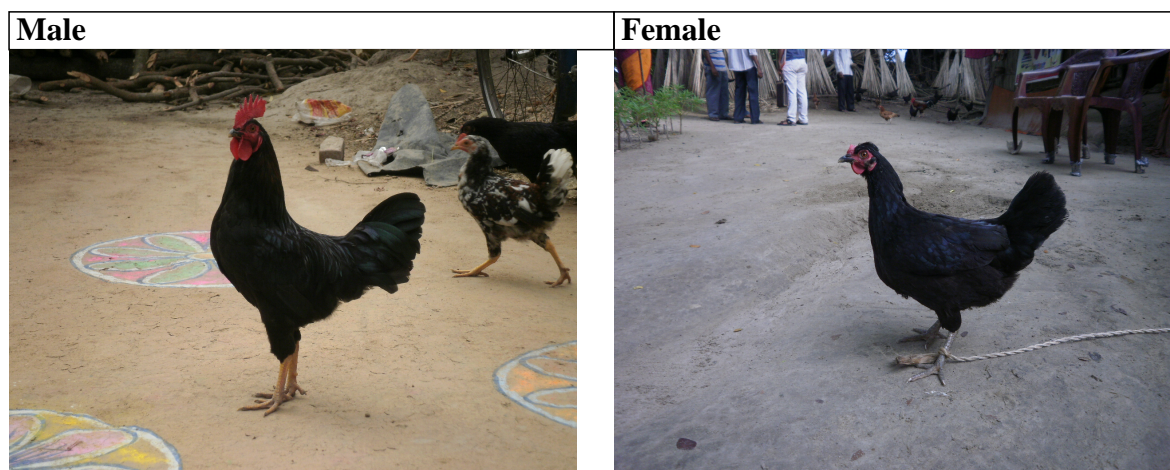


## Breed Descriptor of Haringhata Black (Poultry-Fowl)



<b>Breeding Tract</b>			
State: West Bengal		North 24 Paragana	
		Nadia	
		West Bengal	
<b>Location</b>			
Longitude (deg.)		88.30 - 88.45	
Latitude (deg.)		22.50 - 23.10	
<b>General Information</b>			
Synonyms		Desi, Kalo Murgi	
Origin		Indigenous. Derives its name from its breeding tract i.e. Haringhata Block of Nadia district and colour of its plumage	
Major utility		Food-Meat, eggs	
Comments on utility			
Comments on breeding tract		Main breeding tract is Haringhata Block of Nadia District, West Bengal. Sparse population of the breed is also found in adjoining blocks, viz., Chakdah block in Nadia district; and Gaighata, Amdanga, Habra-II and Bongaon in North 24 Pargana district.	
Adaptability to environment			
<b>Population</b>			
	Year	Population	Other information
	2013	63600	Survey conducted by NBAGR. About 51 percent of this population was in Haringhata block, 24 percent in Chakdah, 11 percent in Gaighata, 8 percent in Amdanga, 5 percent in Habra II and 1 percent in Bongaon blocks
<b>Management</b>			

Management system	Extensive		
Mobility	Stationary		
Feeding of adults			
Comments on Management	Managed mainly by women. Birds are kept in the free range system. Small kutcha sheds are made to provide shelter during night. These birds scavenge in the nearby fields; eat whatever available in the form of grains, seeds, vegetation, insects, etc. This is supplemented with kitchen waste and paddy grains but commercial feed is not fed.		
<b>Morphology</b>			
	Male	Female	Overall
Birth weight (avg. kg.)			29.5
Adult weight(avg. kg)	1.284	1.121	
Plumage type	Normal		
Plumage pattern	Self-Black		
Plumage colour	Black		
Comb type	Single		
Skin colour	White		
Shank colour	Grey		
Egg shell colour	Light Brown		
Visible character	.		
<b>Performance</b>			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Age at first egg (months)	5.63	4.4	7.3
Clutch / pause interval (days)	2.21	1.0	9.0
Clutch size (days)	5.98	1.0	15.0
Annual eggs production (avg. no.)	45.0		
Eggs weight (avg. gm)	36.53	27.7	44.3
Hatching (%)	77.0	40.0	100.0
Dressing (%)	60.0		
Any Peculiarity of the breed	Annual egg production was 45 with brooding and 98 without brooding. Hatching percentage was 77.4 on total egg basis. Broodiness is usual but to maximize the egg production, farmers don't practice it every time. Farmers set eggs of 3-4 hens under one broody hen for hatching and other broody hens again start egg production after few days.		