



# Cotton Descriptors (Revised)

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#### **PREFACE**

In 1980, the IBPGR published a cotton (*Gossypium* spp.) descriptor list finalized by an IBPGR Working Group at its meeting in Rome, Italy in October 1979 (AGP:IBPGR/80/10). In preparation for reprinting, the IBPGR has revised the list to fit the standard format for descriptor lists.

This revised descriptor list for cotton supersedes the earlier list of 1980 (AGP: IBPGR/80/10). Descriptor numbers from the earlier list are cross–referenced by enclosing them in brackets following the descriptor in the revised list.

The IBPGR encourages the collection of data on the first four categories of the list: 1. Accession: 2. Collection; 3. and 4. Characterization and preliminary evaluation. The IBPGR endorses the information in categories 1-4 as the minimum that ideally should be available for any one accession. Other descriptors are given in categories 5 onwards that will enable the simple encoding of further characterization and evaluation data and which can serve as examples for the creation of additional descriptors in the IBPGR form by any user.

Although the suggested coding should not be regarded as the definitive scheme, this format has the full backing of the IBPGR and is promoted worldwide. The descriptor list given here provides an international format and thereby produces a universally understood 'language' for all plant genetic resource data. The adoption of this scheme for all data encoding, or at least the production of a transformation method to convert other schemes to the IBPGR format, will produce a rapid, reliable and efficient means for information storage, retrieval and communication. This will greatly assist the utilization of germplasm throughout the international plant genetic resources network. It is recommended, therefore, that information should be produced by closely following the descriptor list with regard to: ordering and numbering descriptors; using the descriptors specified; and using the descriptor states recommended.

Any suggestions for modification will be welcomed by the IBPGR Secretariat, Rome.

#### DESCRIPTOR LIST FOR COTTON (REVISED)

The IBPGR now uses the following definitions in the genetic resources documentation:

- (i) Passport (accession identifiers and information recorded by collectors);
- (ii) Characterization (consists of recording those characters which are highly heritable, can be easily seen by the eye and are expressed in all environments);
- (iii) Preliminary evaluation (consist of recording a limited number of additional traits thought desirable by a consensus of users of the particular crop).

Characterization and preliminary evaluation will be the responsibility of the curators, while further characterization and evaluation should be carried out by the plant breeder. The data from further evaluation should be fed back to the curator who will maintain a data file.

The following internationally accepted norms for the scoring or coding of descriptor states should be followed as indicated below:

- (a) Measurements are made according to the SI system. The units to be applied are given in square brackets following the descriptor;
- (b) many descriptors which are continuously variable are recorded on a 1-9 scale. The authors of this list have sometimes described only a selection of the states, e.g. 3, 5 and 7 for such descriptors. Where this has occurred the full range of codes is available for use by extension of the codes given or by interpolation between them e.g. in Section 8 (Pest and disease susceptibility) 1 = extremely low susceptibility and 8 = high to extremely high susceptibility;
- (c) presence/absence of characters are scored as 1 (presence) and 0 (absent);
- (d) for descriptors which are not generally uniform throughout the accession (e.g. mixed collection, genetic segregation) mean and standard deviation could be reported where the descriptor is continuous or mean and 'x' where the descriptor is discontinuous;

(e) when the descriptor is inapplicable, '0' is used as the descriptor value, e.g. if an accession does not form flowers, 0 would be scored for the following descriptor

Flower colour

- 1 White
- 2 Yellow
- 3 Red
- 4 Purple
- (f) blanks are used for information not yet available;
- (g) standard colour charts, e.g. Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, Methuen Handbook of Colour, Munsell Color Charts for plant Tissues are strongly recommended for all ungraded colour characters (the precise chart used should be specified in the Notes descriptor, 11);
- (h) dates should be expressed numerically in the format DD/MM/YYYY, where:

DD - 2 digits to represent the day

MM - 2 digits to represent the month

YYYY - 4 digits to represent the year

#### **PASSPORT**

(3.1)

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**ACCESSION NUMBER** 

number an accesshould MG income	r when er shoul ession is l occur l dicates	serves as a unique identifier for accessions and is assigned be an accession is entered into his collection. Once assigned that d never be reassigned to another accession in the collection. It is lost, its assigned number is still not available for re—use. Les before the number to identify the genebank or national system an accession comes from the genebank at Bari, Italy; PI indicate the USA system)	is Even if etters em (e.g.		
<b>1.2</b> Name		OR NAME tution or individual responsible for doating the germplasm	(3.2)		
1.3 Numb		OR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ned to accession by the donor	(3.3)		
Any of	number ther ide	R NUMBERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACCESSION rs can be added as 1.4.3 etc.) ntification number know to exist in other collection for this USDA Plant Inventory number (not collection number, see	2.1)		
	1.4.1	Other number 1			
	1.4.2	Other number 2			
1.5	SCIEN	TIFIC NAME			
	1.5.1	Genus			
	1.5.2	Species (see Appendix I)	(4.1)		
1.6 Nome	1.6 PEDIGREE / CULTIVAR NAME  Nomenclature and designations assigned to breeder's material  (2.3)				
1.7	ACQU	JISITION DATE	(2.1)		

The date in which the accession entered the collection

#### 1.8 DATE OF LAST REGENERATION OR MULTIPLICATION

#### 1.9 ACCESSION SIZE

Approximate number of seeds of accession in collection

#### 1.10 NUMBER OF TIMES ACCESSION REGENERATED

Number of regenerations or multiplications since original collection

#### 1.11 TYPE OF MAINTAINANCE

- 1 Vegetative
- 2 Seed
- 3 Both
- 4 Tissue culture

#### 2 COLLECTION DATA

#### 2.1 COLLECTOR'S Number

(1.1)

Original number assigned by collector of the sample normally composed of the name or initials of the collector(s) followed by a number. This item is essential for identifying duplicates held in different collections and should always accompany sub-samples wherever they are sent.

#### 2.2 COLLECTING INSTITUTE

Institute or person collecting/sponsoring the original sample

#### 2.3 DATE OF COLLECTION OF ORIGINAL SAMPLE (1.2)

### 2.4 COUNTRY OF COLLECTION OR COUNTRY WHERE (1.3) CULTIVAR / VARIETY BRED

Use the 3–letter abbreviation s supported by the Statistical Office if the United Nations. Copies of these abbreviations are available from the IBPGR Secretariat and have been published in the FAO/IBPGR Plant genetic Resource Newsletter number 49

#### 2.5 PROVINCE/STATE

(1.4)

Name of the administrative subdivision of the country in which the sample was collected

#### 2.6 LOCATION OF COLLECTION SITE

(1.5)

Number of kilometers and direction form the nearest town, village or map grid reference (e.g. TIMBUKTU 7S means 7 km south of TIMBUKTU)

#### 2.7 LATITUDE OF THE COLLECTION SITE

(1.7)

Degrees and minutes followed by N (north) or S (south), e.g. 1030 S

2.8 Degre		E <b>OF COLLECTION SITE</b> s followed by E (east) or W (west), e.g. 7625W	(1.8)		
<b>2.9</b> Eleva	2.9 ALTITUDE OF COLLECTION SITE Elevation above the sea level				
2.10	COLLECTIO	ON SOURCE	(1.9)		
	1	Wild	(1.5)		
	2	Farm land			
	3	Farm store			
	4	Backyard			
	5	Village market			
	6	Commercial market			
	7	Institute			
	8	Other (specify in the Notes descriptor, 11)			
2.11	STATUS OF	SAMPLE	(1.13)		
	1	Wild			
	2	Weedy			
	3	Breeder's line			
	4	Primitive cultivar/landrace			
	5	Advanced cultivar (bred)			
	6	Other (specify in the Notes descriptor, 11)			
<b>2.12</b> Name		RNACULAR NAME ner to cultivar/landrace/weed	(1.10)		
2.13	NUMBER O	F PLANTS SAMPLED			
Appro	oximate numbe	er of plants collected in the field to produce this acce	ssion		
2.14	PHOTOGRA	АРН			
Was a	photograph ta	aken of the accession or environment at collection?			
	0	No			
	1	Yes			
2.15	TYPE OF SA	MPLE			
	1	Vegetative			
	2	Seed			
	3	Both			
2.16	ETHINC GR		(1.11)		
Name collec		ethnic community of the people living in the area of			
22220					

2.17 Metho		URAL PRACTICE rming at the site of collection  1 Dryland  2 Irrigated	(1.12)		
<b>2.18</b> Collec		ER NOTES FROM COLLECTOR Il record ecological information			
C	HARA	CTERIZATION AND PRELIMINARY EVALUATION			
SITE	DATA				
3.1		NTRY OF CHARACTERIZATION AND PRELIMINARY UATION			
3.2	SITE	(RESEARCH INSTITUTE)			
3.3	NAM	E OF PERSON(S) IN CHARGE OF CHARACTERIZATIO	N		
3.4	PLANTING DATE				
3.5	HARVEST DATE				
PLAN	T DAT	A			
4.1	VEGE	TATIVE			
	4.1.1	Growth habit 3 Prostrate 5 Compact 7 Erect	(4.2.1)		
	4.1.2	Colour of the plant  Green  Greenish purple (sun red)  Red	(4.2.2)		
	4.1.3	Hairiness  0 Glabrous  3 Short hair  7 Long hair	(4.2.3)		
	4.1.4	Leaf shape 1 Entire	(4.3)		

#### 2 Lobed

#### 4.2 INFLORESCENCE AND FRUIT

4.3

4.2.1	Petal colour	(4.4.1)
	1 White	
	2 Cream	
	3 Light yellow	
	4 Yellow	
	5 Lavender	
4.2.2	Petal spot	(4.4.2)
	0 Absent	
	3 Small	
	7 Large	
4.2.3	Pollen colour	(4.4.3)
	1 Cream	
	2 Yellow	
4.2.4	Sensitivity to photoperiodism	(5.7)
	0 Insensitive	
	1 Sensitive	
4.2.5	Boll shape	(4.5.1)
	1 Round	
	2 Oval	
	3 Conical	
4.2.6	Boll opening	(4.5.2)
	1 Normal	
	2 Intermediate	
	3 Strom–proof	
SEED		
4.3.1	Seed fuzz	(4.6)
	0 Naked	
	3 Sparse	
	7 Fuzzy	
4.3.2	Fuzz colour	(4.7)
	1 White	
	2 Green	
	3 Grey	
	4 Brown (tan)	
4.3.3	Lint colour	(4.8)

		FURTHER CHARACTERIZATION AND EVALUATION			
5	SITE I	DATA			
	5.1	COUNTRY OF FURTHER CHARACTERIZATION AND EVALUATION			
	5.2	SITE (RESEARCH INSTITUTE)	(5.1.1)		
	5.3	NAME OF PERSON(S) IN CHARGE OF CHARACTERIZATION	(5.1.3)		
	5.4	PLANTING DATE	(5.2)		
	5.5	HARVEST DATE			
6	PLANT DATA				
	6.1	VEGETATIVE			
		<b>6.1.1 Days to emergence</b> Number of days from planting to 50% seeded emergence	(5.3)		
		<b>6.1.1</b> Plant height [cm] The mean height of the main stem at the time of maturity	(5.4)		
	6.2	INFLORESCENCE AND FRUTI			
		<b>6.2.1 Days to 50% Flowering</b> Number of days from planting to 50% pf plants with first flower of	(5.5) open		
		<b>6.2.2 Days to 50% opening</b> Number of days from planting to 50% opening	(5.6)		
		<b>6.2.3 Boll characteristics</b> Based on 50 undamaged boll samples at first picking	(5.8)		

White Cream Light brown Brown

1 2 3

4

		6.2.3.1 Locules per boll	(5.8.1)
		6.2.3.2 Seed cotton per boll [g]	(5.8.2)
		6.2.3.3 Lint percentage [%]	(5.8.3)
		6.2.2.4 Lint index [g]	(5.8.4)
		6.2.2.5Seed index [g]	(5.8.5)
6.3	SEED		
	6.3.1	Fibre length	(5.9.1)
		6.3.1.1 2.5% span	
		6.3.1.2 50% span	
	6.3.2	Fibre strength	(5.9.2)

#### **6.3.2.1 TO** [g/tex]

6.2.3)

(5.9.2.1)

The fibre strength of a bundle of fibres measured on a stelometer with the 2 jaws holding the fiber bundle tightly oppressed

Based on 50 undamaged boll samples at first picking (use samples from

#### **6.3.2.2 TI** [g/tex]

(5.9.2.2)

The fibres strength of a bundle of fibers measured on a stelometer with the 2 jaws holding the fiber bundle separated by  $3-5\,$  mm space

6.3.2.3 EL [%] (5.9.2.3)

The percentage elongation at break of center 3.5 mm of the fibre bundle measurement for TI strength on a stelometer

#### 6.3.2 Fibre fineness (5.9.3)

#### 6.3.2.1 Micronaire

The fineness of the sample taken from the ginned lint, but measured by a micronaire and expressed in standard (curvilinear scale) micronaire units

#### 6.3.2.2 Maturity

(Specify instrument)

#### 6.3.3 Yellowness (B)

(5.9.4)

Hunter's B value as a measure of increasing yellowness of the cotton

#### 6.3.4 Reflectance (RD)

(5.9.5)

RD measures the percentage of reflectance (the higher the value, the lighter the cotton)

#### 6.3.5 Seed composition

(5.10)

Whole acid delinted seed on dry weight basis

6.3.5.1 Oil content [%]
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(5.10.1)

#### 6.3.5.2 Protein content [%]

(5.10.2)

#### 6.3.5.3 Gossypol content [%]

(5.10.3)

#### 7 STRESS SUSCEPTIBILITY<sup>1</sup>

Scored on a scale of 1 - 9, where:

- 3 Low susceptibility
- 5 Medium susceptibility
- 7 high susceptibility
- 7.1 LOW TEMPERATURE
- 7.2 HIGH TEMPERATURE
- 7.3 DROUGHT
- 7.4 EXCESS SOIL MOISTURE
- 7.5 SALINITY
- 7.6 SOIL ACIDITY

#### 8 PESTS AND DISEASE SUSCEPTIBITY

In each case, it is important to state the origin of the infection or infestation, i.e., natural field inoculation, laboratory test (specify). Record such information in the Notes descriptor, 11

Scored on a scale of 1-9

- 3 Low susceptibility
- 5 Medium susceptibility
- 7 High susceptibility

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No cross reference to descriptor number in the previous list (AGP: IBPGR/80/66) are made for Section 5 onwards

#### 8.1 PESTS

8.1.1 Alabama argillacea	Leaf worm
8.1.2 Anthonomus grandis	Boll weevil
8.1.3 Aphis gossypii	Cotton aphid
8.1.4 Bemisia tabaci	Sweet potato whitefly
8.1.5 Campylomma spp.	Plant bug
8.1.6 Cosmophila auragoides	Leaf worm
8.1.7 <i>C. Flava</i>	Leaf worm
8.1.8 Creontiades pallidus	Plant Bug
8.1.9 Cryptophelebia leucotreta	Bollworm
8.1.10 Disparopsis castanea	Bollworm
8.1.11 D. watersi	Bollworm
8.1.12 Dysdercus spp.	Boll bug
8.1.13 Earias biplaga	Thorny bollworm
8.1.14 E. insulana	Thorny bollworm
8.1.15 E. vittella	Thorny bollworm
8.1.16 Eurystylus bellevogei	Plant bug
8.1.17 Eutinobothrus spp.	Borer
8.1.18 Frankliniella schultzei	Flower thrips
8.1.19 Heliothis armigera	Bollworm
8.1.20 H. virescens	Tobacco budworm
8.1.21 H. zea	Bollworm
8.1.22 Helopeltis schoutendeni	Plant bug
8.1.23 Hemitarsonemus latus	Cotton tarsonemid mite

8.1.24 Horcias nobilellus	Plant bug
8.1.25 Lygus Hesperus	Plant bug
8.1.26 L. lineolaris	Plant bug
8.1.27 L. vosseleri	Plant bug
8.1.28 Megacoelum spp.	Plant bug
8.1.29 Nezara viridula	Green boll bug
8.1.30 Oligonychus gossypii	Cotton spider
8.1.31 Oxycarenus spp.	Seed bug
8.1.32 Pectinophora gossypiella S.	Bollworm
8.1.33 Peridontopyge spp.	Millipede
8.1.34 Podagrica spp.	Altises
8.1.35 Sacadodes pyralis	Bollworm
8.1.36 Spodoptera exigua	Leaf worm
8.1.37 S. littoralis	Leaf worm
8.1.38 S. litura	Leaf worm
8.1.39 Sylepta derogata F.	Leaf worm
8.1.40 Tetranychus neocaledonicus	Red spider mite
8.1.41 T. telarius	Red spider mite
8.1.42 T. turkestani	Red strawberry spider mite
8.1.43 Tibiomus spp.	Millipede
8.1.44 Trips tabaci	Onion thrips
8.1.45 Zonocerus variegatus	Locutst cricket
8.1.46 Belonolaimus longicaudatus	Sting nematode

8.1.47	Meloidogyne incognita	Rootknot nematode
8.1.48	Rotylenculus reniformis	Reniform nematode
8.1.49	Other (specify in the Notes descriptors, 11)	
FUNC	7.	
FUNC	51 -	
8.2.1	Alternaria tenius auct.	Seed rot
8.2.2	Ascochyta gossypii Woionichin	Blight
8.2.3	Ashbya gossypii (Ash. & Now) Guill.	Fiber stain
8.2.4	Aspergillus flavus Lk. Fr.	Seed rot
8.2.5	Aspergillus flavus	Seed rot
8.2.6	Cerotelium desmium (Berk. & Br.) Arthur	Rust
8.2.7	Colleotrichum spp.	Boll rot
8.2.8	C. gossypii South	Seedling blight
8.2.9	Diplodia gossypina Cke.	Boll rot
8.2.10	Fusarium spp.	Seedling light
8.2.11	Fusarium moniliforme Sheldom	Seed, Boll rot
8.2.12	F. oxysporum Schl. F. spp. Vasinfectum (Atk.)	Wilt
8.2.13	Glomerella gossypii Edg. (= Collectrotrichum gossypii South.)	Anthracnose
8.2.14	Macrophomina phaseoli (Maubl.) Ashby	Seedling blight, Root rot
8.2.15	<i>Mycrophaerella areola</i> Ehrlich &Wolf	Aerolate mildew

(= Famularia areola Akt.)

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8.2.16	Nematospora coryli Peglion	Fiber stain
8.2.17	Phymatotrichum omnivorum (Shear) Dug.	Root rot
8.2.18	Physalospora rhodina (Berk & Curt) Cke.	Seedling blight
8.2.19	Puccinia cacabat Arth. & Holw.	Rust
8.2.20	<b>P.</b> schedonnardi Tell & Swing	Rust
8.2.21	P. stakamanii Presley	Rust
8.2.22	Phythium spp.	Seedling blight
8.2.23	Rhizopus arrhizus Fischer	Seed rot
8.2.24	R. nigricans Ehr.	Seed rot
8.2.25	Thanatephous cucumeris (Franck Donk) (= Rhizoctonia solani Kuhn.)	Seedling blight
8.2.26	Thielaviopsis basicolra (Berk. & Br.) Ferr.	Root rot
8.2.27	Venticillium dahliae Kleb.	Wilt
8.2.28	Other (Specify in the notes descriptor, 11)	
BACTERIA		
8.2.1	Xanthomonas malvacearum (E.F. Sm.) Dows	Bacterial blight, Angular leaf spot
8.2.2	Other (specify in the Notes descriptor, 11)	
VIRUS AND MYCROPLASM		
8.4.1	Anthocyanosis	

8.3

8.3

8.4.2 Blue disease

- 8.4.3 Cotton mosaic (several forms)
- 8.4.4 Leaf crumple
- 8.4.5 Leaf curl
- 8.4.6 Psyllosis (Pauroclephala gossypii)
- 8.4.7 Vicrescense
- 8.4.8 Other (specify in the Notes descriptor, 11)

#### 9 ALLOENZYME COMPOSITION

This may prove to be a useful tool for identifying duplicate accessions

#### 10 CYTOLOGICAL CHARACTERS AND IDENTIFIED GENES

#### 11 NOTES

Give additional information where descriptor state is noted as 'Other' as, for example in descriptors 2.10 and 8.2.28. Also include here any further relevant information

#### APPENDIX I

#### LIST OF GOSSYPIUM SPECIES

#### GENOME <sup>2</sup>

C <sub>1</sub>	Gossypium sturtianum J.H. Willis
$C_{1-n}$	G. sturtianm var. nandewarense (Derera) Fryxell
"C 2"	G. robinsonii F. von Mueller
"C 5"	G. costulatum Todaro
"C 8"	G. pulchellum (C. A. Gardner) Fryxell
"C <sub>6</sub> "	G. populifolium (Bentham) F. von Mueller ex Todaro
"C"	G. pilosum Fryxell
"C 7"	G.cunnunghamii Todaro
"C 3"	G. australe F. von Mueller
"C 9"	G. nelsonii Fryxell
G <sub>1</sub>	G. bikii Prokhanovj
В 2	G. triphyllum (Harvey) Hochreutiner
"D 8"	G. trilobum (mociño & Sessé ex De Candolle) Skovsted
$D_1$	G. thurberi Todaro
$D_{3-K}$	G. Klotzschianum Andersson
$D_{3-d}$	G. davidsonii Kellogg
$D_{2-2}$	G. Harknessii Brandegee
$D_{2-1}$	G. armourianum Kearney
"D"	G. turneri Fryxell
$D_4$	G. aridum (Rose & Standley) Skovsted
D 9	G. laxum Phillips
D <sub>7</sub>	G. lobatum Gentry
D <sub>6</sub>	G. gossypoides (Ulbrich) Standley
D <sub>5</sub>	G. raimondi Ulbirch
A 2	G. arboreum Linnaeus
A 1	G. herbaceum Linnaeus
A	G. herbaceum var. africanum (Watt) Hutchinson & Ghose
B <sub>1</sub>	G. anomalum Warwa ex Warwa & Peyrisch

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> genomes with quotes are questionable

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B 4	G. capitis – viridis Mauer
E 1	G. stocksii Masters in Hooker
E 2	G. somalense (Gürke) Hutchinson
E 4	G. incanum (Schwartz) Hillcoat
E 3	G. areysianum Deflers
F 1	G. longicalyx Hutchinson & Lee

#### TETRAPOLIDS

(AD) 3	G. tomentosum Nuttall ex Seemann
	G. lancoelatum Todaro
(AD) 1	G. hirsutum Linnaeus
(AD) 2	G. barbadense Linneaus
"(AD)"	G. mustelinum Miers ex Watt
AD	G. darwinnii Watt