

# **Tussac Grass, *Poa flabellata*--a Unique Southern Hemisphere Germplasm Resource Worthy of Further Investigation. (C08-wright120017-Oral)**

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## **Abstract:**

Tussac grass, *Poa flabellata*, is a perennial grass restricted to a narrow coastal habitat band in the area of Tierra del Fuego, Diego Ramirez Island, Falkland Islands, South Georgia Island and Gough Island. This species exhibits an exaggerated tussock (stool) growth habit and usually grows to one meter in height but can reach 3 to 4 meters. The species is in decline due to grazing and other human activities. It is highly palatable. It provides important habitat for a number of species. The present knowledge base for the species is limited. Germplasm is available through the the NPGS. It would be beneficial to acquire additional accessions from the entire range of the species.

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