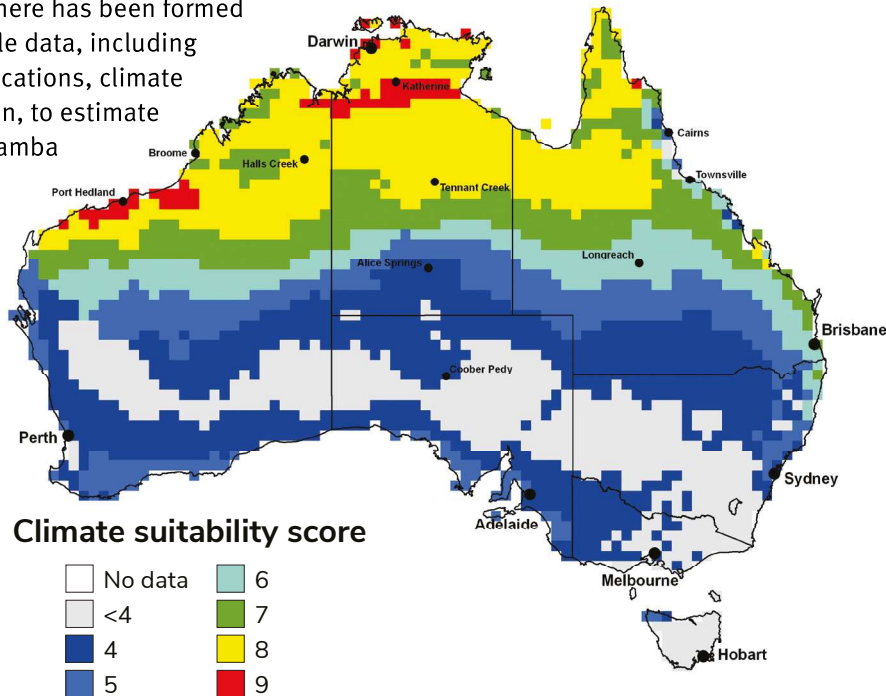


CURRENT AND POTENTIAL DISTRIBUTION OF GAMBA GRASS

The Climex map shown here has been formed using a range of available data, including existing Gamba Grass locations, climate and land unit information, to estimate the potential range of Gamba Grass in Australia. The map shows that all tropical savanna areas in Australia are considered optimal habitat for Gamba Grass. Suitable habitat includes millions of square kilometres of land in the West Arnhem region of the Northern Territory.



Potential distribution of Gamba Grass - Climate zone 7 and above is suitable. (Reference: Vinod Chejara, 2010, Weed Risk committee. Image supplied by the Northern Territory Government's Weed Management Branch)



Interesting facts about Gamba Grass

One mature plant can produce up to 250,000 seeds per year, but seed viability is lost after a few wet seasons

Gamba Grass is easily spread by people, machinery and vehicles

Gamba Grass leaves have a white mid-vein and are coated with soft downy hairs

Gamba Grass plants can make seed within one year of germinating

Gamba Grass seeds can be carried in fire updraughts

Gamba Grass fires can be 30 times hotter than native grass fires in the Top End

