

It was from the third generation of a cross between two dwarf varieties, China's Dee Geo Woo Gen (DGWG) and Indonesia's Peta, that the seed stock of IR8-288-3 was selected.



IR8 pictured next to its parents, "Peta" a tall variety from Indonesia, and the Chinese dwarf variety "DGWG".

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The rice was first tested in 1966 in Philippines, where the agri-research firm was based. The results were amazing. From 88 kg of pure seeds sown, 71 tonnes were harvested.

Dr. Surajit Kumar De Datta, a young Indian agronomist of IRRI, played an important role in demonstrating the high yield potential of the variety. In 1996, he examined the response of the rice variety under various fertilizer