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The lablab genome and annotation files are available from eIDAL105 (<http://dx.doi.org/10.5447/ipk/2022/26>) and at https://hpc.ilri.cgiar.org/~bngina/lablab_longread_sequencing_March_2022/. Nanopore long reads used for the reference assembly are available from NCBI SRA under BioProject PRJNA824307. Illumina reads for the resequencing samples are available from the NCBI SRA under project numbers PRJNA834808. The following publicly available databases were used: UniProt Magnoliophyta, reviewed/Swiss-Prot (<https://www.uniprot.org/>), The Arabidopsis Information Resource (<https://www.arabidopsis.org/>), TrEMBL (<http://www.bioinfo.pt.e.hu/more/TrEMBL.htm>; ver. 37.2). Genome sequences of related legumes were downloaded from EMSEMBL (<https://plants.ensembl.org/index.html>). Genome version numbers are given in the text.

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Study description	We sequenced, assembled, and annotated the lablab genome; we carried out population genetic and evolutionary analyses into the crop's origin and diversification, including relating this to phenotypic measures.
Research sample	<p>A single lablab accession (cv. Highworth) was used for genome sequencing. Highworth was used as it is a commercial cultivar and was previously sequenced using a short-read sequencing approach.</p> <p>Resequencing used diverse samples from Africa, all are available from seed banks. Samples were selected based on fitting the key groups (2-seeded and 4-seeded; wild and domesticated). We selected a range of samples from the four groups of interest (cultivated 4-seeded, cultivated 2-seeded, wild 4-seeded, wild 2-seeded) to examine differentiation between these groups, as well as individuals of subsp. bengalensis and two likely feral samples where the taxonomic relationships were previously unclear. Short-read sequencing files from cv Highworth were taken from the NCBI SRA.</p> <p>Population Genetics - We analysed the majority of the lablab accessions that were collected from 25 countries in Africa, Asia, America, Australia, and Europe and maintained in the ILRI forage genebank in order to capture as much of the available genetic diversity of lablab. The population reflects most of the global diversity, including accessions from Africa, where the species originated and diversified. Hence, the four-seeded and two-seeded cultivated as well as wild accessions were included in the study.</p> <p>Existing data from Pengelly, B. C. & Maass, B. L. (2001) Genet. Resour. Crop Evol. 48, 261–272 was also used.</p>
Sampling strategy	<p>The choice of sample for reference genome sequencing was based on previously determined reference cultivar (Chang et al, 2019, GigaScience) Samples sizes for the phylogenetics and population genetics were not predetermined and instead covered the key groups of interest, as follows:</p> <p>Resequencing – we selected samples of diverse origin to reduce the chance of any findings being related to sampling closely-related germplasm.</p> <p>Population genetics – From each of the four and two-seeded cultivated and wild lablab accessions, we genotyped as many as we</p>

	could. The sample sizes are considered sufficient to cover the global genetic diversity as the accessions analysed originated from 25 different countries in Africa (the native range), Asia, America, Australia, and Europe.
Data collection	Pen and paper or electronic notebooks were kept to record methods by the researchers conducting each experiment (see author contributions section); all data was recorded electronically by the instruments and software named in the Data Collection section.
Timing and spatial scale	Newly generated data were from greenhouse grown plants and therefore time and scale is not relevant. Phenotypic data collection is reported in the original articles by Pengelly and Maass (2001) and Wiedow (2001)
Data exclusions	No data were excluded from the analyses with the exception of (1) Dart-seq samples with high values of missing data using established cut-offs and (2) cultivars with contaminated seeds lot whose morphological and diversity data did not match previously described morphology and diversity data [Pengelly and Maass (2001) and Wiedow (2001)].
Reproducibility	Bootstrap scores were used to examine support for the phylogenetic relationships. For GWAS, only associations supported by two or more association models are reported. Genetic and genomic data were generated and analysed once, with no need to replicate any sequencing or analyses. Seed are available from the genebanks listed in the article.
Randomization	Randomization is not relevant to this study. Samples are not pre-allocated to groups. Phenotypic data collection is reported in the original articles by Pengelly and Maass (2001) and Wiedow (2001)
Blinding	All genome sequencing data was generated from healthy plants from seed from seedbanks. No other selection or blinding was necessary or carried out. Sequencing data was collected electronically, with no potential for human bias. Phenotypic data collection is reported in the original articles by Pengelly and Maass (2001) and Wiedow (2001)

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