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**The Numbu language**  
**of**  
**Central Nigeria and its affinities**

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## **1. Introduction**

This is an annotated wordlist of the Numbu language, spoken in some nine villages in Kaduna State, Nigeria. The wordlist was collected by Roger Blench with the assistance of Barau Kato from a group of villagers in Aza on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2003. Our thanks to Tanko K. Makama, Yahaya Usman, Mukaila, Abdu, Isa Usman, Danjuma Shagaya and Bala Garba.

The wordlist was collected as a ‘one-shot’ exercise and the transcription must therefore be regarded as preliminary. This analysis was prepared by Roger Blench, who added the comparative observations. This document is being circulated to scholars for comment.

## **2. Location, history and sociolinguistic situation**

### **2.1 Nomenclature**

### **2.2 Location and settlements**

The main settlements of the Numbu are àzà Wúùn, Ambèntòk, Anepwa, Akoshey, Amkpong, Gbancûn, Amfòor and Adanḡaḡ.

### **2.3 Language status**

### **2.4 Numbu culture and history**

## **3. Phonology**

The phonology of Numbu is based on rapid observations and should therefore be regarded as tentative at this stage.

### **3.1 Vowels**

Numbu probably has seven phonemic vowels;

|                  | Front | Central | Back |
|------------------|-------|---------|------|
| <b>Close</b>     | i     |         | u    |
| <b>Close-Mid</b> | e     | (ə)     | o    |
| <b>Open-Mid</b>  | ɛ     |         | ɔ    |
| <b>Open</b>      |       | a       |      |

The status of the /ə/ is highly uncertain, and it is probably a centralised allophone of /i/. For the present it is transcribed as heard.

### 3.2 Consonants

Numbu consonants are as follows:

|                     | Bilabial | Labio-dental | Alve-olar | Alveopa-latal | Palatal | Velar | Labial-velar | Glottal |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|-----------|---------------|---------|-------|--------------|---------|
| Plosive             | p b      |              | t d       |               | [c] j   | k g   | (kp)         |         |
| Nasal               | m        |              | n         |               |         | ŋ     |              |         |
| Trill               |          |              | [r]       |               |         |       |              |         |
| Fricative           |          | f v          | s z       | ʃ ʒ           |         | ʁ     |              | h       |
| Approximant         |          |              |           |               | y       |       | w            |         |
| Lateral Approximant |          |              | l         |               |         |       |              |         |
| Implosive           | ɓ        |              | ɗ         |               |         |       |              |         |

### 3.3 Tones

## 4. Morphology

### 4.1 Nouns

| Gloss | sg. | pl. |
|-------|-----|-----|
|       |     |     |

## 5. Lexical comparison and the classification of Numbu

## 6. Numbu wordlist

| NO. | Gloss           | Singular           | Plural             | Commentary |
|-----|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 1.  | Tree (generic)  | <b>cingyǎn</b>     | <b>kúkwǎn</b>      |            |
| 2.  | Leaf            | <b>mgbamvumvu</b>  | <b>ámgbamvumvu</b> |            |
| 3.  | Root            | <b>riryêñ</b>      | <b>iríryêñ</b>     |            |
| 4.  | Branch          | <b>ngà</b>         | <b>ángà</b>        |            |
| 5.  | Bark (of tree)  | <b>phù</b>         | <b>áphù</b>        |            |
| 6.  | Thorn           | <b>tùntǒ</b>       | <b>ntùntǒ</b>      |            |
| 7.  | Grass (generic) | <b>gǎgá</b>        | <b>afǎgá</b>       |            |
| 8.  | Vine (generic)  | <b>vunvǎn</b>      | <b>ávúnvǎn</b>     |            |
| 9.  | Mushroom        | <b>jǔ</b>          | <b>jú</b>          |            |
| 10. | Water-lily      |                    |                    |            |
| 11. | Algae           | <b>ryuk</b>        |                    |            |
| 12. | Seed/stone/pip  | <b>mgbyǎñ</b>      | <b>mgbyán</b>      |            |
| 13. | Charcoal        | <b>mvri</b>        | —                  |            |
| 14. | Dust            | <b>mgbomgbo</b>    |                    |            |
| 15. | Ashes           | <b>ntǎn</b>        |                    |            |
| 16. | Rubbish-heap    | <b>tuwa</b>        |                    |            |
| 17. | Mud             | <b>ryε</b>         |                    |            |
| 18. | Clay            | <b>tǎntam</b>      |                    |            |
| 19. | Dew             | <b>àməŋ</b>        |                    |            |
| 20. | Stone           | <b>mkpàŋ</b>       | <b>mkpáyŋ</b>      |            |
| 21. | Sand            | <b>ablúblù</b>     |                    |            |
| 22. | Smoke           | <b>ntsiŋ</b>       |                    |            |
| 23. | Fire            | <b>lú</b>          |                    |            |
| 24. | Water           | <b>àmàfir</b>      |                    |            |
| 25. | Rain            | <b>àlu</b>         |                    |            |
| 26. | Cloud           | <b>akpá</b>        |                    |            |
| 27. | Lightning       | <b>nas</b>         |                    |            |
| 28. | Rainy Season    | <b>nekús</b>       |                    |            |
| 29. | Dry season      | <b>nega</b>        |                    |            |
| 30. | Harmattan       | <b>mvló</b>        |                    |            |
| 31. | Year            | <b>sé</b>          | <b>asé</b>         |            |
| 32. | Today           | <b>àlɛŋɛn</b>      |                    |            |
| 33. | Yesterday       | <b>álɛŋ</b>        |                    |            |
| 34. | Tomorrow        | <b>amblé</b>       |                    |            |
| 35. | Morning         | <b>nèmbɛ</b>       |                    |            |
| 36. | Evening         | <b>mgbáɔ</b>       |                    |            |
| 37. | Dawn            | <b>ámblɛ nóŋɛn</b> |                    |            |
| 38. | Day             | <b>neryik</b>      |                    |            |
| 39. | Night           | <b>bu</b>          | <b>bú</b>          |            |
| 40. | Moon/month      | <b>nkwǎ</b>        | <b>nkwá</b>        |            |

| NO. | Gloss              | Singular    | Plural       | Commentary |
|-----|--------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| 41. | Sun                | àryèk       |              |            |
| 42. | Star(s)            | àndes       | andês        |            |
| 43. | Wind               | mgbùmgbù    |              |            |
| 44. | God                | àryèk       |              |            |
| 45. | Sky                | gbárfu      |              |            |
| 46. | World              | gɔŋmìmi     |              |            |
| 47. | Ground             | mìmĩ        |              |            |
| 48. | Large River        | cunɔŋ       |              |            |
| 49. | Stream             | ŋgàcu       | áŋgàcu       |            |
| 50. | Lake, pond         | nkàm        | ankam        |            |
| 51. | Forest             | cuk         | àcuk         |            |
| 52. | Mountain           | gbò         | gbo          |            |
| 53. | Hill               | vórgbò      | munugbó      |            |
| 54. | Bush               | ànkwǎn      | —            |            |
| 55. | Farm               | aryím       | rìryím       |            |
| 56. | Field              | ànkwǎn      | kukwǎn       |            |
| 57. | Market*            | dáp         | dədáp        |            |
| 58. | Compound           | kàp         | ákàp         |            |
| 59. | Room               | atsák       | tsətsák      |            |
| 60. | Wall (of room)     | ncir        |              |            |
| 61. | Thatch roof        | nyíntsák    |              |            |
| 62. | Granary            | kpò         | àkpò         |            |
| 63. | Road               | ikle        | kəklě        |            |
| 64. | Path               | yəniklik    | yəniklik     |            |
| 65. | Village/settlement | ntùn        | tuntún       |            |
| 66. | River-bank         | təncuk      |              |            |
| 67. | Swamp/wetland      | àbím nishik |              |            |
| 68. | Place              | àbǎm        | bəbǎm        |            |
| 69. | Person/people      | nìfir       | anìfir       |            |
| 70. | Man                | nilón       | anilón       |            |
| 71. | Woman              | wa          | amba         |            |
| 72. | Child              | vəvən       | ámúnún       |            |
| 73. | Husband            | cíníkàp     | ánìfir búkàp |            |
| 74. | Wife               | wániŋǎ      | ámábubuǎ     |            |
| 75. | Widow              |             |              |            |
| 76. | Young man          | vənənzà     | ánzà         |            |
| 77. | Young girl         | vənuwa      | ámúnymba     |            |
| 78. | Old person         | tsítsè      | atsítsè      |            |
| 79. | Father             | céémù       |              |            |
| 80. | Mother             | yamù        |              |            |
| 81. | Barren woman       | wanuklú     | ambabuklú    |            |
| 82. | Relations          | amlá        | amlámù       |            |

| NO.  | Gloss            | Singular          | Plural            | Commentary                                    |
|------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 83.  | Ancestors        | <b>cincím</b>     |                   |                                               |
| 84.  | Grandparents     | <b>cincím</b>     |                   |                                               |
| 85.  | Grandchild       | <b>yámu</b>       |                   |                                               |
| 86.  | Brother          | <b>zúmbòr</b>     | <b>amúzumbòr</b>  |                                               |
| 87.  | Sister           | <b>vámòr</b>      | <b>amúnuvámòr</b> |                                               |
| 88.  | Friend           | <b>kpa</b>        | <b>ákpa</b>       |                                               |
| 89.  | Guest/stranger   | <b>icən</b>       | <b>acən</b>       |                                               |
| 90.  | King/chief/ruler | <b>ícəm</b>       | <b>ácəm</b>       |                                               |
| 91.  | Hunter           | <b>nítak</b>      | <b>abuták</b>     |                                               |
| 92.  | Thief            | <b>nígyəp</b>     | <b>ábugyəp</b>    |                                               |
| 93.  | Doctor           | <b>nínákəka</b>   | <b>ábunákəka</b>  |                                               |
| 94.  | Witch            | <b>nítən</b>      | <b>abatən</b>     |                                               |
| 95.  | Corpse           | <b>kúm</b>        | <b>ákúm</b>       |                                               |
| 96.  | Blacksmith       | <b>nila</b>       | <b>ábinla</b>     |                                               |
| 97.  | Woodworker       | <b>nisəp</b>      | <b>ábusəp</b>     |                                               |
| 98.  | Slave            | <b>gón</b>        | <b>agón</b>       |                                               |
| 99.  | Masquerade I     | <b>àmbwě</b>      | <b>ambwê</b>      |                                               |
| 100. | Masquerade II    | <b>ryím</b>       | <b>aneryím</b>    | women are not permitted to see it             |
| 101. | Masquerade III   | <b>tsantsak</b>   |                   | chases people                                 |
| 102. | Masquerade IV    | <b>akuburí</b>    |                   | dances with women                             |
| 103. | Masquerade V     | <b>ànjǎncè</b>    |                   | watches over women to stop them spoiling or w |
| 104. | Prophecy         | <b>nətò</b>       | <b>ábutò</b>      |                                               |
| 105. | Shame            | <b>səsa</b>       | —                 |                                               |
| 106. | Fear/fright      | <b>ʃɪʃik</b>      |                   |                                               |
| 107. | Bravery/courage  | <b>susun</b>      |                   |                                               |
| 108. | Laughter         | <b>mlă</b>        |                   |                                               |
| 109. | Wisdom           |                   |                   |                                               |
| 110. | Guilt            | <b>ágikyùnu</b>   |                   |                                               |
| 111. | Anger            | <b>mfu</b>        |                   |                                               |
| 112. | Race/running     | <b>klú</b>        |                   |                                               |
| 113. | Suffering        | <b>jɛ</b>         |                   |                                               |
| 114. | Death            | <b>əphu</b>       |                   |                                               |
| 115. | Name             | <b>sak</b>        | <b>asak</b>       |                                               |
| 116. | Grave            | <b>bé</b>         | <b>abé</b>        |                                               |
| 117. | Song             | <b>sám</b>        | <b>asám</b>       |                                               |
| 118. | Proverb          | <b>átúrwanita</b> |                   |                                               |
| 119. | Story            | <b>dúk gyàm</b>   |                   |                                               |
| 120. | Word             | <b>bantâr</b>     | <b>bantara</b>    |                                               |
| 121. | Lie              | <b>mò</b>         |                   |                                               |
| 122. | News             |                   |                   |                                               |
| 123. | Hunger           | <b>gyòn</b>       |                   |                                               |
| 124. | Horn             | <b>nzù</b>        | <b>nzùnzù</b>     |                                               |

| NO.  | Gloss              | Singular   | Plural  | Commentary |
|------|--------------------|------------|---------|------------|
| 125. | Tail               | njám       | njinjám |            |
| 126. | Egg                | mkpàŋ      | mkpáŋ   |            |
| 127. | Wing               | mgba       | ámgba   |            |
| 128. | Beak               | anu        |         |            |
| 129. | Nest               | nzàr       | ánzàr   |            |
| 130. | Feather            | mvù        | amvù    |            |
| 131. | Gum/glue           | kyèlas     |         |            |
| 132. | Ant-hill           | túdàr      | atúdár  |            |
| 133. | Hole in ground     | juju       | ajuju   |            |
| 134. | Hole in tree       | wò         | áwò     |            |
| 135. | Smell              | mgbò       |         |            |
| 136. | Poison             | kəka       |         |            |
| 137. | Load               | ámakilò    |         |            |
| 138. | Bundle             | kpá        |         |            |
| 139. | Firewood           | kukwɔn     |         |            |
| 140. | Stick              | kukwɔn     |         |            |
| 141. | Yam-heap           | béntim     |         |            |
| 142. | War                | kum        |         |            |
| 143. | Work               | ndám       |         |            |
| 144. | Divination (types) | nətò       |         |            |
| 145. | Medicine (generic) | kəka       |         |            |
| 146. | Money              | àzàb       |         |            |
| 147. | Shadow             | àgyĩndin   |         |            |
| 148. | Thing              | kì         | kikì    |            |
| 149. | Strength           | tĩs        |         |            |
| 150. | Length             | tàm        |         |            |
| 151. | Land/country       |            |         |            |
| 152. | Sleep              | nna        |         |            |
| 153. | Disease(generic)   | lɔ         | lulɔ    |            |
| 154. | Smallpox           | lòmíniŋ    |         |            |
| 155. | Diarrhoea          | klɔza      |         |            |
| 156. | Eczema             | rò         |         |            |
| 157. | Goitre             | àgblòk mìŋ |         |            |
| 158. | Boil               | sìsì       |         |            |
| 159. | Sore/wound         | mkpă       |         |            |
| 160. | Leprosy            | lòmkpòk    |         |            |
| 161. | Head               | tu         | atú     |            |
| 162. | Eye                | ʃíʃi       | afíʃi   |            |
| 163. | Face               | cí         | ací     |            |
| 164. | Cheek              | ŋà         | áŋà     |            |
| 165. | Forehead           | nucí       | anucí   |            |
| 166. | Nose               | mvlè       | vəmvlé  |            |

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| NO.  | Gloss             | Singular     | Plural        | Commentary |
|------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| 167. | Ear               | <b>tən</b>   |               |            |
| 168. | Mouth             | <b>anu</b>   | <b>nunu</b>   |            |
| 169. | Tooth             | <b>nyən</b>  | <b>anyən</b>  |            |
| 170. | Tongue            | <b>ləlám</b> | <b>aləlám</b> |            |
| 171. | Throat            |              |               |            |
| 172. | Neck              |              |               |            |
| 173. | Jaw               |              |               |            |
| 174. | Chin              |              |               |            |
| 175. | Shoulder          |              |               |            |
| 176. | Armpit            |              |               |            |
| 177. | Fist              |              |               |            |
| 178. | Arm               |              |               |            |
| 179. | Hand              |              |               |            |
| 180. | Leg               |              |               |            |
| 181. | Foot              |              |               |            |
| 182. | Thigh             |              |               |            |
| 183. | Knee              |              |               |            |
| 184. | Nail (Finger/toe) |              |               |            |
| 185. | Female breast     |              |               |            |
| 186. | Stomach           |              |               |            |
| 187. | Chest             |              |               |            |
| 188. | Navel             |              |               |            |
| 189. | Back              |              |               |            |
| 190. | Buttocks          |              |               |            |
| 191. | Penis             |              |               |            |
| 192. | Vagina            |              |               |            |
| 193. | Skin              |              |               |            |
| 194. | Bone              |              |               |            |
| 195. | Rib               |              |               |            |
| 196. | Vein              |              |               |            |
| 197. | Blood             |              |               |            |
| 198. | Breath            |              |               |            |
| 199. | Tear              |              |               |            |
| 200. | Saliva            |              |               |            |
| 201. | Sweat             |              |               |            |
| 202. | Urine             |              |               |            |
| 203. | Faeces            |              |               |            |
| 204. | Hair              |              |               |            |
| 205. | Beard             |              |               |            |
| 206. | Liver             |              |               |            |
| 207. | Heart             |              |               |            |
| 208. | Intestines        |              |               |            |

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|------|------------------------------|----------|--------|------------|
| 209. | Body                         |          |        |            |
| 210. | Meat                         |          |        |            |
| 211. | Animal (Bush)                |          |        |            |
| 212. | *Camel                       |          |        |            |
| 213. | Cow                          |          |        |            |
| 214. | Bull                         |          |        |            |
| 215. | Calf                         |          |        |            |
| 216. | Goat                         |          |        |            |
| 217. | He-goat                      |          |        |            |
| 218. | Castrated goat               |          |        |            |
| 219. | Sheep                        |          |        |            |
| 220. | Ram                          |          |        |            |
| 221. | Castrated sheep              |          |        |            |
| 222. | Dog                          |          |        |            |
| 223. | *Cat                         |          |        |            |
| 224. | *Pig                         |          |        |            |
| 225. | *Horse                       |          |        |            |
| 226. | *Donkey                      |          |        |            |
| 227. | Elephant                     |          |        |            |
| 228. | Hippo                        |          |        |            |
| 229. | Buffalo                      |          |        |            |
| 230. | Lion                         |          |        |            |
| 231. | Leopard                      |          |        |            |
| 232. | Hyena <sup>1</sup>           |          |        |            |
| 233. | Civet cat <sup>2</sup>       |          |        |            |
| 234. | Genet cat <sup>3</sup>       |          |        |            |
| 235. | Jackal <sup>4</sup>          |          |        |            |
| 236. | Wart-hog <sup>5</sup>        |          |        |            |
| 237. | Bush-pig <sup>6</sup>        |          |        |            |
| 238. | Duiker antelope <sup>7</sup> |          |        |            |
| 239. | Kob antelope <sup>8</sup>    |          |        |            |
| 240. | Roan antelope <sup>9</sup>   |          |        |            |
| 241. | Porcupine <sup>10</sup>      |          |        |            |
| 242. | Tree pangolin <sup>11</sup>  |          |        |            |

<sup>1</sup> (*Crocuta crocuta*)

<sup>2</sup> (*Viverra civetta*)

<sup>3</sup> (*Genetta genetta*)

<sup>4</sup> (*Canis aureus*)

<sup>5</sup> (*Phacochoerus aethiopus*)

<sup>6</sup> (*Potamochoerus Porcus*)

<sup>7</sup> (*Cephalophus* spp.)

<sup>8</sup> (*Kobus kob*)

<sup>9</sup> (*Hippotragus equinus*)

<sup>10</sup> (*Hystrix cristata*)

| NO.  | Gloss                          | Singular | Plural | Commentary |
|------|--------------------------------|----------|--------|------------|
| 243. | Baboon                         |          |        |            |
| 244. | Patas monkey <sup>12</sup>     |          |        |            |
| 245. | Vervet monkey <sup>13</sup>    |          |        |            |
| 246. | Colobus monkey <sup>14</sup>   |          |        |            |
| 247. | Squirrel (ground)              |          |        |            |
| 248. | Squirrel (tree)                |          |        |            |
| 249. | Rat (generic)                  |          |        |            |
| 250. | Bush-rat I                     |          |        |            |
| 251. | Bush-rat II                    |          |        |            |
| 252. | Bush-rat III                   |          |        |            |
| 253. | Bush-rat IV                    |          |        |            |
| 254. | Giant rat <sup>15</sup>        |          |        |            |
| 255. | Fat mouse                      |          |        |            |
| 256. | Pygmy mouse                    |          |        |            |
| 257. | Grasscutter <sup>16</sup>      |          |        |            |
| 258. | Hedgehog <sup>17</sup>         |          |        |            |
| 259. | Hare <sup>18</sup>             |          |        |            |
| 260. | House-bat                      |          |        |            |
| 261. | Fruit-bat                      |          |        |            |
| 262. | Nile crocodile                 |          |        |            |
| 263. | Chameleon                      |          |        |            |
| 264. | Agama lizard                   |          |        |            |
| 265. | Skink                          |          |        |            |
| 266. | Gecko                          |          |        |            |
| 267. | Monitor lizard ( <i>damo</i> ) |          |        |            |
| 268. | Monitor lizard ( <i>xx</i> )   |          |        |            |
| 269. | Toad                           |          |        |            |
| 270. | Frog                           |          |        |            |
| 271. | Tortoise                       |          |        |            |
| 272. | Snake (Generic)                |          |        |            |
| 273. | Spitting cobra                 |          |        |            |
| 274. | Python                         |          |        |            |
| 275. | Turtle                         |          |        |            |
| 276. | Crab                           |          |        |            |
| 277. | River molluscs                 |          |        |            |

<sup>11</sup> (*Manis tricuspis*)<sup>12</sup> (*Erythrocebus patas*)<sup>13</sup> (*Cercopithecus aethiops*)<sup>14</sup> (*Colobus polykomos*)<sup>15</sup> (*Cretomyces* sp.)<sup>16</sup> (*Thryonomys Swinderianus*)<sup>17</sup> (*Atelerix albiventris*)<sup>18</sup> (*Lepus Crawshayi*)

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|------|------------------------------|----------|--------|------------|
| 278. | Fish (generic)               |          |        |            |
| 279. | Tilapia (spp.)               |          |        |            |
| 280. | Puffer fish <sup>19</sup>    |          |        |            |
| 281. | Catfish (spp.) <sup>20</sup> |          |        |            |
| 282. | Nile Perch <sup>21</sup>     |          |        |            |
| 283. | Electric fish <sup>22</sup>  |          |        |            |
| 284. | Bird (generic)               |          |        |            |
| 285. | Chicken                      |          |        |            |
| 286. | Cock                         |          |        |            |
| 287. | *Duck (Domestic)             |          |        |            |
| 288. | Pigeon (Domestic)            |          |        |            |
| 289. | Guinea-fowl                  |          |        |            |
| 290. | Hooded Vulture <sup>23</sup> |          |        |            |
| 291. | Village Weaver <sup>24</sup> |          |        |            |
| 292. | Cattle-egret <sup>25</sup>   |          |        |            |
| 293. | Black kite <sup>26</sup>     |          |        |            |
| 294. | Standard-wing Night-jar      |          |        |            |
| 295. | Owl (various spp.)           |          |        |            |
| 296. | Grey Parrot <sup>27</sup>    |          |        |            |
| 297. | Senegal Coucal <sup>28</sup> |          |        |            |
| 298. | Bush-fowl/partridge          |          |        |            |
| 299. | Swallow                      |          |        |            |
| 300. | *Pied crow <sup>29</sup>     |          |        |            |
| 301. | Woodpecker                   |          |        |            |
| 302. | Insect (Generic)             |          |        |            |
| 303. | Scorpion                     |          |        |            |
| 304. | Butterfly                    |          |        |            |
| 305. | Dragon-fly                   |          |        |            |
| 306. | Mosquito                     |          |        |            |
| 307. | Spider <sup>30</sup>         |          |        |            |
| 308. | Mason wasp <sup>31</sup>     |          |        |            |

<sup>19</sup> (*Tetraodon fahaka*)

<sup>20</sup> (*Synodontis* spp.)

<sup>21</sup> (*Lates niloticus*)

<sup>22</sup> (*Malapterurus electricus*)

<sup>23</sup> (*Neophron monachus*)

<sup>24</sup> (*Ploceus cucullatus*)

<sup>25</sup> (*Ardeola ibis*)

<sup>26</sup> (*Milvus migrans*)

<sup>27</sup> (*Poicephalus senegalus*)

<sup>28</sup> (*Centropus* spp.)

<sup>29</sup> (*Corvus albus*)

<sup>30</sup> (*Acarina* spp.)

<sup>31</sup> (*Belenogaster* spp.)

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|------|--------------------|----------|--------|------------|
| 309. | Bee                |          |        |            |
| 310. | Sweat-fly          |          |        |            |
| 311. | Sandfly            |          |        |            |
| 312. | Housefly           |          |        |            |
| 313. | Ant (Generic)      |          |        |            |
| 314. | Louse (Human)      |          |        |            |
| 315. | Millipede          |          |        |            |
| 316. | Cockroach          |          |        |            |
| 317. | Termite            |          |        |            |
| 318. | Flying-ant         |          |        |            |
| 319. | Grasshopper        |          |        |            |
| 320. | Praying mantis     |          |        |            |
| 321. | Firefly            |          |        |            |
| 322. | Giant Cricket      |          |        |            |
| 323. | Earthworm          |          |        |            |
| 324. | Giant Snail        |          |        |            |
| 325. | Soap (Traditional) |          |        |            |
| 326. | Oil                |          |        |            |
| 327. | Fat/grease         |          |        |            |
| 328. | Salt               |          |        |            |
| 329. | Soup/stew          |          |        |            |
| 330. | Porridge           |          |        |            |
| 331. | Sorghum-beer       |          |        |            |
| 332. | Palm-wine          |          |        |            |
| 333. | Peelings           |          |        |            |
| 334. | Filter             |          |        |            |
| 335. | Rag                |          |        |            |
| 336. | Floor-beater       |          |        |            |
| 337. | Handle (of tool)   |          |        |            |
| 338. | Sickle             |          |        |            |
| 339. | Cutlass            |          |        |            |
| 340. | Iron               |          |        |            |
| 341. | Axe                |          |        |            |
| 342. | Adze               |          |        |            |
| 343. | Hoe I              |          |        |            |
| 344. | Hoe II             |          |        |            |
| 345. | Hoe III            |          |        |            |
| 346. | Hammer             |          |        |            |
| 347. | Knife              |          |        |            |
| 348. | Comb               |          |        |            |
| 349. | Broom              |          |        |            |
| 350. | Bag                |          |        |            |

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|------|--------------------|----------|--------|------------|
| 351. | Sack               |          |        |            |
| 352. | Fireplace          |          |        |            |
| 353. | Shoe               |          |        |            |
| 354. | Cloth              |          |        |            |
| 355. | Grindstone (top)   |          |        |            |
| 356. | Grindstone (lower) |          |        |            |
| 357. | Mortar (wood)      |          |        |            |
| 358. | Pestle             |          |        |            |
| 359. | Pot (generic)      |          |        |            |
| 360. | Pot I              |          |        |            |
| 361. | Pot II             |          |        |            |
| 362. | Pot III            |          |        |            |
| 363. | Pot IV             |          |        |            |
| 364. | Head-pad           |          |        |            |
| 365. | Basket (generic)   |          |        |            |
| 366. | Basket I           |          |        |            |
| 367. | Basket II          |          |        |            |
| 368. | Winnowing tray     |          |        |            |
| 369. | Mat (generic)      |          |        |            |
| 370. | Mat I              |          |        |            |
| 371. | Needle             |          |        |            |
| 372. | Spear              |          |        |            |
| 373. | Bow                |          |        |            |
| 374. | Arrow              |          |        |            |
| 375. | Quiver             |          |        |            |
| 376. | Chain              |          |        |            |
| 377. | Rope               |          |        |            |
| 378. | Stool              |          |        |            |
| 379. | Wooden door        |          |        |            |
| 380. | Fence              |          |        |            |
| 381. | Bridge             |          |        |            |
| 382. | Ladder             |          |        |            |
| 383. | Canoe              |          |        |            |
| 384. | Paddle             |          |        |            |
| 385. | Bee-hive           |          |        |            |
| 386. | Fish-Net           |          |        |            |
| 387. | Fish-trap I        |          |        |            |
| 388. | Fish-trap II       |          |        |            |
| 389. | Fish-trap III      |          |        |            |
| 390. | Snare              |          |        |            |
| 391. | One                |          |        |            |
| 392. | Two                |          |        |            |

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|------|-----------------------|----------|--------|------------|
| 393. | Three                 |          |        |            |
| 394. | Four                  |          |        |            |
| 395. | Five                  |          |        |            |
| 396. | Six                   |          |        |            |
| 397. | Seven                 |          |        |            |
| 398. | Eight                 |          |        |            |
| 399. | Nine                  |          |        |            |
| 400. | Ten                   |          |        |            |
| 401. | Eleven                |          |        |            |
| 402. | Twelve                |          |        |            |
| 403. | Twenty                |          |        |            |
| 404. | Twenty-four           |          |        |            |
| 405. | Forty                 |          |        |            |
| 406. | Sixty                 |          |        |            |
| 407. | Eighty                |          |        |            |
| 408. | Hundred               |          |        |            |
| 409. | Black                 |          |        |            |
| 410. | White                 |          |        |            |
| 411. | Red                   |          |        |            |
| 412. | Sweet                 |          |        |            |
| 413. | Bitter                |          |        |            |
| 414. | Half                  |          |        |            |
| 415. | Hot                   |          |        |            |
| 416. | Cold                  |          |        |            |
| 417. | Old                   |          |        |            |
| 418. | New                   |          |        |            |
| 419. | Wet                   |          |        |            |
| 420. | Dry                   |          |        |            |
| 421. | Smooth                |          |        |            |
| 422. | Add to                |          |        |            |
| 423. | Answer (question)     |          |        |            |
| 424. | Arrive                |          |        |            |
| 425. | Ask a question        |          |        |            |
| 426. | Ask/beg for something |          |        |            |
| 427. | Awaken (s.o.)         |          |        |            |
| 428. | Bark (dog)            |          |        |            |
| 429. | Be bent               |          |        |            |
| 430. | Be heavy              |          |        |            |
| 431. | Be on (s.t.)          |          |        |            |
| 432. | Be rotten             |          |        |            |
| 433. | Be short              |          |        |            |
| 434. | Beat (drum)           |          |        |            |

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|------|-----------------------|----------|--------|------------|
| 435. | Beat (s.o.)           |          |        |            |
| 436. | Become dry            |          |        |            |
| 437. | Begin                 |          |        |            |
| 438. | Bite                  |          |        |            |
| 439. | Blow (flute etc.)     |          |        |            |
| 440. | Boil                  |          |        |            |
| 441. | Build (house etc.)    |          |        |            |
| 442. | Burn (fire burns)     |          |        |            |
| 443. | Bury                  |          |        |            |
| 444. | Buy                   |          |        |            |
| 445. | Call (to someone)     |          |        |            |
| 446. | Carry                 |          |        |            |
| 447. | Carve (wood etc.)     |          |        |            |
| 448. | Catch                 |          |        |            |
| 449. | Chew                  |          |        |            |
| 450. | Choose                |          |        |            |
| 451. | Climb                 |          |        |            |
| 452. | Close                 |          |        |            |
| 453. | Come                  |          |        |            |
| 454. | Come out (of room)    |          |        |            |
| 455. | Continue (to do s.t.) |          |        |            |
| 456. | Cook                  |          |        |            |
| 457. | Cough                 |          |        |            |
| 458. | Count                 |          |        |            |
| 459. | Cover                 |          |        |            |
| 460. | Cut down (tree)       |          |        |            |
| 461. | Cut in two            |          |        |            |
| 462. | Cut off (head etc.)   |          |        |            |
| 463. | Dance                 |          |        |            |
| 464. | Die                   |          |        |            |
| 465. | Dig (earth etc.)      |          |        |            |
| 466. | Divide/share          |          |        |            |
| 467. | Do/make               |          |        |            |
| 468. | Drag                  |          |        |            |
| 469. | Draw water            |          |        |            |
| 470. | Dream                 |          |        |            |
| 471. | Drink                 |          |        |            |
| 472. | Drop                  |          |        |            |
| 473. | Dry in sun            |          |        |            |
| 474. | Eat                   |          |        |            |
| 475. | Enter                 |          |        |            |
| 476. | Extinguish            |          |        |            |

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|------|-------------------|----------|--------|------------|
| 477. | Fall (rain)       |          |        |            |
| 478. | Fall over         |          |        |            |
| 479. | Fear              |          |        |            |
| 480. | Feel (cold etc.)  |          |        |            |
| 481. | Fight (in war)    |          |        |            |
| 482. | Fill              |          |        |            |
| 483. | Finish (a task)   |          |        |            |
| 484. | Float             |          |        |            |
| 485. | Flog              |          |        |            |
| 486. | Flow (water etc.) |          |        |            |
| 487. | Fly (birds)       |          |        |            |
| 488. | Fold (cloth etc.) |          |        |            |
| 489. | Follow            |          |        |            |
| 490. | Forget            |          |        |            |
| 491. | Fry (in oil)      |          |        |            |
| 492. | Gather/collect    |          |        |            |
| 493. | Get               |          |        |            |
| 494. | Give              |          |        |            |
| 495. | Give birth        |          |        |            |
| 496. | Go                |          |        |            |
| 497. | Go out/exit       |          |        |            |
| 498. | Grind             |          |        |            |
| 499. | Grow (plants)     |          |        |            |
| 500. | Hatch (egg)       |          |        |            |
| 501. | Have              |          |        |            |
| 502. | Hear              |          |        |            |
| 503. | Hit/strike (drum) |          |        |            |
| 504. | Hoe               |          |        |            |
| 505. | Hunt              |          |        |            |
| 506. | Jump              |          |        |            |
| 507. | Kill              |          |        |            |
| 508. | Kneel             |          |        |            |
| 509. | Know              |          |        |            |
| 510. | Laugh             |          |        |            |
| 511. | Learn             |          |        |            |
| 512. | Lick              |          |        |            |
| 513. | Lie down          |          |        |            |
| 514. | Listen            |          |        |            |
| 515. | Lose s.t.         |          |        |            |
| 516. | Marry             |          |        |            |
| 517. | Mix               |          |        |            |
| 518. | Mould (pot)       |          |        |            |

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|------|--------------------|----------|--------|------------|
| 519. | Mount              |          |        |            |
| 520. | Open               |          |        |            |
| 521. | Pierce/stab        |          |        |            |
| 522. | Plait (hair)       |          |        |            |
| 523. | Plant (crop etc.)  |          |        |            |
| 524. | Play               |          |        |            |
| 525. | Pound (in mortar)  |          |        |            |
| 526. | Pour (liquid)      |          |        |            |
| 527. | Pull               |          |        |            |
| 528. | Push               |          |        |            |
| 529. | Put on (clothes)   |          |        |            |
| 530. | Receive            |          |        |            |
| 531. | Refuse             |          |        |            |
| 532. | 'Remain'           |          |        |            |
| 533. | Remember           |          |        |            |
| 534. | Resemble           |          |        |            |
| 535. | Return             |          |        |            |
| 536. | Ride (horse etc.)  |          |        |            |
| 537. | Roast on coals     |          |        |            |
| 538. | Rub                |          |        |            |
| 539. | Run                |          |        |            |
| 540. | Say/speak          |          |        |            |
| 541. | Scatter            |          |        |            |
| 542. | See                |          |        |            |
| 543. | Seek               |          |        |            |
| 544. | Sell               |          |        |            |
| 545. | Send               |          |        |            |
| 546. | Set trap           |          |        |            |
| 547. | Sew                |          |        |            |
| 548. | Shake              |          |        |            |
| 549. | Sharpen            |          |        |            |
| 550. | Shoot (arrow, gun) |          |        |            |
| 551. | Sing               |          |        |            |
| 552. | Sit down           |          |        |            |
| 553. | Slaughter (animal) |          |        |            |
| 554. | Sleep              |          |        |            |
| 555. | Smash              |          |        |            |
| 556. | Smell              |          |        |            |
| 557. | Snap in two        |          |        |            |
| 558. | Sow seeds          |          |        |            |
| 559. | Spit               |          |        |            |
| 560. | Split              |          |        |            |

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|------|--------------------|----------|--------|------------|
| 561. | Stand              |          |        |            |
| 562. | Steal              |          |        |            |
| 563. | Stir (soup)        |          |        |            |
| 564. | Suck (breast etc.) |          |        |            |
| 565. | Surpass            |          |        |            |
| 566. | Swallow            |          |        |            |
| 567. | Sweep              |          |        |            |
| 568. | Swell              |          |        |            |
| 569. | Swim               |          |        |            |
| 570. | Take               |          |        |            |
| 571. | Tear (cloth etc.)  |          |        |            |
| 572. | Tell               |          |        |            |
| 573. | Throw              |          |        |            |
| 574. | Tie                |          |        |            |
| 575. | Touch              |          |        |            |
| 576. | Twist (rope etc.)  |          |        |            |
| 577. | Untie              |          |        |            |
| 578. | Uproot (tuber)     |          |        |            |
| 579. | Vomit              |          |        |            |
| 580. | Walk               |          |        |            |
| 581. | Want/need          |          |        |            |
| 582. | Wash               |          |        |            |
| 583. | Wear               |          |        |            |
| 584. | Weave              |          |        |            |
| 585. | Weed               |          |        |            |
| 586. | Weep               |          |        |            |
| 587. | Wipe               |          |        |            |
| 588. | Work               |          |        |            |
| 589. | Yawn               |          |        |            |
| 590. | I                  |          |        |            |
| 591. | You                |          |        |            |
| 592. | He/she/it          |          |        |            |
| 593. | we                 |          |        |            |
| 594. | you pl.            |          |        |            |
| 595. | They               |          |        |            |
| 596. | Who?               |          |        |            |
| 597. | Which?             |          |        |            |
| 598. | What?              |          |        |            |
| 599. | When?              |          |        |            |
| 600. | Where?             |          |        |            |
|      | Exclamations       |          |        |            |
| 601. |                    |          |        |            |
|      | Adverbs            |          |        |            |

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|------|----------------|----------|--------|------------|
| 602. |                |          |        |            |
|      | Particles etc. |          |        |            |
| 603. |                |          |        |            |

### Edible and Useful Plants

| NO.  | Gloss                                        | Singular | Plural | Commentary |
|------|----------------------------------------------|----------|--------|------------|
| 604. | Guinea-yam <sup>32</sup>                     |          |        |            |
| 605. | Aerial yam <sup>33</sup>                     |          |        |            |
| 606. | Red yam <sup>34</sup>                        |          |        |            |
| 607. | Water-yam <sup>35</sup>                      |          |        |            |
| 608. | Taro (Old cocoyam) <sup>36</sup>             |          |        |            |
| 609. | New cocoyam <sup>37*</sup>                   |          |        |            |
| 610. | Cassava <sup>*38</sup>                       |          |        |            |
| 611. | Sweet potato <sup>*39</sup>                  |          |        |            |
| 612. | Wild yam I                                   |          |        |            |
| 613. | Wild yam II                                  |          |        |            |
| 614. | Tumuku <sup>40</sup>                         |          |        |            |
| 615. | Rizga <sup>41</sup>                          |          |        |            |
| 616. | Sorghum <sup>42</sup>                        |          |        |            |
| 617. | 3-month Sorghum <sup>43</sup>                |          |        |            |
| 618. | Bulrush millet <sup>44</sup> ( <i>gero</i> ) |          |        |            |
| 619. | Bulrush millet<br>( <i>maiwa</i> )           |          |        |            |
| 620. | Eleusine <sup>*45</sup>                      |          |        |            |
| 621. | Fonio ( <i>H. acca</i> ) <sup>46</sup>       |          |        |            |
| 622. | Iburu ( <i>H. iburu</i> ) <sup>47</sup>      |          |        |            |
| 623. | Maize <sup>*48</sup>                         |          |        |            |
| 624. | Rice <sup>*49</sup>                          |          |        |            |
| 625. | Cowpea <sup>50</sup>                         |          |        |            |

<sup>32</sup> (*Dioscorea guineensis*)

<sup>33</sup> (*Dioscorea bulbifera*)

<sup>34</sup> (*Dioscorea cayenensis*)

<sup>35</sup> (*Dioscorea alata*)

<sup>36</sup> (*Colocasia esculenta*)

<sup>37</sup> (*Xanthosoma mafaffa*) (*H. wali*)

<sup>38</sup> (*Manihot esculenta*)

<sup>39</sup> (*Ipomoea batatas*)

<sup>40</sup> (*Plectranthus esculentus*)

<sup>41</sup> (*Solenostemon rotundifolius*)

<sup>42</sup> (*Sorghum bicolor*)

<sup>43</sup> (*H. jigaari*)

<sup>44</sup> (*Pennisetum* spp.)

<sup>45</sup> (*H. tamba*) (*Eleusine coracana*)

<sup>46</sup> (*Digitaria exilis*)

<sup>47</sup> (*Digitaria iburua*)

<sup>48</sup> (*Zea mays*)

<sup>49</sup> (*Oryza sativa/ glaberrima*)

<sup>50</sup> (*Vigna unguiculata*)

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|------|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|------------|
| 626. | Spiral cowpea                       |          |        |            |
| 627. | Lima bean <sup>51*</sup>            |          |        |            |
| 628. | Other beans I                       |          |        |            |
| 629. | Other beans II                      |          |        |            |
| 630. | Other beans III                     |          |        |            |
| 631. | Bambara groundnut <sup>52</sup>     |          |        |            |
| 632. | Kersting's groundnut <sup>53</sup>  |          |        |            |
| 633. | Groundnut (Peanut) <sup>54</sup>    |          |        |            |
| 634. | Tiger-nut <sup>55</sup>             |          |        |            |
| 635. | Garden egg <sup>56</sup>            |          |        |            |
| 636. | Okra <sup>57</sup>                  |          |        |            |
| 637. | Chili pepper* (large) <sup>58</sup> |          |        |            |
| 638. | Birdseye chili* <sup>59</sup>       |          |        |            |
| 639. | Onion ( <i>Allium cepa</i> )        |          |        |            |
| 640. | Garlic <sup>60</sup>                |          |        |            |
| 641. | Tomato <sup>61</sup>                |          |        |            |
| 642. | Egusi melon <sup>62</sup>           |          |        |            |
| 643. | Melon (other) <sup>63</sup>         |          |        |            |
| 644. | Edible squash <sup>64</sup>         |          |        |            |
| 645. | Sorrel/roselle <sup>65</sup>        |          |        |            |
| 646. | Jews' mallow <sup>66</sup>          |          |        |            |
| 647. | Kenaf <sup>67</sup>                 |          |        |            |
| 648. | Sesame seeds <sup>68</sup>          |          |        |            |
| 649. | Black sesame <sup>69</sup>          |          |        |            |
| 650. | Sesame leaves <sup>70</sup>         |          |        |            |
| 651. | Bitterleaf <sup>71</sup>            |          |        |            |
| 652. | Waterleaf* <sup>72</sup>            |          |        |            |

<sup>51</sup> (*Phaseolus lunatus*)<sup>52</sup> (*Vigna subterranea*)<sup>53</sup> (*Macrotyloma geocarpa*)<sup>54</sup> (*Arachis hypogaea*)<sup>55</sup> (*Cyperus esculentus*)<sup>56</sup> (*Solanum melongena*)<sup>57</sup> (*Abelmoschus esculentus*)<sup>58</sup> (*Capsicum frutescens*)<sup>59</sup> (*Capsicum annuum*)<sup>60</sup> (*Allium sativum*)<sup>61</sup> (*Lycopersicon esculentum*)<sup>62</sup> (*Citrullus lanatus*)<sup>63</sup> (*Cucumis* spp)<sup>64</sup> (*Cucurbita pepo*)<sup>65</sup> (*H. yakuwa*) (*Hibiscus sabdariffa*)<sup>66</sup> (*H. lalo*) (*Corchorus olitorius*)<sup>67</sup> (*H. rama*) (*Hibiscus cannabinus*)<sup>68</sup> (*H. Riđi*) (*Sesamum indicum*)<sup>69</sup> (*Sesamum radiatum*)<sup>70</sup> (*H. karkashi*)<sup>71</sup> *Vernonia amygdalina*<sup>72</sup> (*Amaranthus* spp)

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|------|----------------------------------------|----------|--------|------------|
| 653. | Plantain ( <i>Musa</i> AAB)            |          |        |            |
| 654. | Banana ( <i>Musa</i> AAA)              |          |        |            |
| 655. | Orange* <sup>73</sup>                  |          |        |            |
| 656. | Bamboo                                 |          |        |            |
| 657. | Pineapple* <sup>74</sup>               |          |        |            |
| 658. | Coconut* <sup>75</sup>                 |          |        |            |
| 659. | Pawpaw* <sup>76</sup>                  |          |        |            |
| 660. | Gourd (Generic)                        |          |        |            |
| 661. | Gourd-bottle <sup>77</sup>             |          |        |            |
| 662. | Gourd (spherical) <sup>78</sup>        |          |        |            |
| 663. | Other gourds                           |          |        |            |
| 664. | Cotton                                 |          |        |            |
| 665. | Tobacco*                               |          |        |            |
| 666. | Sugar-cane*                            |          |        |            |
| 667. | Loofah <sup>79</sup> (H. <i>soso</i> ) |          |        |            |
| 668. | Cola                                   |          |        |            |
| 669. | Oil-palm <sup>80</sup>                 |          |        |            |
| 670. | Palm-fruit                             |          |        |            |
| 671. | Palm-oil                               |          |        |            |
| 672. | Palm kernel                            |          |        |            |
| 673. | Raphia/ bamboo palm <sup>81</sup>      |          |        |            |
| 674. | Fan-palm <sup>82</sup>                 |          |        |            |
| 675. | Monkey-guava <sup>83</sup>             |          |        |            |
| 676. | Canarium tree <sup>84</sup>            |          |        |            |
| 677. | Custard apple <sup>85</sup>            |          |        |            |
| 678. | Wild date-palm <sup>86</sup>           |          |        |            |
| 679. | Baobab <sup>87</sup>                   |          |        |            |
| 680. | Silk-cotton tree <sup>88</sup>         |          |        |            |
| 681. | Shea tree <sup>89</sup>                |          |        |            |
| 682. | Shea-fruit                             |          |        |            |
| 683. | Locust tree <sup>90</sup>              |          |        |            |

<sup>73</sup> (*Citrus sinensis*)<sup>74</sup> (*Ananas comosus*)<sup>75</sup> (*Cocos nucifera*)<sup>76</sup> (*Carica papaya*)<sup>77</sup> (*Lagenaria siceraria*)<sup>78</sup> (*Cucurbita maxima*)<sup>79</sup> (*Luffa cylindrica*)<sup>80</sup> (*Elaeis guineensis*)<sup>81</sup> (*Raphia* spp.)<sup>82</sup> (*Borassus aethiopum*)<sup>83</sup> (*Diospyros mespiliformis*)<sup>84</sup> (*Canarium schweinfurthii*)<sup>85</sup> (*Annona senegalensis*)<sup>86</sup> (*Phoenix reclinata*)<sup>87</sup> (*Adansonia digitata*)<sup>88</sup> (*Ceiba pentandra*)<sup>89</sup> (*Vitellaria paradoxa*)<sup>90</sup> (*Parkia biglobosa*)

| NO.  | Gloss                               | Singular | Plural | Commentary |
|------|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|------------|
| 684. | Locust fruit                        |          |        |            |
| 685. | Locust-bean cakes                   |          |        |            |
| 686. | Tamarind <sup>91</sup>              |          |        |            |
| 687. | Sodom apple <sup>92</sup>           |          |        |            |
| 688. | <i>Terminalia</i> sp. <sup>93</sup> |          |        |            |
| 689. | Black plum <sup>94</sup>            |          |        |            |

### Musical Instruments

| NO.  | Gloss           | Singular | Plural | Commentary |
|------|-----------------|----------|--------|------------|
| 690. | Drum I          |          |        |            |
| 691. | Drum II         |          |        |            |
| 692. | Drum III        |          |        |            |
| 693. | Flute           |          |        |            |
| 694. | Zither          |          |        |            |
| 695. | Lute            |          |        |            |
| 696. | Xylophone       |          |        |            |
| 697. | Harp            |          |        |            |
| 698. | Transverse horn |          |        |            |
| 699. | Clarinet        |          |        |            |
| 700. | Iron gong       |          |        |            |
| 701. | Gourd-rattle    |          |        |            |
| 702. | Ankle rattles   |          |        |            |

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<sup>91</sup> (*Tamarindus indica*)

<sup>92</sup> (*Calotropis procera* H. tumfafiya)

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<sup>94</sup> (*Vitex doniana*)

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