

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

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## 1. Introduction

This is an annotated wordlist of the Nunku language, spoken in xx village in Plateau State, Nigeria. The wordlist was collected by Barau Kato with the assistance of xx from a group of villagers in Nunku on the xxth of xx 2003. Main informants were Rabi Jummai Abubakar, Cini Hadiza Abdulhamid, Mohammed Sani and Mohammed Salisu.

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.

The orthographic conventions are those of Mada, Barau Kato’s home language, with mid-tone marked with a macron.

## 2. Location, history and sociolinguistic situation

### 2.1 Nomenclature

### 2.2 Location and settlements

### 2.3 Language status

### 2.4 Nunku culture and history

## 3. Phonology

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

### 3.1 Vowels

Nunku probably has seven phonemic vowels;

|                  | <b>Front</b> | <b>Central</b> | <b>Back</b> |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| <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**

Nunku consonants are as follows:

|             | <b>Bilabial</b> | <b>Labio-dental</b> | <b>Alveolar</b> | <b>Alveopalata</b> | <b>Palata</b> | <b>Velar</b> | <b>Labial-velar</b> | <b>Glottal</b> |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Plosive     | p b             |                     | t d             |                    | [c] j         | k g          | (kp)                |                |
| Nasal       | m               |                     | n               |                    |               | ŋ            |                     |                |
| Trill       |                 |                     | [r]             |                    |               |              |                     |                |
| Fricative   |                 | f v                 | s z             | ʃ ʒ                |               | ɣ            |                     | h              |
| Approximant |                 |                     |                 |                    | y             |              | w                   |                |
| Lateral     |                 |                     | l               |                    |               |              |                     |                |
| Approximant |                 |                     |                 |                    |               |              |                     |                |
| Implosive   | ɓ               |                     | ɗ               |                    |               |              |                     |                |

**3.3 Tones**

**4. Morphology**

**4.1 Nouns**

**Gloss**                      **sg.**                      **pl.**

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**5. Lexical comparison and the classification of Nunku**

## 6. Nunku wordlist

| NO. | Gloss           | Singular       | Plural | Commentary |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|--------|------------|
| 1.  | Tree (generic)  | <b>cəŋ</b>     |        |            |
| 2.  | Leaf            | <b>mgbā</b>    |        |            |
| 3.  | Root            | <b>sé</b>      |        |            |
| 4.  | Branch          |                |        |            |
| 5.  | Bark (of tree)  |                |        |            |
| 6.  | Thorn           |                |        |            |
| 7.  | Grass (generic) | <b>gágá</b>    |        |            |
| 8.  | Vine (generic)  |                |        |            |
| 9.  | Mushroom        | <b>nĩtsĩ</b>   |        |            |
| 10. | Water-lily      |                |        |            |
| 11. | Algae           |                |        |            |
| 12. | Seed/stone/pip  |                |        |            |
| 13. | Charcoal        |                |        |            |
| 14. | Dust            |                |        |            |
| 15. | Ashes           | <b>tɔ</b>      |        |            |
| 16. | Rubbish-heap    |                |        |            |
| 17. | Mud             |                |        |            |
| 18. | Clay            |                |        |            |
| 19. | Dew             |                |        |            |
| 20. | Stone           | <b>gbuntá</b>  |        |            |
| 21. | Sand            | <b>gbūwú</b>   |        |            |
| 22. | Smoke           | <b>ntsāŋ</b>   |        |            |
| 23. | Fire            | <b>ló</b>      |        |            |
| 24. | Water           | <b>mīʃən</b>   |        |            |
| 25. | Rain            |                |        |            |
| 26. | Cloud           |                |        |            |
| 27. | Lightning       |                |        |            |
| 28. | Rainy Season    |                |        |            |
| 29. | Dry season      |                |        |            |
| 30. | Harmattan       |                |        |            |
| 31. | Year            | <b>sé</b>      |        |            |
| 32. | Today           | <b>ləŋ</b>     |        |            |
| 33. | Yesterday       | <b>ləlè</b>    |        |            |
| 34. | Tomorrow        | <b>mblé</b>    |        |            |
| 35. | Morning         | <b>mbləmbɛ</b> |        |            |
| 36. | Evening         | <b>nūŋlò</b>   |        |            |
| 37. | Dawn            |                |        |            |
| 38. | Day             |                |        |            |
| 39. | Night           | <b>bū</b>      |        |            |
| 40. | Moon/month      |                |        |            |

| NO. | Gloss              | Singular        | Plural       | Commentary |
|-----|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| 41. | Sun                |                 |              |            |
| 42. | Star(s)            |                 |              |            |
| 43. | Wind               | <b>cúcu</b>     |              |            |
| 44. | God                | <b>Ràk</b>      |              |            |
| 45. | Sky                |                 |              |            |
| 46. | World              |                 |              |            |
| 47. | Ground             | <b>mimì</b>     |              |            |
| 48. | Large River        |                 |              |            |
| 49. | Stream             | <b>có</b>       |              |            |
| 50. | Lake, pond         |                 |              |            |
| 51. | Forest             |                 |              |            |
| 52. | Mountain           |                 |              |            |
| 53. | Hill               |                 |              |            |
| 54. | Bush               | <b>gǎgá</b>     |              |            |
| 55. | Farm               | <b>ró</b>       |              |            |
| 56. | Field              |                 |              |            |
| 57. | Market*            | <b>dáp</b>      |              |            |
| 58. | Compound           |                 |              |            |
| 59. | Room               | <b>kabâ</b>     |              |            |
| 60. | Wall (of room)     |                 |              |            |
| 61. | Thatch roof        |                 |              |            |
| 62. | Granary            |                 |              |            |
| 63. | Well               |                 |              |            |
| 64. | Road               | <b>nkɔn</b>     |              |            |
| 65. | Path               |                 |              |            |
| 66. | Village/settlement |                 |              |            |
| 67. | River-bank         |                 |              |            |
| 68. | Swamp/wetland      |                 |              |            |
| 69. | Place              | <b>mkpā</b>     |              |            |
| 70. | Person/people      | <b>wúyā</b>     | <b>nǐjír</b> |            |
| 71. | Man                | <b>wúyā</b>     |              |            |
| 72. | Woman              | <b>yāmbā</b>    |              |            |
| 73. | Child              | <b>vǎvǎn</b>    |              |            |
| 74. | Husband            | <b>lǎlǎm</b>    |              |            |
| 75. | Wife               | <b>yāmbā</b>    |              |            |
| 76. | Widow              |                 |              |            |
| 77. | Young man          | <b>vǎnzâ</b>    |              |            |
| 78. | Young girl         | <b>vǎyāmbā</b>  |              |            |
| 79. | Old person         | <b>kpó wúyā</b> |              |            |
| 80. | Father             | <b>tī</b>       |              |            |
| 81. | Mother             | <b>zhīŋ</b>     |              |            |
| 82. | Barren woman       |                 |              |            |

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| NO.  | Gloss            | Singular      | Plural | Commentary |
|------|------------------|---------------|--------|------------|
| 83.  | Relations        |               |        |            |
| 84.  | Ancestors        |               |        |            |
| 85.  | Grandparents     |               |        |            |
| 86.  | Grandchild       |               |        |            |
| 87.  | Brother          | <b>vízhín</b> |        |            |
| 88.  | Sister           |               |        |            |
| 89.  | Friend           |               |        |            |
| 90.  | Guest/stranger   | <b>cām</b>    |        |            |
| 91.  | King/chief/ruler | <b>càm</b>    |        |            |
| 92.  | Hunter           |               |        |            |
| 93.  | Thief            |               |        |            |
| 94.  | Doctor           |               |        |            |
| 95.  | Witch            | <b>tōn</b>    |        |            |
| 96.  | Corpse           | <b>nkám</b>   |        |            |
| 97.  | Blacksmith       |               |        |            |
| 98.  | Woodworker       |               |        |            |
| 99.  | Slave            |               |        |            |
| 100. | Masquerade I     | <b>mbwē</b>   |        |            |
| 101. | Masquerade II    |               |        |            |
| 102. | Masquerade III   |               |        |            |
| 103. | Masquerade IV    |               |        |            |
| 104. | Prophecy         |               |        |            |
| 105. | Shame            | <b>shīshā</b> |        |            |
| 106. | Fear/fright      |               |        |            |
| 107. | Bravery/courage  |               |        |            |
| 108. | Laughter         | <b>mlă</b>    |        |            |
| 109. | Wisdom           |               |        |            |
| 110. | Guilt            |               |        |            |
| 111. | Anger            | <b>mfū</b>    |        |            |
| 112. | Race/running     |               |        |            |
| 113. | Suffering        | <b>iyă</b>    |        |            |
| 114. | Death            | <b>kū</b>     |        |            |
| 115. | Name             | <b>sā</b>     |        |            |
| 116. | Grave            | <b>jūjū</b>   |        |            |
| 117. | Song             | <b>sóŋ</b>    |        |            |
| 118. | Proverb          |               |        |            |
| 119. | Story            |               |        |            |
| 120. | Word             |               |        |            |
| 121. | Lie              | <b>mù</b>     |        |            |
| 122. | News             |               |        |            |
| 123. | Hunger           | <b>ŋánzá</b>  |        |            |
| 124. | Horn             |               |        |            |

| NO.  | Gloss              | Singular       | Plural            | Commentary |
|------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|
| 125. | Tail               |                |                   |            |
| 126. | Egg                | <b>kpóŋ</b>    |                   |            |
| 127. | Wing               | <b>mgbā</b>    |                   |            |
| 128. | Beak               | <b>nū</b>      |                   |            |
| 129. | Nest               |                |                   |            |
| 130. | Feather            | <b>mfū</b>     |                   |            |
| 131. | Gum/glue           |                |                   |            |
| 132. | Ant-hill           |                |                   |            |
| 133. | Hole in ground     |                |                   |            |
| 134. | Hole in tree       |                |                   |            |
| 135. | Smell              |                |                   |            |
| 136. | Poison             |                |                   |            |
| 137. | Load               |                |                   |            |
| 138. | Bundle             |                |                   |            |
| 139. | Firewood           | <b>kūnkwōn</b> |                   |            |
| 140. | Stick              |                |                   |            |
| 141. | Yam-heap           |                |                   |            |
| 142. | War                |                |                   |            |
| 143. | Work               | <b>ndú</b>     |                   |            |
| 144. | Divination (types) |                |                   |            |
| 145. | Medicine (generic) |                |                   |            |
| 146. | Money              | <b>kūjǐ</b>    |                   |            |
| 147. | Shadow             |                |                   |            |
| 148. | Thing              | <b>kì</b>      | <b>mgbúmgbúmé</b> |            |
| 149. | Strength           |                |                   |            |
| 150. | Length             |                |                   |            |
| 151. | Land/country       |                |                   |            |
| 152. | Sleep              | <b>kúnnā</b>   |                   |            |
| 153. | Disease(generic)   |                |                   |            |
| 154. | Smallpox           |                |                   |            |
| 155. | Diarrhoea          |                |                   |            |
| 156. | Eczema             |                |                   |            |
| 157. | Goitre             |                |                   |            |
| 158. | Boil               |                |                   |            |
| 159. | Sore/wound         |                |                   |            |
| 160. | Leprosy            |                |                   |            |
| 161. | Head               | <b>tu</b>      |                   |            |
| 162. | Eye                | <b>biǐ</b>     |                   |            |
| 163. | Face               |                |                   |            |
| 164. | Cheek              |                |                   |            |
| 165. | Forehead           | <b>cí</b>      |                   |            |
| 166. | Nose               | <b>muré</b>    |                   |            |

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| NO.  | Gloss             | Singular     | Plural | Commentary |
|------|-------------------|--------------|--------|------------|
| 167. | Ear               | tōn          |        |            |
| 168. | Mouth             | nū           |        |            |
| 169. | Tooth             | nyón         |        |            |
| 170. | Tongue            | lólón        |        |            |
| 171. | Throat            | mlók         |        |            |
| 172. | Neck              | tō           |        |            |
| 173. | Jaw               | kúkú yīkóhân |        |            |
| 174. | Chin              |              |        |            |
| 175. | Shoulder          |              |        |            |
| 176. | Armpit            |              |        |            |
| 177. | Fist              |              |        |            |
| 178. | Arm               |              |        |            |
| 179. | Hand              | ngwón        |        |            |
| 180. | Leg               | zá           |        |            |
| 181. | Foot              |              |        |            |
| 182. | Thigh             |              |        |            |
| 183. | Knee              |              |        |            |
| 184. | Nail (Finger/toe) |              |        |            |
| 185. | Female breast     | sósá         |        |            |
| 186. | Stomach           | nē           |        |            |
| 187. | Chest             | sā           |        |            |
| 188. | Navel             |              |        |            |
| 189. | Back              | gōn          |        |            |
| 190. | Buttocks          | cón          |        |            |
| 191. | Penis             |              |        |            |
| 192. | Vagina            |              |        |            |
| 193. | Skin              |              |        |            |
| 194. | Bone              | kúkú         |        |            |
| 195. | Rib               | gáwūsá       |        |            |
| 196. | Vein              |              |        |            |
| 197. | Blood             | zhizhi       |        |            |
| 198. | Breath            | vri          |        |            |
| 199. | Tear              | māfī         |        |            |
| 200. | Saliva            | ntè          |        |            |
| 201. | Sweat             | wūkpá        |        |            |
| 202. | Urine             | mīmbī        |        |            |
| 203. | Faeces            |              |        |            |
| 204. | Hair              | mfùtù        |        |            |
| 205. | Beard             |              |        |            |
| 206. | Liver             |              |        |            |
| 207. | Heart             |              |        |            |
| 208. | Intestines        | mgbálé       |        |            |

| NO.  | Gloss                        | Singular     | Plural       | Commentary |
|------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| 209. | Body                         | <b>kpá</b>   |              |            |
| 210. | Meat                         | <b>ná</b>    |              |            |
| 211. | Animal (Bush)                |              |              |            |
| 212. | *Camel                       |              |              |            |
| 213. | Cow                          | <b>lāndò</b> |              |            |
| 214. | Bull                         |              |              |            |
| 215. | Calf                         |              |              |            |
| 216. | Goat                         | <b>vűwû</b>  | <b>műwû</b>  |            |
| 217. | He-goat                      |              |              |            |
| 218. | Castrated goat               |              |              |            |
| 219. | Sheep                        |              |              |            |
| 220. | Ram                          | <b>nkrù</b>  |              |            |
| 221. | Castrated sheep              |              |              |            |
| 222. | Dog                          |              |              |            |
| 223. | *Cat                         |              |              |            |
| 224. | *Pig                         |              |              |            |
| 225. | *Horse                       | <b>nyà</b>   | <b>nīnyā</b> |            |
| 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>     | <b>klǎ</b>               | <b>nīklá</b>             |                           |
| 245. | Vervet monkey <sup>13</sup>    |                          |                          |                           |
| 246. | Colobus monkey <sup>14</sup>   |                          |                          |                           |
| 247. | Squirrel (ground)              |                          |                          |                           |
| 248. | Squirrel (tree)                |                          |                          |                           |
| 249. | Rat (generic)                  | <b>cì</b>                | <b>nīcì</b>              |                           |
| 250. | Bush-rat I                     | <b>ngòr cəm</b>          |                          | small, striped            |
| 251. | Bush-rat II                    | <b>cí wūkâp</b>          |                          | house rat                 |
| 252. | Bush-rat III                   | <b>pataŋ</b>             |                          |                           |
| 253. | Bush-rat IV                    | <b>rīcì</b>              |                          | eats chickens (mongoose?) |
| 254. | Giant rat <sup>15</sup>        | <b>kpūr</b>              | <b>nīkpūr</b>            |                           |
| 255. | Fat mouse                      | <b>mpūr</b>              | <b>nīmpūr</b>            |                           |
| 256. | Pygmy mouse                    | <b>nīcībwarī</b>         |                          |                           |
| 257. | Grasscutter <sup>16</sup>      |                          |                          |                           |
| 258. | Hedgehog <sup>17</sup>         | <b>jìntò</b>             | <b>jīntò</b>             |                           |
| 259. | Hare <sup>18</sup>             | <b>vìzhìm</b>            | <b>nìzhìm</b>            |                           |
| 260. | House-bat                      | <b>lāmgbìr</b>           | <b>nīmgbìr</b>           |                           |
| 261. | Fruit-bat                      | <b>mākpār</b>            | <b>nīmkpār</b>           |                           |
| 262. | Nile crocodile                 |                          |                          |                           |
| 263. | Chameleon                      | <b>glò</b>               |                          |                           |
| 264. | Agama lizard                   |                          |                          |                           |
| 265. | Skink                          |                          |                          |                           |
| 266. | Gecko                          | <b>kpálákpúkpa<br/>k</b> | <b>kpálákpúkpa<br/>k</b> |                           |
| 267. | Monitor lizard ( <i>damo</i> ) |                          |                          |                           |
| 268. | Monitor lizard ( <i>xx</i> )   | <b>hlò</b>               |                          |                           |
| 269. | Toad                           |                          |                          |                           |
| 270. | Frog                           | <b>gbúlú</b>             | <b>gbúlú</b>             |                           |
| 271. | Tortoise                       |                          |                          |                           |
| 272. | Snake (Generic)                | <b>wǎ</b>                |                          |                           |
| 273. | Spitting cobra                 |                          |                          |                           |
| 274. | Python                         |                          |                          |                           |
| 275. | Turtle                         |                          |                          |                           |
| 276. | Crab                           |                          |                          |                           |

<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*)

| NO.  | Gloss                        | Singular            | Plural        | Commentary |
|------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------|
| 277. | River molluscs               |                     |               |            |
| 278. | Fish (generic)               | <b>hwyì</b>         |               |            |
| 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                      | <b>vúkò</b>         | <b>múkò</b>   |            |
| 286. | Cock                         | <b>gbàk</b>         | <b>nìgbák</b> |            |
| 287. | *Duck (Domestic)             | <b>kāzārābá</b>     | —             |            |
| 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      | <b>kānkācì</b>      |               |            |
| 295. | Owl (various spp.)           |                     |               |            |
| 296. | Grey Parrot <sup>27</sup>    |                     |               |            |
| 297. | Senegal Coucal <sup>28</sup> | <b>kpókpò nālám</b> |               |            |
| 298. | Bush-fowl/partridge          |                     |               |            |
| 299. | Swallow                      | <b>vācēkú</b>       |               |            |
| 300. | *Pied crow <sup>29</sup>     |                     |               |            |
| 301. | Woodpecker                   |                     |               |            |
| 302. | Insect (Generic)             |                     |               |            |
| 303. | Scorpion                     | <b>lālān</b>        |               |            |
| 304. | Butterfly                    | <b>bìkò</b>         |               |            |
| 305. | Dragon-fly                   |                     |               |            |
| 306. | Mosquito                     | <b>wù</b>           | <b>nūwú</b>   |            |
| 307. | Spider <sup>30</sup>         | <b>kàlèntǎn</b>     |               |            |
| 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.)

| NO.  | Gloss              | Singular         | Plural | Commentary |
|------|--------------------|------------------|--------|------------|
| 309. | Bee                |                  |        |            |
| 310. | Sweat-fly          |                  |        |            |
| 311. | Sandfly            |                  |        |            |
| 312. | Housefly           |                  |        |            |
| 313. | Ant (Generic)      |                  |        |            |
| 314. | Louse (Human)      |                  |        |            |
| 315. | Millipede          |                  |        |            |
| 316. | Cockroach          |                  |        |            |
| 317. | Termite            | <b>gbàdân</b>    |        |            |
| 318. | Flying-ant         | <b>béjūjū</b>    |        |            |
| 319. | Grasshopper        |                  |        |            |
| 320. | Praying mantis     |                  |        |            |
| 321. | Firefly            |                  |        |            |
| 322. | Giant Cricket      |                  |        |            |
| 323. | Earthworm          |                  |        |            |
| 324. | Giant Snail        |                  |        |            |
| 325. | Soap (Traditional) |                  |        |            |
| 326. | Oil                | <b>nyè</b>       |        |            |
| 327. | Fat/grease         |                  |        |            |
| 328. | Salt               | <b>mmāŋ</b>      |        |            |
| 329. | Soup/stew          | <b>nōŋ</b>       |        |            |
| 330. | Porridge           | <b>mǎn</b>       |        |            |
| 331. | Sorghum-beer       |                  |        |            |
| 332. | Palm-wine          |                  |        |            |
| 333. | Peelings           |                  |        |            |
| 334. | Filter             |                  |        |            |
| 335. | Rag                | <b>gbájáŋklô</b> |        |            |
| 336. | Floor-beater       |                  |        |            |
| 337. | Handle (of tool)   |                  |        |            |
| 338. | Sickle             |                  |        |            |
| 339. | Cutlass            | <b>dǎ</b>        |        |            |
| 340. | Iron               |                  |        |            |
| 341. | Axe                |                  |        |            |
| 342. | Adze               |                  |        |            |
| 343. | Hoe I              | <b>nklá</b>      |        |            |
| 344. | Hoe II             |                  |        |            |
| 345. | Hoe III            | <b>pétényān</b>  |        | < Hausa    |
| 346. | Hammer             |                  |        |            |
| 347. | Knife              | <b>njí</b>       |        |            |
| 348. | Comb               |                  |        |            |

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

| NO.  | Gloss              | Singular        | Plural | Commentary |
|------|--------------------|-----------------|--------|------------|
| 349. | Broom              | <b>n̄klák</b>   |        |            |
| 350. | Bag                | <b>bō</b>       |        |            |
| 351. | Sack               |                 |        |            |
| 352. | Fireplace          |                 |        |            |
| 353. | Shoe               | <b>kpálāzá</b>  |        |            |
| 354. | Cloth              |                 |        |            |
| 355. | Grindstone (top)   | <b>nōnā</b>     |        |            |
| 356. | Grindstone (lower) |                 |        |            |
| 357. | Mortar (wood)      | <b>jí</b>       |        |            |
| 358. | Pestle             | <b>nkwən</b>    |        |            |
| 359. | Pot (generic)      | <b>tsà</b>      |        |            |
| 360. | Pot I              |                 |        |            |
| 361. | Pot II             |                 |        |            |
| 362. | Pot III            |                 |        |            |
| 363. | Pot IV             |                 |        |            |
| 364. | Head-pad           |                 |        |            |
| 365. | Basket (generic)   | <b>sà</b>       |        |            |
| 366. | Basket I           |                 |        |            |
| 367. | Basket II          |                 |        |            |
| 368. | Winnowing tray     | <b>múmū</b>     |        |            |
| 369. | Mat (generic)      |                 |        |            |
| 370. | Mat I              |                 |        |            |
| 371. | Needle             | <b>nnūr</b>     |        |            |
| 372. | Spear              | <b>gbī</b>      |        |            |
| 373. | Bow                | <b>tətá</b>     |        |            |
| 374. | Arrow              | <b>gbi</b>      |        |            |
| 375. | Quiver             |                 |        |            |
| 376. | Chain              |                 |        |            |
| 377. | Rope               | <b>mgbórək</b>  |        |            |
| 378. | Stool              | <b>nūlānkōn</b> |        |            |
| 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              |                 |        |            |

| NO.  | Gloss                 | Singular             | Plural | Commentary |
|------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------|------------|
| 391. | One                   | <b>zhǎn</b>          |        |            |
| 392. | Two                   | <b>xā</b>            |        |            |
| 393. | Three                 | <b>tár</b>           |        |            |
| 394. | Four                  | <b>nās</b>           |        |            |
| 395. | Five                  | <b>tun</b>           |        |            |
| 396. | Six                   | <b>tānnì</b>         |        |            |
| 397. | Seven                 | <b>tāngbà</b>        |        |            |
| 398. | Eight                 | <b>tāndār</b>        |        |            |
| 399. | Nine                  | <b>tīyār</b>         |        |            |
| 400. | Ten                   | <b>wúr</b>           |        |            |
| 401. | Eleven                | <b>wúr tānī zhǎn</b> |        |            |
| 402. | Twelve                | <b>etc.</b>          |        |            |
| 403. | Twenty                |                      |        |            |
| 404. | Twenty-four           |                      |        |            |
| 405. | Forty                 |                      |        |            |
| 406. | Sixty                 |                      |        |            |
| 407. | Eighty                |                      |        |            |
| 408. | Hundred               |                      |        |            |
| 409. | Black                 |                      |        |            |
| 410. | White                 |                      |        |            |
| 411. | Red                   |                      |        |            |
| 412. | Sweet                 | <b>mən</b>           |        |            |
| 413. | Bitterness            | <b>úlǎk</b>          |        |            |
| 414. | Half                  | <b>īnkí</b>          |        |            |
| 415. | Hot                   | <b>mkrǎ</b>          |        |            |
| 416. | Cold                  | <b>mvrú</b>          |        |            |
| 417. | Old                   | <b>kpúkpwk</b>       |        |            |
| 418. | New                   | <b>áxǎr</b>          |        |            |
| 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              | <b>úlǎk</b>          |        | heaviness  |
| 431. | Be on (s.t.)          |                      |        |            |
| 432. | Be rotten             |                      |        |            |

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| NO.  | Gloss                 | Singular       | Plural | Commentary |
|------|-----------------------|----------------|--------|------------|
| 433. | Be short              |                |        |            |
| 434. | Beat (drum)           |                |        |            |
| 435. | Beat (s.o.)           |                |        |            |
| 436. | Become dry            |                |        |            |
| 437. | Begin                 |                |        |            |
| 438. | Bite                  |                |        |            |
| 439. | Blow (flute etc.)     |                |        |            |
| 440. | Boil                  | <b>cúzá</b>    |        |            |
| 441. | Build (house etc.)    |                |        |            |
| 442. | Burn (fire burns)     |                |        |            |
| 443. | Bury                  |                |        |            |
| 444. | Buy                   | <b>láp</b>     |        |            |
| 445. | Call (to someone)     |                |        |            |
| 446. | Carry                 |                |        |            |
| 447. | Carve (wood etc.)     |                |        |            |
| 448. | Catch                 |                |        |            |
| 449. | Chew                  |                |        |            |
| 450. | Choose                |                |        |            |
| 451. | Climb                 |                |        |            |
| 452. | Close                 |                |        |            |
| 453. | Come                  | <b>nyě</b>     |        |            |
| 454. | Come out (of room)    |                |        |            |
| 455. | Continue (to do s.t.) |                |        |            |
| 456. | Cook                  | <b>sû</b>      |        |            |
| 457. | Cough                 | <b>sěkūklô</b> |        |            |
| 458. | Count                 |                |        |            |
| 459. | Cover                 | <b>kúwà</b>    |        |            |
| 460. | Cut down (tree)       |                |        |            |
| 461. | Cut in two            |                |        |            |
| 462. | Cut off (head etc.)   |                |        |            |
| 463. | Dance                 | <b>ólōr</b>    |        |            |
| 464. | Die                   | <b>kū</b>      |        |            |
| 465. | Dig (earth etc.)      |                |        |            |
| 466. | Divide/share          |                |        |            |
| 467. | Do/make               |                |        |            |
| 468. | Drag                  |                |        |            |
| 469. | Draw water            |                |        |            |
| 470. | Dream                 | <b>tírómlà</b> |        |            |
| 471. | Drink                 | <b>sō</b>      |        |            |
| 472. | Drop                  |                |        |            |
| 473. | Dry in sun            |                |        |            |
| 474. | Eat                   | <b>lĩ</b>      |        |            |

| NO.  | Gloss             | Singular      | Plural | Commentary |
|------|-------------------|---------------|--------|------------|
| 475. | Enter             |               |        |            |
| 476. | Extinguish        |               |        |            |
| 477. | Fall (rain)       |               |        |            |
| 478. | Fall over         |               |        |            |
| 479. | Fear              | <b>l̄l̄l̄</b> |        |            |
| 480. | Feel (cold etc.)  |               |        |            |
| 481. | Fight (in war)    | <b>mgbú</b>   |        |            |
| 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                | <b>kúyâr</b>  |        |            |
| 497. | Go out/exit       |               |        |            |
| 498. | Grind             |               |        |            |
| 499. | Grow (plants)     |               |        |            |
| 500. | Hatch (egg)       |               |        |            |
| 501. | Have              |               |        |            |
| 502. | Hear              | <b>w̄l̄é</b>  |        |            |
| 503. | Hit/strike (drum) |               |        |            |
| 504. | Hoe               |               |        |            |
| 505. | Hunt              |               |        |            |
| 506. | Jump              |               |        |            |
| 507. | Kill              | <b>ngŭn</b>   |        |            |
| 508. | Kneel             |               |        |            |
| 509. | Know              |               |        |            |
| 510. | Laugh             | <b>mlāk</b>   |        |            |
| 511. | Learn             |               |        |            |
| 512. | Lick              |               |        |            |
| 513. | Lie down          | <b>jākŭr</b>  |        |            |
| 514. | Listen            |               |        |            |
| 515. | Lose s.t.         |               |        |            |
| 516. | Marry             |               |        |            |

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|------|--------------------|--------------|--------|------------|
| 517. | Mix                |              |        |            |
| 518. | Mould (pot)        |              |        |            |
| 519. | Mount              |              |        |            |
| 520. | Open               | <b>bǔ</b>    |        |            |
| 521. | Pierce/stab        |              |        |            |
| 522. | Plait (hair)       | <b>lǎk</b>   |        |            |
| 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             | <b>kpākā</b> |        |            |
| 532. | 'Remain'           |              |        |            |
| 533. | Remember           |              |        |            |
| 534. | Resemble           |              |        |            |
| 535. | Return             |              |        |            |
| 536. | Ride (horse etc.)  |              |        |            |
| 537. | Roast on coals     |              |        |            |
| 538. | Rub                | <b>gbà</b>   |        |            |
| 539. | Run                | <b>klǔ</b>   |        |            |
| 540. | Say/speak          | <b>lé</b>    |        |            |
| 541. | Scatter            |              |        |            |
| 542. | See                | <b>yǎk</b>   |        |            |
| 543. | Seek               |              |        |            |
| 544. | Sell               |              |        |            |
| 545. | Send               | <b>ǰǎr</b>   |        |            |
| 546. | Set trap           |              |        |            |
| 547. | Sew                |              |        |            |
| 548. | Shake              |              |        |            |
| 549. | Sharpen            |              |        |            |
| 550. | Shoot (arrow, gun) |              |        |            |
| 551. | Sing               | <b>dǎk</b>   |        |            |
| 552. | Sit down           | <b>jāsôn</b> |        |            |
| 553. | Slaughter (animal) | <b>khàk</b>  |        |            |
| 554. | Sleep              | <b>nà</b>    |        |            |
| 555. | Smash              |              |        |            |
| 556. | Smell              |              |        |            |
| 557. | Snap in two        |              |        |            |
| 558. | Sow seeds          |              |        |            |

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|------|--------------------|---------------|--------|------------|
| 559. | Spit               |               |        |            |
| 560. | Split              |               |        |            |
| 561. | Stand              | <b>klî</b>    |        |            |
| 562. | Steal              | <b>zhí</b>    |        |            |
| 563. | Stir (soup)        |               |        |            |
| 564. | Suck (breast etc.) | <b>màn</b>    |        |            |
| 565. | Surpass            |               |        |            |
| 566. | Swallow            |               |        |            |
| 567. | Sweep              |               |        |            |
| 568. | Swell              |               |        |            |
| 569. | Swim               |               |        |            |
| 570. | Take               | <b>bǎr</b>    |        |            |
| 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               | <b>zǎn</b>    |        |            |
| 581. | Want/need          |               |        |            |
| 582. | Wash               | <b>nyǎn</b>   |        |            |
| 583. | Wear               |               |        |            |
| 584. | Weave              |               |        |            |
| 585. | Weed               |               |        |            |
| 586. | Weep               |               |        |            |
| 587. | Wipe               |               |        |            |
| 588. | Work               | <b>nāndón</b> |        |            |
| 589. | Yawn               | <b>ṅār ṅā</b> |        |            |
| 590. | I                  | <b>ṅgà</b>    |        |            |
| 591. | You                | <b>wà</b>     |        |            |
| 592. | He/she/it          | <b>wá</b>     |        |            |
| 593. | we                 | <b>tǎ</b>     |        |            |
| 594. | you pl.            | <b>xā</b>     |        |            |
| 595. | They               | <b>bá</b>     |        |            |
| 596. | Who?               | <b>íṅṅ</b>    |        |            |
| 597. | Which?             | <b>kātá</b>   |        |            |
| 598. | What?              | <b>īṅgí</b>   |        |            |
| 599. | When?              | <b>nīntǎ</b>  |        |            |
| 600. | Where?             | <b>mē</b>     |        |            |

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|------|----------------|----------|--------|------------|
|      | Exclamations   |          |        |            |
| 601. |                |          |        |            |
|      | Adverbs        |          |        |            |
| 602. |                |          |        |            |
|      | Particles etc. |          |        |            |
| 603. |                |          |        |            |

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| 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>                        | <b>kpú</b>     |        |            |
| 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 (H. <i>acca</i> ) <sup>46</sup>        | <b>bínklók</b> |        |            |
| 622. | Iburu (H. <i>iburu</i> ) <sup>47</sup>       | <b>bíncám</b>  |        |            |
| 623. | Maize <sup>*48</sup>                         | <b>úgbú</b>    |        |            |

<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*)

| NO.  | Gloss                               | Singular         | Plural | Commentary |
|------|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------|------------|
| 624. | Rice* <sup>49</sup>                 | <b>bíjǎmpā</b>   |        |            |
| 625. | Cowpea <sup>50</sup>                | <b>bíkyân</b>    |        |            |
| 626. | Spiral cowpea                       |                  |        |            |
| 627. | Lima bean <sup>51*</sup>            |                  |        |            |
| 628. | Other beans I                       | <b>bísǎn</b>     |        |            |
| 629. | Other beans II                      |                  |        |            |
| 630. | Other beans III                     |                  |        |            |
| 631. | Bambara groundnut <sup>52</sup>     | <b>bímfi</b>     |        |            |
| 632. | Kersting's groundnut <sup>53</sup>  |                  |        |            |
| 633. | Groundnut (Peanut) <sup>54</sup>    | <b>bíkpat jā</b> |        |            |
| 634. | Tiger-nut <sup>55</sup>             |                  |        |            |
| 635. | Garden egg <sup>56</sup>            | <b>gbārlū</b>    |        |            |
| 636. | Okra <sup>57</sup>                  | <b>ndǎn</b>      |        |            |
| 637. | Chili pepper* (large) <sup>58</sup> | <b>ʃī</b>        |        |            |
| 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>        | <b>mgbǎʃé</b>    |        |            |
| 646. | Jews' mallow <sup>66</sup>          |                  |        |            |
| 647. | Kenaf <sup>67</sup>                 | <b>nkwǎn</b>     |        |            |
| 648. | Sesame seeds <sup>68</sup>          | <b>bíndâ</b>     |        |            |
| 649. | Black sesame <sup>69</sup>          |                  |        |            |
| 650. | Sesame leaves <sup>70</sup>         |                  |        |            |

<sup>49</sup> (*Oryza sativa/ glaberrima*)<sup>50</sup> (*Vigna unguiculata*)<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*)

| NO.  | Gloss                                   | Singular        | Plural | Commentary |
|------|---|-----------------|--------|------------|
| 651. | Bitterleaf <sup>71</sup>                | <b>mgbāntân</b> |        |            |
| 652. | Waterleaf <sup>*72</sup>                |                 |        |            |
| 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>                   | <b>kùbúrwì</b>  |        |            |
| 660. | Gourd (Generic)                         |                 |        |            |
| 661. | Gourd-bottle <sup>77</sup>              |                 |        |            |
| 662. | Gourd (spherical) <sup>78</sup>         |                 |        |            |
| 663. | Other gourds                            |                 |        |            |
| 664. | Cotton                                  |                 |        |            |
| 665. | Tobacco <sup>*</sup>                    |                 |        |            |
| 666. | Sugar-cane <sup>*</sup>                 |                 |        |            |
| 667. | Loofah <sup>79</sup> ( <i>H. soso</i> ) |                 |        |            |
| 668. | Cola                                    |                 |        |            |
| 669. | Oil-palm <sup>80</sup>                  | <b>cíní lík</b> |        |            |
| 670. | Palm-fruit                              | <b>tú lík</b>   |        |            |
| 671. | Palm-oil                                | <b>nyésān</b>   |        |            |
| 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>          |                 |        |            |

<sup>70</sup> (*H. karkashi*)<sup>71</sup> *Vernonia amygdalina*<sup>72</sup> (*Amaranthus spp*)<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*)

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|------|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|------------|
| 681. | Shea tree <sup>89</sup>             |          |        |            |
| 682. | Shea-fruit                          |          |        |            |
| 683. | Locust tree <sup>90</sup>           | cín lɔ̀  |        |            |
| 684. | Locust fruit                        | hwá lɔ̀  |        |            |
| 685. | Locust-bean cakes                   | ʃɛ       |        |            |
| 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>89</sup> (*Vitellaria paradoxa*)

<sup>90</sup> (*Parkia biglobosa*)

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

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

<sup>93</sup> (*H. baushe*)

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

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