

Bafut reptiles and others

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N.B. These identifications were based on a preliminary workshop held in Bafut 24-27th January 2010. Bafut region has undergone severe ecological degradation and as a consequence, many plants and animals are now unfamiliar to people. As a consequence, identifications should be treated with caution.

Fish

IPA	O sg.	O pl.	Class	English	Latin	Comments
fibwè				fish generic		
fibwè fɪŋgòr				catfish	<i>Synodontis spp.</i>	lit. "mud fish"
fibwè fɪŋgá'á				tilapia	<i>Tilapia spp.</i>	lit. "scales"

Crustaceans

IPA	O sg.	O pl.	Class	English	Latin	Comments
bá'ámí mìyàà				millipede	<i>Iule spp.</i>	
nônìkàŋ				centipede		"snake of sky"
káá				land crab		
káá nùntjà'á				water crab		
àtà'á		ì		slug		
àtà'á ŋgórè				snail		
nínâŋndōŋè				big snail		people believe it makes sounds
ndóŋètá'á				freshwater shell		

Amphibians

IPA	O sg.	O pl.	Class	English	Comments
twóŋé				tadpole	people perceive it as a fish
fɪŋjòò				toad	
ànsò				frog sp.	small, lives in water, edible
ìnsàákèè				frog sp.	small, inedible, along river
fɪŋjófítí				tree frog sp.	

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Reptiles

Page numbers in Chirio & LeBreton (2007)

English	Latin	P	IPA	O sg.	O pl.	C	Comments
tortoise, generic			kwí m̩̀ɲkò'ò	kwi m̩̀ɲkò'ò			
hinged tortoise	<i>Kinixys erosa</i> & <i>K. homeana</i>	78	kwí m̩̀ɲkò'ò ̀ntá'à	kwi m̩̀ɲkò'ò ̀nta'à			
turtle	<i>Trionyx triunguis</i>	72	kwí m̩̀ɲkò'ò ̀àkò	kwi m̩̀ɲkò'ò ̀àkò			
agama lizard	<i>Agama agama</i>	152	mádʒùgê	madʒùgê			
chameleon	<i>Chameleo spp.</i>		nágínáγóó	nəginəghoo			
lizard spp.	<i>Adolfus africanus</i> but probably other lizards	212	kwè'éfò ñgũ	kwè'éfò ñgũ			
skink generic	<i>Scincidae</i>		̀ɲkònsè	̀ɲkònsè			
ornate monitor lizard	<i>Varanus ornatus</i>	310	kó'ó	kó'ó			
blind snake generic	<i>Rhinotyphlops spp.</i>	340	ájóónsjê	àyoonsyê			
Calabar sand boa	<i>Calabaria reinhardtii</i>	364	mánìbò̀ɲèbò̀ɲè	manìbò̀ɲèbò̀ɲè			
rock python	<i>Python sebae</i>	370	mé'éná	me'enə			
water snake generic	<i>Afonatrix anoscopus</i> but probably also other water snakes such as <i>Grayia</i> spp.	380	̀àbìbwéɲkì	̀àbìbwéɲki			
egg-eating snake generic	<i>Dasypeltis spp.</i>	404	swémbòò	swembòò			
green tree snake	<i>Dipsadoboa viridis</i> but probably other green snakes	418	kòrè	kòrè			
? black-lined green snake	<i>Hapsidophrys lineatus</i>	444	̀àfùnìfwê	̀àfùnìfwê			
brown house snake snake sp.	<i>Lamprophis fuliginosus</i>	456	̀àdʒùdʒù ̀àkà'arè	ajùjù ̀àkà'arè			
green mamba	<i>Dendroaspis jamesoni</i>	570	gì	gì			
forest cobra 'viper'	<i>Naja melanoleuca</i> and probably other cobras probably the Gaboon viper, <i>Bitis gabonica</i>	582	táɲəlòò ̀ndòntá'à	taɲəlòò ̀ndònta'à			

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