








Yamba material culture

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The items of material culture were brought by the Yamba literacy committee during the workshop in March 2009. I have divided them up by approximate semantic categories. The process of checking these is under way.

sg.	pl.	Definition	Image
Pots			
kūúŋ ncàk	kūúŋ ncāák	clay pot used for wine tapping and cooking	
Basketry			
ŋkòk	ŋkōók	back basket	
wàm	wàám	winnowing tray	
kwēs	kwēés	bamboo basket	
ŋgáá	—	food basket	
ŋgáá mbúŋ	—	food basket with stand	
bàp ŋkwèŋ	bàp ŋkwèéŋ	purse	
fù' mbúáp	?	fan	
Calabashes			
bès	bèés	water calabash	
gbuŋ	—	calabash with a thin neck for holding a small quantity of water	
kúkúóp	—	calabash for oil	

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kúró	—	calabash used to collect palmwine as it is tapped from the tree	
mbàhálák	—	calabash rattle	
mvè'	mvè'é	salt container hung from the ceiling	
ngàp lák	ngàáp lák	calabash used to serve fufu	
ngàp nzwéŋ	ngàáp nzwéŋ	drinking cup	
ngùèp, búsè	—	calabash used to share wine	
nsò bà̀m	nsò bāám	wine calabash always kept in a bag	
ntè'	—	wine calabash	
Bags			
bà̀m	bāám	shoulder bag	
bāám mbúŋ	—	arm bag	
Tools			
mbié	—	wine tapping knife	
ncók	—	small adze for cutting palm for wine	
Hunting			
swáŋ	—	fishing net	
Weapons			
kòŋ	kòóŋ	spear	

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fèk túb	fṣák túb	war cutlass	
mbá' fèk	mbá' fṣák	cutlass sheath	