

Nembe fish names

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indí	fish in general	
abadí-ítuḅuru	mojarra sp.	<i>Gerres</i> sp.
abáka-ikuli	sleeper sp.	family Eleotridae. Mispronounced form of abása-ikuli
ábaná	mudfish or barreto; conger eel	<i>Clarias</i> spp.; family Congridae
abaraká,	mullet sp.	family Mugilidae. cf. akúro,
abaraká-ìḍegé		ḅuḅakalamo, gbulu, ìḍegé, mòngini
abása-ikuli	sleeper sp. ('flat-headed sleeper')	family Eleotridae. Mispronounced as abáka-ikuli . cf. ikúli
aḅa	aba, a freshwater fish	<i>Gymnarchus niloticus</i>
aḅaláḍoweí	a cyprinid fish	<i>Leptocypris niloticus</i> variety
áḅìḅìnyanáideìḅurufìgha	small-mouthed fish; elephantfishes	family Mormyridae. lit. 'I have no mouth to eat my husband's food'
adi	a tilapiine fish sp.	family Cichlidae. cf. atán, elekéti, ìḅabalá, oḅkḅotḅa
afaru	Madeiran sardinella, when small	<i>Sardinella maderensis</i> . = ikerere . cf. búza, gbódo, kigbo, kparakpará
agbára	snapper in general ('adult snapper')	<i>Lutjanus</i> spp. Four common species are known: kesi agbará, kéun agbara, kokoin agbará, séun agbara
ágbagúru	snake-head	<i>Parachanna obscura</i> . = mumbeí, okoḅia
akata	saddled bichir	<i>Polypterus endlicheri endlicheri</i>
akúro	mullet sp. ('the hard-scaled mullet')	family Mugilidae. = akúro-ìḍegé . cf. abaraká, ḅuḅakalamo, gbulu, mòngini
akúro-ìḍegé	mullet sp.	family Mugilidae. = akúro . cf. ìḍegé
alapu-indí	tonguesole spp.	family Cynoglossidae. lit. 'chief of fish'
amgbakúro (okoroḅa)	small okoroḅa fish	<i>Tilapia</i> sp.
amgbóko	mudskipper	family Gobiidae, subfamily Oxudercinae. cf. itíla
anyín	catfish spp.	African butter catfish, <i>Schilbe mystus</i> ; catfish sp., <i>Parailia congica</i>
asalasa	unidentified fish sp.	
atán	cichlid sp.	family Cichlidae. cf. adi, elekéti, ìḅabalá, oḅkḅotḅa
azán	fish sp. resembling herring	
balá	West African ilisha ('Cameroon sardine or shade')	<i>Ilisha africana</i> . cf. ikpókpo
búza	Madeiran sardinella	<i>Sardinella maderensis</i> . = gbódo, kigbo . cf. afaru, ikerere, kparakpará
ḅerìḅerì	hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna</i> spp.
ḅìḅìpeìghá	blackchin guitarfish	<i>Rhinobatos cemiculus</i> . cf. egḅeìḅìḅìpeìgha
ḅólia	dolphin; dolphinfish	family Delphinidae [aquatic mammals, not fish]; <i>Coryphaena</i> sp.
ḅou-ìḍegé,	barbel	<i>Barbus</i> sp. lit. 'bush-mullet'. cf. ìḍegé
ḅou-ìḍegé		
ḅokḅo	largehead hairtail; ribbonfish	<i>Trichiurus lepturus</i> ; family Trachipteridae

húgumína, hugumína	toadfish	family Batrachoididae
huru-éperi hụọbákalamọ	moon fish mullet sp.	<i>Citharinus</i> sp. family Mugilidae. cf. abaraká, akúro, gbulu, idẹgẹ, mọnginjị
hura ḡowéi ḡowoi ḡoro	semutundu (a kind of catfish) a cyprinid fish; ladyfish tarpon barracuda	<i>Bagrus doctmac</i> <i>Leptocypris niloticus</i> ; ? <i>Elops</i> sp. <i>Megalops atlanticus</i> <i>Sphyræna</i> spp. cf. mindí-ógboro, ogborokílo
ébieséni eḡegu ekué elekéti	West African lungfish unidentified large catfish sp. jack; horse mackerel cichlid sp.	<i>Protopterus annectens</i> order Siluriformes family Carangidae. cf. sọkọ-ekué family Cichlidae. cf. adi, atán, itabalá, ọkpọtụba
elepein enumetandị	Niger hind tailspot ctenopoma; described as a freshwater catfish that climbs palm trees to eat the fruits	<i>Cephalopholis nigri</i> <i>Ctenopoma kingsleyae</i> . = ọdja
epelépele erému	razorfish greater soapfish ('the mother soapfish')	<i>Xyrichthys</i> sp. cf. pembu <i>Rypticus saponaceus</i>
eweri éḡetọru éḡelúḡelu	grass-eater unidentified fish sp. flatfish, e.g. dab or flounder; larger kinds are halibut, turbot; also loosely applied to small rays and skates	<i>Distichodus rostratus</i> order Pleuronectiformes (flatfish); order Rajiformes
edẹgẹre egẹleu eguruḡa egbein egbeinḡiḡipeigha ekperúkpereu eleḡelẹ epéte	unidentified fish sp. grunt spp. small fry of tilapiine fish spotted eagle ray white-spotted guitarfish small fry of mullet catfish sp. found only in ponds small specimen of ọfoyu , a freshwater fish	family Haemulidae family Cichlidae. cf. okoróḡa <i>Aetobatus narinari</i> <i>Rhinobatos albomaculatus</i> . cf. ḡiḡipeighá family Mugilidae. cf. idẹgẹ, iyagu, ózólólí <i>Clarias</i> sp. <i>Citharinus latus</i> . cf. ọfoyu
gbengu	sea catfish sp.	<i>Arius</i> sp. cf. isinjí, neḡú, neḡú, ọtío, sinjí
gbodo	Madeiran sardinella	<i>Sardinella maderensis</i> = búza, kigbo . cf. afaru, ikerere, kparakpara
gbúú gbulu, gbulu-idẹgẹ	croaker mullet sp. with a rounded head mullet sp. with a rounded head	family Sciaenidae family Mugilidae. cf. abaraká, akúro, hụọbákalamọ, idẹgẹ, mọnginjị family Mugilidae. = gbulu . cf. cf. isongu
iḡelúḡelu iḡuḡu iḡbékere	small fry of fish (in general?) globe fish sleeper sp. ('hard-scaled sleeper')	<i>Tetraodon lineatus</i> family Eleotridae
ikerere	small fry of Madeiran sardinella	<i>Sardinella maderensis</i> , = afaru . cf. búza, gbodo, kparakpara, kigbo
ikolokoló ikúli	characin sp. sleeper sp. ('mangrove sleeper')	order Characiformes. cf. isáḡu, ọkpain family Eleotridae. cf. abása-ikuli
ikpékere ikpókpo	unidentified fish sp. small fry of West African ilisha	<i>Ilisha africana</i> . cf. balá

indomina nungala	sleeper sp. ('little sleeper')	family Eleotridae
isongu	small fry of fish (in general?)	cf. ibelúbelu , indá-isongu
ituburú	flagfin mojarra	<i>Eucinostomus melanopterus</i>
idegę	mullet in general	family Mugilidae. cf. abaraká , abaraká-idegę , akúro , akúro-idegę , hou-idegę , bubakalamo , ekperúkpęru , gbulu , gbulu-idegę , mongini , ozololi
idegę-iyagu	small fry of mullet	family Mugilidae. cf. iyagu
ikutukutu	small specimen of horse mackerel	family Carangidae. cf. moron , pelia
indá	royal threadfin ('young shiny nose'; 'adult shiny nose')	<i>Pentanemus quinquarius</i>
indábara	giant African threadfin	<i>Polydactilis quadrifilis</i>
indábutu ,	lesser African threadfin	<i>Galeoides decadactylus</i>
indá eputu	('golden threadfish or shiny nose')	
indá-isongu ,	European anchovy	<i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> . cf. isongu
inda-isongu		
indányingi	threadfin sp.	family Polynemidae
iságu	characin sp.	order Characiformes. cf. ikokoló , okpai
isingi	large kind of otio , a sea catfish ('real grown catfish'; 'second-stage catfish'; 'young type catfish')	<i>Arius</i> sp. = singi . cf. gbengu , negu , nengu
itabalá	blackchin tilapia; spotted tilapia; redbelly tilapia; and other cichlid or tilapiine fish sp. ('river tilapia')	<i>Sarotheradon melanotheron melanotheron</i> ; <i>Tilapia mariae</i> ; <i>Tilapia zillii</i> ; and other family Cichlidae. cf. adi , atán , elekéti , okpotuba
itila	mudskipper	<i>Periophthalmus</i> spp. cf. amgboko
itufuru	snapper sp. which feeds on crabs	<i>Lutjanus</i> sp.
iyagu	small fry of fish, esp. mullet	e.g. family Mugilidae. cf. idegę-iyagu
kađi	tiger fish ('king of fish')	<i>Hydrocynus vittatus</i>
kala erému	soapfish sp. ('small soapfish')	? <i>Rypticus subbifrenatus</i> . cf. erému
kesi agbará	snapper sp.	<i>Lutjanus</i> sp. cf. agbara
kęun ,	African red snapper	<i>Lutjanus agennes</i> . cf. agbara
kęun agbara		
kigbo	Madeiran sardinella	<i>Sardinella maderensis</i> = búza , gbodo . cf. afaru , ikerere , kparakpará
kingirimangigha	largest type of ray	order Rajiformes
kina	Nile perch	<i>Lates niloticus</i>
kokoin	snapper sp.	<i>Lutjanus</i> sp.
kokoin agbará	snapper sp.	<i>Lutjanus</i> sp. cf. agbara
kugain	unidentified fish sp. ('he-goat fish')	? family Mullidae
kugala	spadefish	<i>Chaetodipterus</i> spp.
kpapupele	unidentified sea fish sp.	
kparakpará	Madeiran sardinella, at a certain stage of development	<i>Sardinella maderensis</i> . cf. afaru , búza , gbodo , ikerere , kigbo
mindí-agbopęleđo ,	sea horse	<i>Hippocampus</i> spp.
mindí-agbopęleđo		
mindí-apun	unidentified fish sp.	
mindí-ęleęęę	resembling roundworm	
mindí-ęleęęę	large catfish sp. found in streams	order Siluriformes
mindí-óbolia	snake eel sp. ('striped snake eel'); moray eel ('moray or painted eel')	family Ophichthidae; family Muraenidae. cf. ongorí

mindí-ófoní	flyingfish; butterfly ray	family Exocoetidae; <i>Gymnura</i> spp.
mindí-ógboro	barracuda	<i>Sphyræna</i> spp. cf. ḍorọ, ogborokílo
mọron	horse mackerel	family Carangidae. cf. íkútúkútú, péliá
móngí	dolphinfish; West African ladyfish	<i>Coryphaena</i> sp.; <i>Elops lacerta</i>
mónginjí	mullet sp. ('the soft-scaled mullet')	family Mugilidae. cf. abaraká, akúro, buọbakalamọ, gbulu, idẹgẹ, tunwan
mumbeí	snake-head	<i>Parachanna obscura</i> . = ágbagúru, okoḅia
neğú	sea catfish sp. ('the smallest sea catfish')	<i>Arius</i> sp. cf. gbengu, işingí, neğú, otíọ, şingí
neğú	sea catfish sp. ('the real sea catfish'; 'long-snouted sea catfish'; 'rigid sea catfish')	<i>Arius</i> sp. cf. gbengu, işingí, neğú, otíọ, şingí
ofo	African moony; angelfish	<i>Monodactylus sebae</i> ; family Pomacanthidae
ogúnuwarí	snapper sp.	<i>Lutjanus</i> sp. cf. agbára
ogbolo	heterotis	<i>Heterotis niloticus</i>
ogborokílo	barracuda	<i>Sphyræna</i> spp. cf. ḍorọ, mindí-ógboro
óki	sawfish	<i>Pristis</i> spp.
okoḅia	snake-head	<i>Parachanna obscura</i> . = ágbagúru, mumbeí
okoróḅa	small tilapiine fish	family Cichlidae. cf. ẹguruḅa
ókoróngo	meagre ('meagre drum sp.');	<i>Argyrosomus regius</i> ; <i>Umbrina</i> spp.
	drum	
okpómína	giant sea catfish ('broad-headed sea catfish')	<i>Arius gigas</i>
olókosinjí	catfish sp., described as sickly and emaciated with a big head and hollow and flabby sides	order Siluriformes
ongorí	snake eel sp.	family Ophichthidae. cf. mindí-óḅolía
osisí	snapper sp.; ? pignout grunt ('pigfish')	<i>Lutjanus</i> sp.;? <i>Pomadasyr rogerii</i> . cf. agbára
ọḅọru	unidentified freshwater fish sp.	
ọḍiá	tailspot ctenopoma	<i>Ctenopoma kingsleyae</i> . = enumetandj
ọḍíríma	shark and dogfish spp. ('slender, long-nosed shark'; 'long-nosed shark'), incl. tiger shark	order Squaliformes, incl. <i>Galeocерdo cuvier</i>
ọfọu	large specimen of ẹpẹte , a freshwater fish	<i>Citharinus latus</i> . cf. ẹpẹte
ọkpáin	characin sp.	order Characiformes. cf. ikolokoló, işágu
ọkpọkọkpọkọ	bubu, a freshwater catfish reputed to move supinely	<i>Auchenoglanis occidentalis</i>
ọkpọtuba	cichlid sp.	family Cichlidae. cf. adi, atán, elekéti, itabalá
ọná	meagre ('meagre drum'; 'croaker or large-mouth'; 'sea croaker')	<i>Argyrosomus regius</i>
ọna	geelbeck croaker ('small-mouth or weakfish')	<i>Atractoscion aequidens</i>
ọpipain	minnow sp., esp. one in salt water	family Cyprinidae
ọşikain	halfbeak spp.	family Hemiramphidae
ọşikasikaídu	very small and thin fish resembling ọşikain , halfbeak spp.	
ọşimamọmbọ	unidentified scaly fish sp.,	

osokisokí otífo	described as very tasty unidentified fish sp. small type of singí , a sea catfish	<i>Arius</i> sp. cf. gbengu, neǵú, neǵú
oma ozolóli	electric catfish small fry of fish, esp. mullet	<i>Malapterurus electricus</i> e.g. family Mugilidae. cf. ekperúkperu, ideǵé, iyagu order Rajiformes
pambawei	fish spp. with broad flat bodies; skates and rays	
pélia	Senegal jack; pompano sp.	<i>Caranx senegallus</i> ; family Carangidae. cf. morón, ikutúkutu
peǵmbu púla saídu	razorfish cassava croaker skate or ray sp., large in size; turbot	<i>Xyrichthys</i> sp. cf. epelépele <i>Pseudotolithus senegalensis</i> order Rajiformes; order Pleuronectiformes
seun, séún agbara sika	snapper sp. stingray; a small kind of ray or skate	<i>Lutjanus</i> sp. cf. agbára family Dasyatidae
singí	large kind of otífo , a sea catfish ('orange-coloured flesh catfish'; 'real grown catfish'; 'second-stage catfish'; 'young type catfish')	<i>Arius</i> sp. = isingí . cf. gbengu, neǵú, neǵú
sokq, sokq-ekué sonomasikó tunwan	unidentified fish sp. of the mackerel family mackerel sp. mullet sp. ('the large mullet')	family Carangidae. cf. ekué family Carangidae. family Mugilidae. cf. abaraká, akúro, buobakalamo, gbulu, ideǵé, mǵngini

Marine mammals

hólia	dolphin; dolphinfish	family Delphinidae; <i>Coryphaena</i> sp. [a fish]
émein peipeineǵi, peipeineǵi	manatee or sea-cow whale	<i>Trichechus senegalensis</i> order Cetacea

Marine invertebrates

álapá	jellyfish; medusa	class Scyphozoa. cf. iyoro-álapá, owei-álapá
búrumizi, burumizi	squid	order Teuthida
buruma, burumq	cuttlefish	order Sepiida
igboun imgba, ingba	'dog whelk' 'oyster', incl. oyster spat	class Gastropoda class Gastropoda
ifungoi isemi iyoro-álapá	'mussel' 'common periwinkle' (female) jellyfish with short flagella	class Bivalvia family Littorinidae cf. álapá, owei-álapá
olóko	'whelk or buckie'	class Gastropoda

owei-álapá

(male) jellyfish with long
flagella

cf. **álapá**, **iyorọ-álapá**

Names for parts of fish

kéguru	gizzard of mullets, bonga
ọfírìma-ìbẹ̀lẹ̀kì	shark-oil, from shark's liver
ọpọ̀rìmọ̀pọ̀	air bladder of sea-catfish; sound
ọsìbá	spine of fish; hard part in fin of fish; awn
sángolọbá	gills of fish; branchiae
sángolọbápio	gill chamber of fish
sángolọbafa	abranhial
siko¹	dorsal fin