GLOSSARY

Bodo Name English Meaning

Abwi Dangi A kind of tool made of bamboo

used by the Bodos to keep the

thing of curry goods

Agor Special female garment

Agrang God of water

Aham Guru The Supreme God of

traditional Bodos

Ailong God of earth

Alaikungri Bathou's daughter

Alari Bathi An earthen lamp which is made

of mud and put some oil on it

and thread is there for lighting

Alongikhangnai The first activity of the exorcist

of Doudini

Amthisua Agricultural rite observed in

the month of Ashara

(Assamese month)

Aronai Traditional scurf of Bodos

Ashansuri Bracelet

Asu Mainao Goddess of Asu rice crop

Athmangal Post marriage ceremony

Ba Five

Bagraja/Mwsaraja Monarch of the woods

Bakri Granary

Barlangpha A male person who leads by

carrying two earthen pitchers

during the marriage ceremony

Biban Two earthen pitchers which

consist of tea, sugar, rice, etc.

Bikhong The hollow scale

Bostha Thread mat

Buntha Paddy straw

Bwisagu A spring festival observed in

the middle of April

Bwrla Bow

Bwrma Goat

Cowri Coins

Dabka An earthen pot used to

preserved rice beer

Daha Garnai A ritual ceremony of offering

favourite foods to the deceased

Dahab An altar made with soil for

worshiping god

Dahal Shield

Dahra Bamboo mate

Dao-Bedor Chicken

Daodwi Egg

Dingdinga A kind of jungle grows in the

paddy field

Dokhna Traditional dress wears by the

Bodo women

Don A bamboo made basket

specially used in the marriage ceremony and religious

functions.

Doudini Female exorcist

Dwi Gwthar Holy water

Dwi Sarnai Ritual relating to naval fall

Dwihu Earthen jar

Dwori A male person who helped the

priest in the religious functions

Empwo Phithwb Cocoon

Gaihen Pestle

Gaiker Milk

Garja Hwnai A religious function performed

for the expulsion of evil spirit

Goi Khaonai Cutting of betel

Goi Phithai Betel fruit

Gotho Jaginai Child birth

Gothokdhar Act as a middle man for

marriage

Guphur Ji White cloth specially used to

cover the dead body

Gwkha-Gwkwi Janai Eating of bitter and testing sour

wild vegetables on the day of

Sankranti or day before the

first day of the Bwisagu.

Gwrbw Womb

Gwrbwao Thanai Pregnancy

Gwrjia Haba Matrilocal Marriage where

bridegroom used to stay at the

house of bride

Gwthwi Bathi Cradle made of bamboo to

carry the dead body for

disposal

Haba Marriage

Hagrani Mwdai Evil spirit

Hashib Gonsi Broom stick

Hashrao-Ha A loose soil

Hasini Rake

Hulabari A kind of bamboo stick for the

collection of bundle rice on

shoulder

Indi Eri tree

Jamphai Canal

Jaoja Ujinai Twin birth

Jathrasi A kind of plant used by the

Bodos in their religious

ceremonies

Je Net

Jekhai A fishing scoop

Jong Spear

Jotha Cymbal

Junar Phisinai Domestication of animals

Jungal Yoke

Jwmgra A kind of scarf hangs on the

shoulder by Bodo women

Jwo Gisi Rice beer

Jwr Phobnai Burying of placenta

Kada Basket

Kadwo Bamboo scoop

Kanai Sinnai Cutting of hair

Kathi Gasa Saonai Lightening of earthen lamp in

the paddy field in the month of

Karthik

Khabira Langnay The proposal of marriage

settlement by groom's family

Kham Drum

Khhhopri Bamboo made hat used as

umbrella

Kho Nest

Khobai A scoop for keeping fish

Khobos An amulet

Khodal Spade

Khoka

kind of fish trap

Khwma Thuphlongnai Ear perforation

Lama Mwkang In front of gate

Laru Lumpish made of rice powder

Maginai Begging of alms

Mai Hanai Cutting of rice paddy

Mainao Goddess of wealth

Mairong Uncooked rice

Maldang A huge rice container made of

clay

Mung Dwnnai Name giving

Muri Fried rice

Mushari Fishing net

Mwi Harrow

Mwi Dangur A kind of land equalizer made

of bamboo

Mwihur Kalamnai Hunting

Mwkra Koro A kind of utensil made of clay

used at the time of making

traditional wine

Mwsao Thukwinai Bathing of cow or bullock

Mwswo Goli Cow hut

Na Fish

Nangal Ploughshare

Nao Jaonai Boating

Narzi Orgarnai Chewing dried jute leave

Nirik Bosonai Hand over of bride to the

bridegroom's family by bride's

parent

Noma No Main House

Oja Priest

Okhaphwr Moon

Oma Pig

Oma Bedor Pork

On Grain rice

Onla Wngkri Traditional curry of the Bodos

Owa Bamboo

Owa Theol Bamboo slit

Phakri Bilai Pipal leaf

Phali Scarf

Pharwo Pigeon

Phathal Hell

Phathwi Betel leaf

Phobnai Buried

Pholan Hunter

Phuthuli Haba Doll marriage

Phwtharnai Purification

Pisa Jaginai Child birth

Pitha Cake made of powder rice

putting some sugar, coconut,

lit, etc.

Rang Jora A pair of coins

Royna Made of bamboo and wood to

make collectively the rice

Rua Axe

Rupha Silver

Samdang Jagarnai Giving free service for

matrilocal marriage

Sandanga Large sieve

Sandri Sieve

Saradhu A ritual ceremony performing

for death

Saya Shadow

Sen A kind of fish trap

Sewari Flat stick made of bamboo used

in weaving

Sijou Euphorbia splenden

Sika Dao

Sima A kind of cloth used in the

marriage ceremony

Sima Mwntham Three boundaries of human life

Siphung Flute

Songrai Winnowing fan

Sor Nangnai The death of either mother or

newly born baby or both at the

time of child birth

Sua Garnai Throwing of offering items at

the nearby river or beels

Suken A kind of straw separator made

of bamboo

Swima Dog

Thalir Bilai Banana leaf

Thalir Bipang Banana tree

Thalir Phithai Banana fruit

Thao Gubwi Mustard oil

Thaokri Spinning of yarn both from raw

cocoon and cotton

Thir Arrow

Thop Made of bamboo

Thulsi Basel tree

Thungri Sword

Thwinai Death

Uthumwi Hanai Cutting of umbilical cord

Uwal Mortar

Wngkam Dwonai Rice feeding

Wngkham Gwrlwi Janai Eating of new rice