## **GLOSSARY**

Bodo Term English Meaning

Alari Bathi An earthen lamp which is made

of mud adding fuel to it and use

Thread for lighting

Alasi Jalainai Visiting near and dear one

Achan Bangles

Aronai Traditional Scurf of Bodos

Aghor Embroidered design in Dhokona

Ailong Supreme god of traditional Bodos

Amtisua Rites beliefs on the agricultural on

The month of Ashar

Aloukhangnai exorcist of the Body by the Doudini

Agrang god of water

Asu Mainao Ahu rice god

Athmangal post marriage ceremony after eight

Days later visiting bride's family

Annan Gosai Almighty God

Astham Finger ring

Asan Suri Thebnai Carrying Bracelets

Agor Design in Dhokona

Asu A kind of rice

Abla Khungur Powerful God

Abhir Herbal oil

Ari Class / Tribe/ social Division

Aoluri hinjao Unskilled/Indiscipline women

Aijwfwr Women folk

Bwrai old man

Bwisagu Spring Festival (Bihu in Assamese)

Bakhri Granary

Bathou Bodos Traditional Religion

Bwrai Bathou Tanshali Old God Altar / Assemble hall

Ba five/ to carry on back

Biban Langnai carrying Laden

Barlangfa A male persons who leads by

Carrying two earthen pots during

Wedding ceremony

Bwirathi The women group

in the wedding Ceremony

Boro Society Boro Society

Bathi Bamboo pole which is used for

Carrying the load/ use during

Carrying dead body

Bwrsi Hook

Bato gab Parrot colour

Basainai Saving

Bad Social offences

Bokhali Babysitter maid

Chhwranao Guest room

Chaurai flatten rice

Dainas Witchcraft Witch hunt

Daini Witchcraft women

Dahal Shield

Douri A male priest

Dhuli Rice storage bamboo basket

Doudini A women who perform as a mad

Women in Kherai Puja

Dhoka Habnai Widow remarriage

Dhokona Bodo women garment

Dwnkarnai Haba Elopement marriage

Dongkha habnai haba A marriage when both widow women

and a man agree to get married

Dhoti A lower garment of man

Dhara A bamboo mate

Don A bamboo basket

Daotu Koro Dove head

*Daodwi* Egg

Dao Twi lwngnai Sucking Chicken blood

Eri Silk worm

Endi A plant eaten by Eri silk worm

Fagun Spring Season

Gamcha towel clothes

Garjashali Assemble hall of garja puja

Groom Staying at Bride's house

Gongkhon hwnai Giving Bracelets

Goi Khaonai Cutting Betel nut

*Guntung* Nose

Gwmw Yellow

Gwtang Green

Gwka Gwkwi bitter and sour

*Gwja* Red

Gandeola Dragonfly

*Gosai* god

Gannai Fwrbw Wearing festival

Hasib gonsi Broom stick

Hadungwra Head man / any leader

Halmaji care taker

Hamaha Alluvial soil

Haal Jhangkra finishing day of cultivation rice in

Field and enjoying with mud

Hinjao bwnai Haba forcefully marrying a girl

Hinjao gwdan Lainai bringing bride

Hathasuni haba A type of marriage system in Bodo

Hajira Daily wage labour

Haba Marriage

*Iswr* God

*Iching* Kitchen

Jokhar/Jakhua Joint family

Je Net

Jong Spear

Jota small Cymbal

Jumgra Wrapping towel

Karsonnai Haba A girl run into the boys's

Home and get married

Khophra Waiting house

Khamsali Verandah

Kaosa small basket

Kardoi/karoi Alkaline/homemade soda

Kobai Make from Bamboo for keeping

Fish

Khulli Mutta hand bracelets

Kobira Tangnai first information of marriage

Kwma ear

Kho Hen nest

Koka A kind of fish trap tool

Make from bamboo

Khoila South

Khoijema Pobnai Burying red ants

Kham Traditional Drum

Laokar Shepherd

Laroo Food item make from rice powder

Mai Hanai Harvesting rice

Mairong Uncooked rice

Maginai Begging of alms

Maldang A huge earthen Pot

Mainao Goddesses of wealth/ female

Mwdai Goddess in good or bad

Mwihur kalamnai Hunting

Mailani A women who can't keep words

Mwigong bari Vegetables garden

Mala Garland / necklace

Mwswo Goli Cow shed

Mwshakaori Dance troupe

*Maoji* Cat

Muri pop rice

Naa Fish

Nomano Main house in Bodo Family

Napaam Fermented dried fish put in a Bamboo

Pipe by Bodo people

Nari Sangathan Women's Association

Narzi Dry Jute leaves or as curry

Nam Dwnnai Naming / keeping name

Naa gwran Dry fish

Nakaphul Nose-ring

Nosuna/ Mando Waiting house/room

Neosa Unholy or Curse things

Okhong Dinning room

Ondla Traditional rice powder curry

*Oma* Pig

Oma bedor pork

Ojha Medicine man/women

Obonglaori Almighty Lord

Pathwilai Bisinai Divorce

Phulkhuri Name of ear ring

Pakri bilai Fig tree leaf

Pharao megon An embroider design from Pigeon's

Eye shape

Phalli Kaokanai Wrapping head with a handkerchief

Like a turban

Pitha Rice pan cake

Pandulupi Bodos Social laws and customs

Contains book

Rangkini Hot temper women

Rua Axe

Ruati Maid-servant

Raj Khungri Princess

Thanshali Assemble Hall

Saori A kind of free will work

Samdang Jagarnai Giving free service in matrilocal

Marriage

Sen A kind of fish trap tool

Sii Clothe

Swngnai weaving / to weave

Sijou Tanshali Euphorbia Altar

Swngnanwi lainai haba Arrange Marriage

SibingAri Sesame social group

SobaiAri Black dal social group

Sadwr A kind of clothes scurf use by

Women

Sijou Euphorbia splenden

Saori Lingnai An Invitation for Group free work

Saori Janai Community free work service

Sipung Flute

Swmwndw Lakinai Keeping close relationship

Saonai cremating/ burning

Sali A kind Small rice

Songrai Rice winnow basket

Sandri flour winnow basket

Solta thread used while lighting the earthen

Lamp/ alari bathi

Sanja bali Eastern side

Tabij Amulet

*Thou* Deep

Tuplongnai piercing

Thaidir bikong Rind of elephant Apple

Thafanas a ritual / ceremony memorable

Prayer to deceased soul

Thaokri lunai Yarning silk thread

Thalir Fosla Rind of Banana stem

Uwal A kind of Wooden Bowl shape

Use for grinding rice/ Mortar

Zumai Alcohol/ wine / rice beer

Zou Rice beer/ Alcohol/ wine

Zekhai Bamboo tool for fishing trap

Use by Bodo women