## **GLOSSARY**

## [A]

Abwi : Grand-mother (My /Our).

Ada : Elder brother (My / Our).

Affad or Aphad : Meeting, gathering.

Agan gakhwmwrnai : Bidding farewell.

Agor : Design, Ornament, Embroidery.

Agu : Start, First.

Ahuti or *Jyogyahati* : Burn offering.

Alan or Sadri : Scarf, Towel.

Amao : Medicine use for Rice-beer (Zou).

Potato souse.

Amthisua : A kind of festival of the Bodos.

Angni : My.

Alu khazi

Apha : Father (My / Our).

Asan : Bangle, Bracelet.

Asirbad : Presentation, gift.

Asugur : Nail.
Aranga : Table.

Ari : Clan or race suffix.

Aronai : A popular Scarf, Towel use as necktie.

Arzinai : Prayer or hymns.

Arw : And.

Athmongla : A ceremony after marriage in the parents' house of the

bride.

Auluri : Unknown to any works.

Aywi : Mother (My / Our).

[B]

Ba : Five, to bear on back.

Bad : A kind of offence.

Badali Birnai : Bat flying.
Badua : Unholy.

Baidemalai sidemlai : Leaning all sides.

Bakhri : Granary.
Bandw Knot, tie.

Bandwya Bandwba : Five philosophy or Knot.

Baonai : Offering to deity.

Bar : Air, wind.

Barai : Day

Bari : Garden.

Bathou-Bwrai : The Supreme God Siva.

Bathwi : A small pot having flesh blood of chicken.

Bedor : Meat.
Belagur : Meji

Bhel or Bhela : A kind raft.

Bi : to be, to beg, he/she, to pray.

Bibar : Flower.

Bibwnang : Brother or sister—in-law (Younger).

Bidai : Farewell.

Bidwi or Rwsi : Juice.

Bifa : His/her father, God.

Bigumwi : Brother-in-law (Elder).

Bikha : Heart

Bikhong : Sheath, cover.

Bikhunzw : Mother-in-law.

Bilagur /Belagur : *Meji*.
Bilai : Leaf.

Bilw : Lake, pond.

Bima bandwba : Mother (His/her/ their).

Bingi : A kind of violin having only one string.

Bipha : Father (his/her).

Birna : A kind of bamboo like small plant.

Bisna Sara : A ceremony after marriage at the parent's house of the

bride to bid farewell from her friends.

Bizamadwi : Son-in-law (My / Our).

Biyw : He/She.

Bokhali : Female servants bellow maturity.

Bongphang laiphang : Plants, trees.

Borai : Welcome

Borosa Mwdai : Main deity.

Buri thokhon, : A Kind of plant use as vegetable.

Burwi : Old woman.

Burlungbuthur : Brahmaputhra.

Bwr or Bor : Blessing,

Bwisw : Age.

Bwirathi : Female guide of bride.

BwkhangnaiLifting.BwraiOld man.

Bwrla : Bow.
Bwrma : Goat.

Bwswngiri : Adviser.
Bwthwr : Weather.

Bwswr bwswr : Year after year.

[D]

Daha : Grief, Sorrow.

Dahra : Mat.

Daima or Dwima : Big river.

Dan Sarnai : Throwing donation.

Dahal bed Sibnai : Wielding of shield and cane.

Dahwna : A male servant.

Danthenai : Side tracking.

Dao : Fowl.

Daokha : Crow.

Daoma Daosa : Birds.

Daopenda : A kind of vegetable of forest or river bank by the

Bodos.

Daorai : Peacock.

Daothu : Dove.

Daothwilwngnai : Drinking of chicken blood.

Daoya bibar : Daoya flower.

Daozla : Cock.Dansrang : Bright.Denai : Pounding.

Dengkha : A kind of shrub plants use as rope for tying paddy

bundles while carrying it in the courtyard.

Dengkhw : Tune.

Deodai Hangkhw : A Script use to write ancient Boro language.

Dhub : A kind of incense stick, Agarbathi.

Dhubri : Dub grass.

Dinga or Nao : Boat.

Doba : A place made on the breast area with *Dokhona*.

Dokhona : A women dress of the Bodos.

Don : Small bamboo basket.

Dona or Thona : A kind of pot made with banana sheath.

Doudini : A kind of female shaman.

Douri : The person who perform puja on behalf of family or

villager or people. A kind of male shaman.

Dousrem : A kind of small creeper use as vegetable.

Dungbrud dwi : Tepid water.

Dwi : Water.

Dwi Santhi : Holy water.

Dwima : River.

Dwisa : Small River, stream.

Dwi Sarnai : A ceremony for blessing new born baby by the Bodos.

[G]

Gab : Cry or prayer.

Ga-ga : Cawing.
Gaide : Short.

Gamibwrai : Village headman

Gamosa or Gamsa : Male garment of Boros.

Gandola Bwnnai : Dragon fly capturing dance.

Mwsanai

Gandu : Pillow.
Ganthi : Knot.

Gathwn : A bank of river or stream where Bodos use water

related works in day to day life.

Gasa : Lighting.

Gamibwrai : Village headman, *Gaobura*.

Gamsa : A male dress put from the loin to knees.

Gay or Goy or Goi : Areca nut.
Gidir : Big, large.

Gisib : A kind of fan made with bamboo, clothes, etc.

Gisirnai : Calling.
Goli : Cowshed.

Gonsa : A small and long sticks use in loom.

Gorai : Horse, Weaving implement.

Gotho-gothai : Children.

Gangamala : A Kind of grass use as vegetable by the Bodos.

Gongwna : Jew's harp.
Gudung : Hot, hole.

Gu-gu : Cooing of dove.

Gwdan : New.
Gwdwna : Neck.
Gwkha : Bitter.
Gwkhwi : Sour.
Gwmw : Yellow.
Gwran : Dry.

Gwrjia lakhinai : Keeping a boy or male permanently by marriage.

Gwrsinai Hiccup.

Gwthang : Alive, green.

Gwthar Zou : Holy wind, Holy rice beer.

Gwthwi : Dead.

Gwthwinw Baonai : Offering to dead.

Gwza : Red.
Gwzam : Old.

[H]

Ha : Soil.

Haba : Marriage.

Hagra saonai dengkhw : Jungle burning tune,

Hajo or Hajw/Hazw : Hill.

Hajoma or Hazwma : Big Hill.

Halmazi : Messenger, a Chowkidar of a village.

Hasib : Broom.

Halolokha : A kind of grass of hill.

Hangsw: Duck.

Hanza hanza : Group by group.

Hara : Bone.

Harisa Mwdai : Sub Deity.

Hatha: A kind of ladle having handle.Hathasuni: A kind of marriage ceremony.

Hinzao : Female.

Hogar : To set free.

Hor : Night.

Hu : To pray to God, To donate.

Hwoa : Male.

Isar or Iswar : God.

Ising : Eastern room of *Nomano* of the Bodos.

[K]

Kachar Zilla : District of Kachar.

Khada : Basket.

Kham : Drum, madal.

Khamao Barkhwnai or Dance on Drum, A kind of dance in the *Kherai* festival.

Gwbanai Mwsanai

Kham Hogarnai : Allowing *kham* for the *Kherai puja*.

Khamphlai : Tool.

Khangsingsa : A kind of medicinal grass.

Khangkhla : A kind of bamboo like small plant.

Khankhrai : Crab.

Khanthal : Jack fruit.

Khaori *or* caori : Shell.

Kharo khandai : A Kind of bitter taste tree.

Khathri : A small harp familiar to turmeric.

Khathri-Gasa-Saonai : A kind of festival of lighting.

Khazi : A kind of special curry.

Khengkhainai : Prayer.

Kheo : Open, untie.

Khera : Ear ring.

Khera daphini : A kind of grass use as vegetable by the Bodos.

Kherai : A Kind of religious festival of the Bodos.

Kheraisali : Place of *Kherai* 

Khiphi bendwng, : A kind of scented grass use as vegetable.

Khither or Khithir : Revenge.

Khobdang : Offering of one *hip* of chicken by toasting it in *Umrao* 

Puja.

Khoboz : Amulet.

Kholar Gothainai : Re-submission of responsibility.

KhonaCorner.KhonthaiPoem.KhonthaigiriPoet.

Khophra : Third-western room of main house *Nomano*.

Khopri sibnai : Wielding of *Khophri* 

Khoro : Head.

KhorosaFirst born race.KorosariFirst born people.KhungkhaA kind of sauce.

Khwizema : Red ant

Khoijema Fonai : Red ant removing.

[L]

La : To take.
Lai : Leaf.

Laizam : A kind of plate like object made with banana leaf or

sheath having five angles.

Laizou : Upper part of banana leaf.

Lao : Gourd.

Lama : Way, road.

Lama Gathenai : Side tracking of the way.

Laothi : Stick.

Lapha: A kind of grass use as vegetable.Lapha Saikho: A kind of grass use as vegetable.

Laokhar : Cowherd, Cowboy.

Lari-lari : Serially.

Lauhitya : Brahmaputra.

Lu/Lw : Garland.

Lwgwphwr : Friends.

Lwng : Dring.

Lwrw : Waiving.

[M]

Ma : What.

Maharaja : Emperor here, the supreme God.

Mahari : Clan.

Mairong-Maginai : Begging of alms.

Maihendw : A pot where rice for cook is kept

Mainao : God of wealth, Lakhi.

Maisundri : A kind of small grass.

Mani-Muni : A kind of small medicinal grass.

Mansi : Human being.

Mantras : A kind of verse chants during prayer.

Maozi: Cat.Masa or Musa or Mwsa: Tiger.Maya: MagicMegon: Eye.

Meoya or Meoyai : Bamboo shoot.

Mohor : Form.

Muli : Medicine.

Mwdai : Deity.

Mwdai Borainai : Propitiation or welcoming of deity.

Mwider : Elephant.

Mwigong : Vegetable.

Mwkhwna & Khathri : A kind of small harps.

Mwitha : A kind of sour taste vegetable

Mwsa Gelenai : Tiger playing

Mwisw-Mufur Gelenai : Buffalo-Bear Playing

Mwsou : Cattle.

[N]

Na : Fish.

Nangwl : A kind of plough or tiller tool.

Nakhi, : A kind of grass use as vegetable, stool of fish.

Nao : Boat.

Nao Zaonai : Boat rowing.

Napham : A kind of popular disc made of dried fish powder of

the Bodos.

Narzi : Dried leaves of jute.

Newan : Prayer.

Niyam : Practice.

No : house

Nomano : Main house of the Bodos.

Nosuna : Rest house.

Nw : A kind of thread use in weaving by the Bodos.

Nwng : You.

Nwrsing : A scented plant use as vegetable.

[0]

Obonglaori : God.

Okhong : Middle room of *Ising* and *Khofra* of *Nomano*.

Ophri Rice beer dust.

Oma : Swine.
Oma bedor : Pork.

Omaboisya : Dark Night.
On Rice powder.

On Denai : Pounding of Rice powder.

Ondla or Ondola Rice powder curry.

Onthaibazab : A kind of scented plant use as vegetable.

Oza : A man who initiates and performs the religious

institutional works and also perform as Medicine man.

Owa : Bamboo.

[ P]

Pahar : Hill.
Phaga : Rope.

Phamu : A system of camping for cultivation to another place

for production of more crops.

Phanthao : Brinjal.

Phanthol : Helper.

Phareo : Pigeon.

Phari : Line

pass-duwari : Back door.
Phathwi : Betel leaves.

Phathwi-lai-bisinai : Tearing of betel leave i.e. a process of divorce in the

Bodo society.

Phipha : Father (his/her).

Phisa or fisa : Child.
phitha : Cake.

Phog : The mixer cooking of chicken meat, rice and banana

stem (phosla) without turmeric use in the Umrao Puja.

Phosla : Banana stem, Banana stem use as vegetable by the

Bodos.

Phuruhit : Priest of the Brahma religious Bodos.

Phusli or phuthli or : Doll, Toy.

Phuthula

Phuthul : A small article use in the works of loom.

Phwidw : Come.

Phwtharnai : Penance, Purification.

[R]

Rao : Language.

Raidwng : Cane.

Raiphwdnai : Elaboration, Explanation.

Riua-Riu : Rhythm of flute.

Rongza : Enjoy.

Rongzanai bazanai : Merry-making.

Ruwathi : Female servant, maid.

[S]

Sa : To trap.

Sadwr/ Sadri : Scarf.

Sagal Sathi : Goat fence.
Sa-Gwlao Bwnai : Tug of war.

Sandri : Sieve.

Sao-Sarnai : Curse

Saradu or Srado : A ceremony performs by family member of dead

person after his/her dead.

Satravali : A kind of tune in flute to make snakes eggs

unproductive.

Sereb : Wind, Rice beer.

Serza : Bodo Violin.

Sesa : Rabbit.

Sewari : Scale.

Sibing : Sesame.

Sibnai : Wielding.

Sibru-thara : A kind of thorny vegetable by the Bodos.

Sikhla : Matured girl, Girl.

Sikhri : Butterfly.

Singri : A kind of grass use as vegetable by the Bodos.

Singri Lotha : A kind of silver glass having exhaust pipe.

Siphung : Flute.

Sithla or Silha : Courtyard.

Siu Siu : Fickle.

Sizou : Euphorbia Splenden.

Sobai : A kind of pulse.

Solo : Story.
Solobatha : Tale.

Somaina : Handsome, beautiful.

Songkhranti : The last day of the Month.

Songrai : Wind-knowing-fan.

Sua-Garnai : Removing or throwing of impurity.

Suzugiri : Publisher.

Swbdwi : Rice beer juice use in the *Umrao* puja.

Swima : Dog.

Swrzigiri : Creator.

[T]

Thabiz : Amulet.

Thaigir : Wood Apple.

Thaizou : Mango.

Tharaigagli : A kind of grass.

Thaokhri : Spindle.
Thiu : Swiftly.

Thorkha : A kind of bamboo made musical instrument.

Thrwb : Entered.
Thukhwinai : Bathing.

Thungri SibnaiSword wielding.ThuribariTulsi or ThulusiTulsi plant.

[U]

Udrainai : Penance, Purification.

Uwal, Paddy husker, A tool for husking.

[W]

Wngkham : Rice.

[Z]

Za : To be, eat.

Zanzi : Waist.

Zaphkhring : Tambourine.

Zathrai : Justica assamica Clarke.

Zawiya : Son-in-law(My).

Ze: NetZi or Si: Cloth.Zotha: Cymbal.Zou: Rice beer.

Zwglaouri : A kind of scented vegetable.

Zwhwlao : Hero.

Zwi : Hail, Overcome, flag up.

Zwmai or Zou : Rice beer.

Zwmgra : Scarf, upper body cover.

Zwng or Jung : We.

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