

## 10. GLOSSARY

<i>Annaprasanna</i>	First offer of rice to the children
<i>Ahar</i>	Name of the third month of the Assamese calendar
<i>Ata</i>	Grand-father
<i>Abu</i>	Grand-mother
<i>Api</i>	Young girl
<i>Akhuri Chikitsa</i>	One kind of treatment where folk medicine is used
<i>Asra Jal</i>	A cast net used in fishing
<i>Boldha</i>	A kind of box like fishing trap made of bamboo splits
<i>Bar Ghar</i>	Main house where the head of the family and children with wife live
<i>Bana</i>	A kind of fencing for catching fishes made of bamboo splits
<i>Barali</i>	Fresh water shark
<i>Beel</i>	Wetland
<i>Bohag</i>	Name of the first month of the Assamese calendar
<i>Bhog</i>	A mixed preparation of food with rice powder, curd, milk, banana, ghee and honey
<i>Bhakri Ghar</i>	Granary
<i>Bhat Mukhat Diya</i>	First rice eating ceremony
<i>Bhel</i>	Raft
<i>Bhel Diya</i>	Worshiping water gods by offering raft
<i>Chohra</i>	A kind of fishing trap made of bamboo splits
<i>Chepa</i>	A kind of drum-shaped fishing equipment made of bamboo Splits
<i>Chora Ghar</i>	A house meant for taking rest of the guests
<i>Chiriangthi</i>	A ring made of valuable metal having the magical power
<i>Chotal</i>	Courtyard
<i>Chot</i>	The last month in Assamese calendar
<i>Daha</i>	Funeral rite performed on the 10 <sup>th</sup> day of the deceased

<i>Dhol</i>	Drum
<i>Dom</i>	Name of a fishing caste, now known as Kaibarttas
<i>Devata</i>	A god
<i>Dona</i>	A pan of banana tree specially designed
<i>Dheki</i>	Husking paddle
<i>Dhuwani</i>	Puberty rite
<i>Dubri</i>	A kind green grass
<i>Ganga</i>	The river goddess
<i>Ganga Puja</i>	Ganga worship
<i>Gohai</i>	God
<i>Goli Ghar</i>	Cow-shed
<i>Gonowa</i>	Name giving ceremony
<i>Ghar</i>	Household
<i>Indra</i>	The king of heaven
<i>Jal Devata</i>	The deity of water
<i>Japa Thowa Git</i>	Songs associated with puberty rite
<i>Jal</i>	Net
<i>Julki</i>	A kind of fishing equipment used in shallow water
<i>Jal Kuvir</i>	A watery evil spirit
<i>Kuya Puthi</i>	Rotten carp fish
<i>Khar</i>	Alkali
<i>Kaivartta</i>	A fishing community within the sixteen scheduled castes of Assam
<i>Lakshmi</i>	Goddess of wealth
<i>Matshya</i>	Fish
<i>Matshya Avatara</i>	Fish incarnation
<i>Mas</i>	Fish
<i>Mekhela</i>	Female lower garment

<i>Oja Pali</i>	A kind of dramatic art performed by a group of singers. The main singer is called <i>Oja</i> and the assistant singers are called <i>Pali</i>
<i>Pola</i>	A kind fishing equipment made of split bamboo
<i>Pohari</i>	Fisher women who sell fishes at different households
<i>Phokara Jojona</i>	Proverbs and sayings
<i>Prasad</i>	Edible offerings to god and goddesses
<i>Thenu</i>	Handle
<i>Vishwakarma</i>	The god of architecture
<i>Zakhe</i>	Fishing equipment made of bamboo sticks used mainly by the women folk
<i>Zakh</i>	An evil spirit associated with fish