

Understanding Traditional Plant Use and Management : The Dani-Baliem Perceptions of the Plant Diversity

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ABSTRACT

This paper report on the utilization of plants and the indigenous environmental knowledge of the Dani people in Baliem Valley, Irian Jaya. More than 550 plant species utilized by Dani people within the Baliem Valley were recorded; 24 were cultivated species, while 526 were wild species. These species provide material for plant medicine, foods, construction material, firewood, rope, dyes, clothing, tools as well as material for cultural and ornamental uses. The Dani's dependence on available natural resources is reflected in various established customs and traditions. One example of this is the clear division between conserved, cultivated, and uncultivated areas. Some of these indigenous conservation traditions, for example *wilehoma* (*Casuarina oligodon* protection) and *wikioma* (*Paraserianthes falcataria* protection) are presented here.

Key words: plant utilization, environmental knowledge, Dani-Baliem perception, plant diversity, Baliem Valley, Irian Jaya

INTRODUCTION

Like many indigenous people, the Dani of the Baliem Valley still depend upon hunting and gathering from the forest to meet their daily needs. The Dani know how to use many products of the forest as food, clothing, construction materials, medicines, poisons, etc. It is in the context of large-scale deforestation in the highlands of Jayawijaya Mountain, and due to an increasing interest in conserving wild genetic resources, that the present study has significance.

The Jayawijaya areas is undergoing rapid change and there is potential for some environmental knowledge to be lost is great. Cultural disturbances including young men leaving their villages for school and work, and interventions from outsiders traveling or doing development work can cause an alteration of cultural values.

Ethnobiological studies of wild resources can be applied in a variety of ways. For example, local knowledge of traditional medicines can indicate a source of new drugs, natural pesticides, or other natural products. Ethnobotanical studies also help to conserve the diversity of species and habitats, and in turn provide insight into the diversity of relationships between humans and plants. Gaspings an important wild plant used by indigenous people can give basic information of this wild plant to develop and to conserve their existence. An example, *tuwe* (*Pandanus julianettii*), its existence in the primary forest decreases, the Dani people attempt to cultivate and conserve this plant in their garden, and also *lisani* (*Acalypha amentacea*) which is used as a package of cigarette, therefore the Dani people try to cultivate this plant in their house garden.

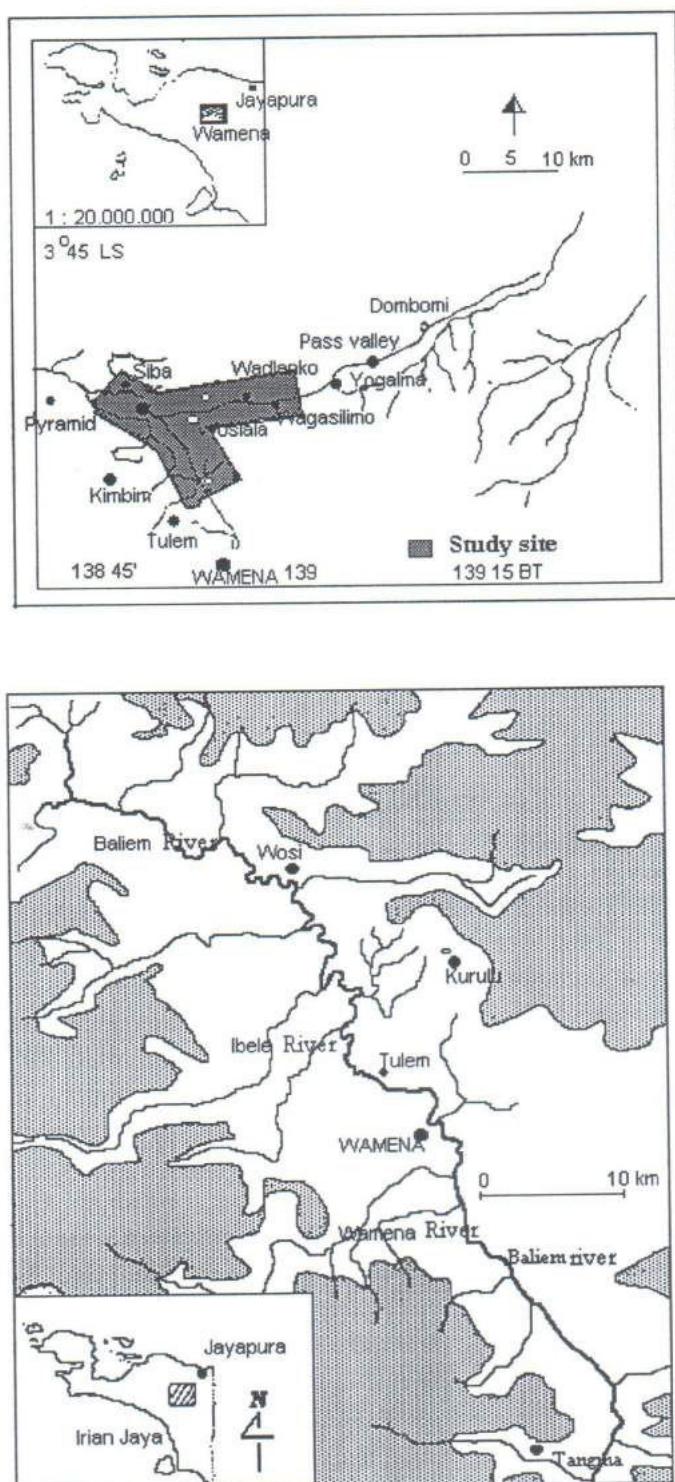


Figure 1. Study site and Balieum Valley, Irian Jaya

The observations presented here are based upon a participatory study undertaken in Dani villages and highlight the relationship between the Dani people and their environment. The results presented here demonstrate that the Dani people of the Jayawijaya mountain range (the Baliem Valley) have an extensive traditional knowledge of plant use.

STUDY AREA

The Baliem valley is a hilly plateau, ranging in elevation from 1400 m to 3500 m above sea level, and is 60 Km long by 15-20 Km wide. The valley has a prominent fault scarp farming the southern margin Alluvial deposits that fill most of the valley floor (see Figure 1) (Heberle *et al.*, 1991). The main formations within the catchment area of the Baliem river include Eocene and Miocene Limestone unconformable overlying Mesozoic Sandstone (Visser & Hermes, 1962). The southeastern region of the valley is an extensive area of quartz, pitted with many dolines and, although cleared of forest, is almost uninhabited. These dolines dominated by quartz stone and impossible to agricultural activities. The valley floor is a flat alluvial silt and clay plane with a few quartz and limestone ridges emerging (Schroo, 1961). The valley walls rise to more than 3000 m on almost all sides, and from their bases alluvial fans and colluvium slopes gently down to the valley floor. Both active and relief fan and colluvial mantles can be found. Swamp deposits are found most commonly on alluvial flats where drainage from the valley slopes is restricted by sediment deposition from the flooding Baliem River and the valley margins.

The Baliem valley has a tropical montane climate with an average annual rainfall of about 1900-mm (Kantor Meteorologi dan Geofisika Wamena, 1995). The mean monthly rainfall (Figure 2) shows no definite seasonal trends though the Baliem rivers show some seasonally, tending to flood during December to March when rainfall in the ranges surrounding the valley is influenced by the Northern Monsoon season (Heberle *et al.*, 1991).

The climate of enclosed highland valley in New Guinea is predominantly affected by local circulation patterns and is independent of all of but the most general conditions (Brookfield & Hard, 1966). The mean annual temperature at Wamena is 19,5 °C with a rather wide diurnal range, from a mean minimum of 14,2 °C to a mean maximum of 26,5 °C. In the highland valley it is usually hot in the daytime but cool to icy at night. The mean air humidity at Wamena and Kurulu is 78 % with a rather wide diurnal range from a mean minimum of 66 % to a mean maximum of 90 % (Kantor Meteorology dan Geofisika Wamena, 1995).

The vegetation of the Baliem Valley and surrounding area varies with the elevation and rainfall. The flora has similarities with that of Indonesia, the Pacific Islands and Australia. Observation of the Baliem valley vegetation considered in the present work draw on the description by Brass (1941), Partomihardjo *et al.* (1991); observation made by LIPI-Exploration Team, Puslitbang Biologi-LIPI during 1990-1995, and Purwanto and Walujo (1992, 1994, and 1995).

The natural vegetation of the area is largely montane and subalpine forest. A major forest boundary occurs at 1500-2200 m, below, which mixed microphyll forest of *Nothofagus*, *Prunus*, *Castanopsis* and Gymnosperms such as: *Lithocarpus*, *Phyllocladus*, *Araucaria* etc. At the top montane (> 2000 m), dominated by species such as: *Rhododendron*, and *Vaccinium*, and

Libocedrus, *Phyllocladus*, up to the limit of tall shrubs at 3850 m. Non-forest communities include cushion bog, grasslands and other mires, with treeferns occurring on disturbed slopes.

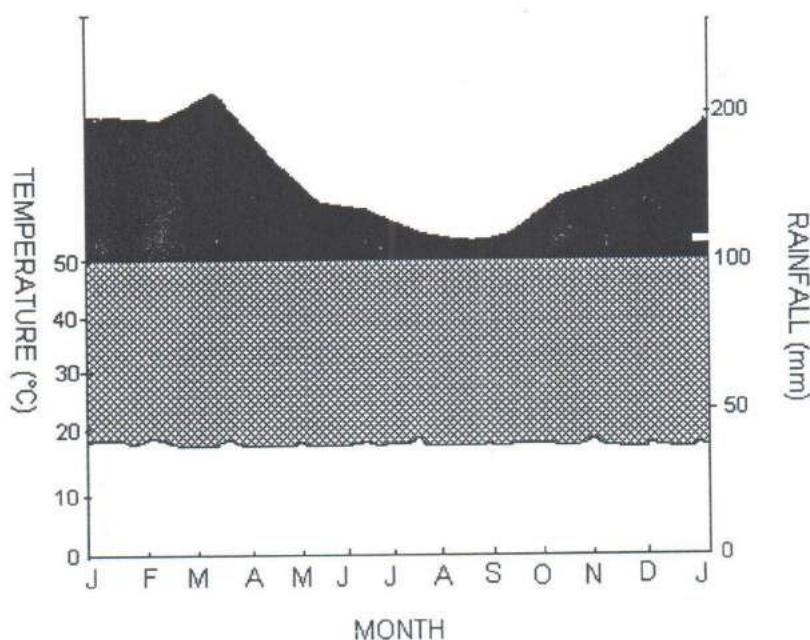


Figure 2. Climate Diagrams of the Baliem Valley Areas

The trees are large, up to 45 m in height, with a relatively sparse understorey of *saloka* (*Pandanus* spp.), *mileh* (*Schefflera* spp.), etc. Secondary forest, the floor dominated by ferns such as: *Pteridium*, *Gleichenia* and small trees including *Melastoma*, *Medinilla* and *Piper* spp.

The floor of the Baliem valley is entirely anthropogenic, because this valley is effort to all human activities (agriculture, habitation, etc.) (Heberle *et al.*, 1991), with groves of *wileh* (*Casuarina oligodon*), *lisani* (*Acalypha amentacea*), *heluk* (*Macaranga mappa*), and *pabi* (*Dodonaea viscosa*), mixed with medium grassland such as: *likuak* (*Fimbristylis* sp.), *likakah* (*Eragrotis* spp.); tall grassland: *jagat* (*Mischanthus* sp.), *lokop* (*Pragmites karka*), etc.; and re-growth shrub-land in addition to the garden and village site. Isolated *sin* (*Araucaria cunninghamii*), trees often mark ceremonial sites, isolated *wileh* (*Casuarina oligodon*) and *wiki* (*Paraserianthes falcataria*) trees to material construction, fence of garden and firewood.

Some areas, such as those on relict colluvial aprons west of Wamena (Gunung Susu area), seem permanently changed to grassland, but the deep alluvial soil of most of the area support actively regenerating shrubs and forest taxa.

METHODS

Ethnobotanical information concerning the utilization of plant resources and relationships between people and their environment was obtained by interviewing key informants. The study was carried out during several time periods: June 1990-October 1990, January 1991-March 1991, June 1991-October 1991, June 1992-September 1992, January 1995-July 1995, September 1995-November 1995. The ethnobotanical information sought includes how the Dani use plant species in their daily life. The interviews were unstructured, open-ended discussion of the environmental knowledge and the plants used.

Key informants were interviewed to get a general view concerning ethnobotanical customs. The key-informants were generally highly respected and of high status within the Dani communities, as well as knowledgeable of custom or tradition of the Dani people. These key informants were leaders - *ap metek kanekela* (chief of ritual and land tenure); *ap metek uwaela* (chief of medicine and healing); *ap metek wimaela* (chief of war), religion leaders and elders, educated people, and government officials like physicians, public health nurses. The ethnobotanical information obtained from the key informants was then confirmed by Dani people¹ and the location where the ethnobotanical activities took place was identified.

Based on the information obtained, the ethnobotanical activities were described, and the vernacular names of plants and their usage in daily life were noted. For botanical verification, all plants used for such purposes were directly collected in the field and identified taxonomically at the Herbarium Bogoriense, Research Center for Biology, The Indonesian Institute of Sciences, Bogor, Indonesia.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Landscape Division of the Dani

Sili (house) and *Ouma* (village)

Traditionally, the Dani people establish an « *ouma* » (a small village with 2-5 houses) where they settle. This is separate from secondary forest, primary forest and agriculture areas. Vegetation characteristics of *ouma* are *wileh* (*Casuarina oligodon*), *sait* (*Pandanus conoideus*), *baki* (*Musa paradisiaca*), *yabe* (*Cordyline terminalis*), and others plants used in daily life like vegetables and medicinal plants where planting in the house (*sili*) garden. The village of Dani enclosed by fence of wood (*ouma leget*) and generally this village divided into three parts: (1) *holakoma* (*holak* = girl and *ma* = place), this area is in front of *sili* where utilize to play of girl; (2) *wam laleken*, place between *ouma leget* and *sili leget* (fence of Dani house), use to take of pig in daytime; and (3) the Dani houses are built on group in compounds (called as *sili*). The elements of the compound (*sili*) consist of *pilamo* (men's house); *ebeai* (women's house); *hunila* (common cook house); *wamdabu* (pig sty); *silimo* (central courtyard); *pilapolik* (bone enclosure), *wadloleget* (place of traditional ritual/ghost enclosure); *opolike* (curing women's enclosure); *leget* (fence); *mukarai*

¹ Dam Elosak, Jordan Surabut, Isikale Mabel, Mulik Mabel, Kolopalik Matuan, Yusuf Alua, etc.

(entrance); *ukutlu* (yard in back side of *pilamo* and *ebei*); and *hakioma* (banana yard) (Figure 2a et 2b). The Dani house (*pilamo* and *ebei*), in the valley term, called as « *honai* » (apparently from *hun*, older men, and *ai*, house). Structure of the honai is divided in two parts: the lower room and the floor that is used for the sleeping loft. The lower room uses for a discussion before sleeping, guest received and conserved place of war material, tools and sacred materials. The floor of the loft like the floor of the grand room is laid with a sweet-smelling grass (*yeleka*, *Leersia hexandra*). These plants were used for sleeping girder.

Wen (garden or ladang)

The Dani in the Baliem valley do not fully depend on forest product for their life. They are generally farmers practicing « *wen hipere* », i.e. garden of sweet potato. Gardens are made on land, which has been cleared by cutting and burning down its primary or secondary forest cover. Men and adolescent boys do the clearing and initial preparation of the land. Groups of men work together to enclose the gardens with wooden fences and thus raids by free-wandering domestic pigs.

The Dani cultivate many plants such as *hupak* (corn, *Zea mays*), *pain* (yam, *Dioscorea bulbifera*), *hom* (taro, *Colocasia esculenta*), *napire abo* (tapioca, *Manihot esculenta*) and others vegetables. The women are responsible for planting, weeding, and harvesting sweet potatoes; while the cultivation of bananas, taro, sugar cane, *Pandanus*, and tobacco is the men's responsibility. All of the introduced crops can be cultivated by either men or women, though women remain the primary producers, and hence sellers of vegetable and fruit. A list of the major plant species cultivated in the Baliem Valley is given in Table 2. Most of these plants are grown in gardens, which may be up to half an hour's walk away from the cultivator's village. Small gardens containing a variety of crops are usually located around the outskirts of the village (*ouma*), and bananas, ginger, and tobacco are grown within or immediately adjacent to the village.

Wen hipere is divided into three types based on agro-ecosystem and technique of cultivation. These types are *wen imah*, *wen alobaga*, and *wen yabula*. The *wen imah* gardens are located in the valley floor. Extensive irrigation canals constructed by teams of men using paddle shaped digging sticks to break up the soil serve these gardens. The ditches are 1-2,5 m wide and 1,5-2 m deep and form a grid-like pattern of interlocking canals. The soil is heaped into evenly spaced small mounds, into which the cuttings of sweet potato are planted. The *wen alobaga* gardens are located in the valley plain or in dry land areas. The irrigation ditches here are not as deep as those are in the *wen imah* gardens (0,5-0,75 m wide and 0,5-1 m deep). In the *wen alobaga* gardens, the sweet potato cuttings are also planted into small evenly spaced mounds of soil. The *wen yabula* gardens are found on the slopes and hillsides which can be as steep as 40°. Terraces are constructed from stone walls; logs and soil banks arranged perpendicular to the direction of the slope, which trap the eroding topsoil.

Wen Kulama (fallow or secondary forest)

The Dani divide the *wen kulama* into two types, *wen kulama kitma* and *wen kulama alekma*. The most important criteria used to differentiate the types are based on the structure and

physiognomy of the vegetation and time of abandoned garden (fallow). *Wen kulama kitma* is a field in the 0-5 year of fallow, very young secondary forest, vegetation cover is low (generally less than five meters) and are both herbaceous (*Imperata cylindrica*, *Phragmites karka*, *Melastoma malabarica*, *Leersia hexandra*, *Dicranopteris linearis*, etc) and ligneous (*Dodonaea viscosa*, *Acalypha amentacea*, *Casuarina oligodon*, *Schefflera* spp., *Homalanthus*, *Pittosporum ramiflorum* etc.). *Wen kulama alekma* is a field that has been fallow for greater than five years. The vegetation is mainly ligneous with a dense herbaceous covering.

The *Wen kulama* system plays an important role in the shifting cultivation cycle. It allows for rehabilitation of soil fertility, it provides a place to maintain pigs, and serves as a source of firewood, fence material and medicinal plants. Due to the increasing of the population and economic pressures in the Baliem valley, the time the field is left fallow is decreasing.

***Okama* (primary forest)**

The Dani recognize the primary forest (*okama* - *o* = tree or wood; *ka* = leaf or herbe; and *ma* = place) as an area which support many types of vegetation. *Okama* is a source of wood, food, medicines, and a place to hunt.

The primary forest is an integral part of their subsistence living. Therefore, the forest is traditionally managed based on agreement together with their traditional leaders. Recently, local people increase the cutting of woods from the forest due to the development of the area and less control to the forest exploitation. Although the habit of planting trees is not common in this area, there is a re-greening project by Forestry Department and LIPI, however, the rate of forest degradation is faster than the rate of replanting. Re-greening effort are further compromised because the Dani believe that by burning the forest or the bushes will invite the rain. The Dani believe that the burning smoke is like cloud that it will be rainy.

The Dani consider the forest as the mystical place of their ancestors, and also as the place of the evil spirit. The effect on preservation of the forest of these beliefs is unclear. Although the Dani wish to protect the place of their ancestors, they also believe that burning the forest will chase the evil spirits away.

The Dani people recognize that the forest is a renewable resource. They believe that the forest will be renewed by adoration and obedience of the spiritual 'forest guard' called *Ayi werek*. This believes is not valid for all forest only certain places with special signs: big trees, a water source, or a cave, which can be considered a supernatural residence.

***Olinmo* (abandoned village)**

Olinmo is a form of abandoned settlement. Abandoned settlements are characterized by «rest vegetation» similar to those found at active villages, for example *Casuarina oligodon*, *Pandanus conoideus* and *Musa paradisiaca*. Dani informants stated that the soil surrounding the abandoned villages is suitable for the cultivation of sweet potato (*Ipomoea batatas*). Within abandoned villages ligneous plants can grow and can be used as a source of wood.

Wakunmo (place sacred) or *Wesama* (place secret)

Wakunmo means sacred place (*wakun* = sacred and *mo* = place), whereas *wesama* means secret place (*wesa* = secret, and *ma* = place). There are many reasons a place might be considered sacred or secret. It might be a place to conserve a traditional item like a *segajilik* (sign of a dead man in the form of a court lance covered with *siluk* (*Imperata cylindrica*) and bound with a rope made by rattan (*mul*, *Calamus prattianus*) and *isoak*, water pot made by fruit of *Lagenaria siceraria*. It could also be a place that has historical significance, for example a site of a previous battle, or a place of a previous murder of an important person and thus a resting-place of one's ancestors. Sometimes these sites are marked by natural signs like a source of salt, a big tree (*Ficus* spp., *Papuacerdus* sp. etc.), a cave, or a water source. The sacred place might be sacred because of tradition (e.g. a place conserved and protected for keeping pigs). These sacred areas are protected and prohibited areas, and belong to particular clans or families.

Wen baru (New garden)

This type of garden has been recently been introduced by government officials. The plants cultivated here included many types of cash crops like: *hupak* (*Zea mays*), *wenyale eken* (*Glycine max*), *wenyale agat* (*Arachis hypogaea*), *wenyale mili* (*Phaseolus lunatus*), *napire abo* (*Manihot esculenta*), and horticulture plants like: vegetable: *koleka* (*Brassica oleracea* var. *botrytis*), *kol eken* (*Brassica oleracea* var. *capitata*), *kilu kera* (*Sechium edule*), *kilu tomar* (*Solanum lycopersicum*), *hobut* (*Cucurbita moschata*), *sawieka* (*Brassica chinensis*), *helica/hece* (*Capsicum annum* et *C. frutescens*), *wortel* (carrot, *Daucus carota*), *wenyale-wenyale* (*Phaseolus vulgaris*), *kibi* (*Amaranthus caudatus*), *gambas* (lecture, *Lactuca* sp.), *bawang mola* (garlic, *Allium sativum*), *bawang mili* (onion, *Allium cepa*) ; and fruit plants : *pepaya* (papaya, *Carica papaya*), *apel* (apple, *Pyrus malus*), *jeruk* (oranges, *Citrus cinensis*, *C. maxima*, *C. aurifolius*), *apokat* (avocado, *Persea americana*), *mangga* (mango, *Mangifera indica*), *nanas* (pineapple *Ananas comosus*), *haki* (*Musa paradisiaca*), *jambu biji* (gojave *Psidium javanica*), *jambu air* (*Eugenia aquatica*) ; and plantation like : *kopi* (coffee, *Coffea arabica*).

Another type of new garden is the rice field. This new type of agriculture was introduced by a teacher from Tana Toraja, South Sulawesi, Indonesia in 1974. Rice cultivation was introduced to increase the efficiency of the land that were not suitable for sweet potato farming, and also to diversity food staples and to increase incomes of the people. The project was done by The Indonesian Institute of Science.

Activities of the people who live in the Baliem valley and in surrounding the primary forest do have a negative impact on the primary forest. This might be due to such factors as: (1) the Dani generally use slashing and burn shifting cultivation; (2) The Dani people require wood from the primary forest because the secondary forest/fallow areas are not capable of meeting demand; (3) Increasing population pressure and resulting agricultural invasion and erosion; (4) Development of the city of Wamena; (5) Tradition reasons such as the Dani belief that burning grassland or forest will bring rain; (6) Public awareness about the prohibition of natural resource exploitation is low; (7) Diminishing influence of the traditional laws concerning the management of environment resources due to outside cultural influences.

Plant utilization

The Dani in Baliem valley use plants and animals collected from the forest in a number of ways. The Dani people have more than 588 utilized plant species; 57 cultivated species and 531 wild species. A list of those species and their uses follows. The cultivated plants are categorized according to usage in 15 sub groups, the wild species in 18 groups (Table 1). The semi-domesticated plants, medicinal plants, and the many taxonomically interesting specimens are treated as separate major categories.

Table 1. Categories of useful plants

| Categories of useful plants | Number of species |
|---|-------------------|
| A. Cultivated Plants (Domesticated Plants) | 58 |
| 1. Staple crop | 1 |
| 2. Secondary food crops (incl. Cash crops) | 51 |
| 2.1. Vegetable and legumes | 39 |
| 2.2. Oil plants | 1 |
| 2.3. Tubers | 7 |
| 2.4. Spices | 6 |
| 2.5. Beverage/plant juices | 3 |
| 2.6. Fruit and edible seeds | 20 |
| 3. Forage crops | 1 |
| 4. Latex and resin crops | - |
| 5. Fiber crops | - |
| 6. Stimulants | 2 |
| 7. Fuelwood | 4 |
| 8. Ornamental crops | 4 |
| 9. Aromatics and cosmetics | - |
| 10. Dye plants | - |
| 11. Plants of magical and ritual significance | 2 |
| 12. Nitrogen-fixing plant/green manure | - |
| 13. Utensils | - |
| 14. Toxicants | - |
| 15. Variation object (cigarette) | 1 |
| B. Wild Plants | 231 |
| 1. Palatable, non medicinal plants | 27 |
| 1.1. Edible leaves, stems and shoots | 14 |
| 1.2. Edible flowers, fruits and seeds | 10 |
| 1.3. Edible roots and rhizomes | 2 |
| 1.4. Spices | 1 |
| 1.5. Beverages/plants juices | - |
| 2. Latex and resin plants | - |
| 3. Rope | 59 |
| 3.1. Bamboo and rattans | 13 + 2 |
| 3.2. Binding/weaving | 9 |
| 4. Dye plants | 16 |
| 5. Ornamental plants | 12 |
| 6. Fiber plants (clothes and basketry) | 14 |
| 7. Plants for household utensils and tools | 5 + 19 |
| 8. Plants for musical instruments and toys | 6 |

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| 9. Aromatics and cosmetics | 3 |
| 10. Stimulants | 2 |
| 11. House and hut constructions | 170 |
| 11.1. Boards | 136 |
| 11.2. Poles | 113 |
| 11.3. Roofing | 95 |
| 11.4. Walls | 95 |
| 11.5. Fence | 254 |
| 12. Fuelwood | 290 |
| 13. Commercial timber | - |
| 14. Ecological indicators | - |
| 15. Plant magic and ritual significance | 40 |
| 16. Ethnomycology | 40 |
| 17. Toxicants | 4 |
| 17.1. Fish poisons | - |
| 17.2. Others | - |
| 18. Variation Use | 17 |
| C. Medicinal Plants | 87 |
| 1. Cultivated | 6 |
| 2. Wild plants | 81 |
| D. Semi-Domesticated Plants | 4 |

Plant medicine

Medicinal plants play a very important role in the Dani medicine. Medicinal plants are harvested from a wide range of habitats. The 87 medicinal plants found to be used by the Dani are list in Table 2. The most common method of preparing medicines is by pounding or crushing fresh material. This preparation is then rubbed over the skin or eaten.

Although all adults are familiar with these plants, the village elders are the most knowledgeable. Many ailments are considered to be due to evil spirits. These ailments are treated by especially knowledgeable traditional healers (*uwaela*) who perform religious rites to treat these diseases.

A study of the diagnostic and therapeutic practices of the traditional healers (*uwaela*) in the Dani societies in Baliem valley was conducted. When a person gets sick and the traditional healer is consulted, a healing ritual is needed. This is a magic-religious as well as a therapeutic ceremony. Before a therapeutic ceremony is conducted, the traditional healer discusses with his assistants (actually head of ethnic of traditional medicine, see Figure 2) to decide when and how to conduct the ritual. During the ritual, the healer is the medium of the spirit, from where he gets the inspiration and knowledge of how to treat the patient.

The ritual practices include the reciting of ritual spelling and used of ritual material (*kaneke*). *Kaneke* is a cultural material or supernatural material inheritance from their forefathers. The forefathers are a center of all traditional and ritual activities. Functions of the *kaneke* are: (a) Symbolic relationship between the Dani and their ancestors (*tugi*) and with «absolute» (*walhowak/bareken*); (b) Control of all life activities includes ideas, economic, politics of ethnic war, religious system, ritual activity, attitude and ethic; and (c) Symbolic place of a visible reality that exists.

The spirited clarifies which medicinal plants are to be used to treat the diseased, and the healer orders an assistant (*ap woghuk* and *ap itikmo mete*) to go and collect the plants. A medicinal plant is not been gathered before the sick person needs it. The consultation by the healer may include a conversation with the sick person, listening to the patient's complaints and questions concerning transgression of tradition law or taboos by the patient.

The Dani healer makes no efforts at bodily examinations or other diagnostic practices. The medical theory is poorly developed; knowledge of medicine and healing practices is not mastered through a systematic learning process, but acquired through conversations and by sharing of knowledge with other community members. The knowledge and practices are not monopolized by the healer, however, they would claim that the knowledge of how to treat a diseased person must be acquired through inspiration and, in this respect, they have a special gifts to allow them to be in contact with, and learn from the spirits. The son of the healer has the opportunity, by observing and assisting their father, to learn about medicinal plants and healing methods. There are two ways to become a healer: through genealogy or through personal ability. To be accepted as a healer, rather than just a respected person, one has to carry some specific attributes and a good moral over other community members.

Table 2. Plants for medicine by Dani societies in Baliem Valley

| No | Local name | Scientific name | Family | Part Used | Important Compounds | Use |
|----|--------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---|--|
| 1 | Abiken | <i>Adenostemma macrophyllum</i> | Asteraceae | Fl | Alkaloid | Reproduction (womb) |
| 2 | Anekuku | <i>Erechtites paniculata</i> | Asteraceae | L | - | Skin parasites |
| 3 | Anekuku | <i>Trachymene artakensis</i> | Asteraceae | L | - | Skin parasites |
| 4 | Anekuku | <i>Erechtites valerianifolia</i> | Composit. | L | - | Skin parasite |
| 5 | Duaga | <i>Vaccinium varingiaefolium</i> | Ericaceae | YL | Terpenoid*, Tannin* | Treating wounds, dermatology, hair care |
| 6 | Ekenduga | <i>Cyperus sp.</i> | Cyperaceae | R | - | Headache |
| 7 | Ekenduga | <i>Cyperus sp.</i> | Cyperaceae | R | - | Headache |
| 8 | Engken mokah | <i>Centella asiatica</i> | Umbell. | L | glicocide, triterpenoid, alcaloid, hidrocotilin, sterod, tanin, essential oil | Treating wounds and infections |
| 9 | Engken mokah | <i>Limnanthemum sp.</i> | Gentianic. | L | - | Treating wounds and infections |
| 10 | Engken mokah | <i>Erechtites sp.</i> | Asteraceae | L | - | Treating wounds and infections |
| 11 | Getik | <i>Oldenlandia verticillata</i> | Rubiac. | L | Terpenoid* | Reproduction (womb) |
| 12 | Haningkukuh | <i>Bidens biternata</i> | Asteraceae | L | - | Skin parasites (management of infection) |
| 13 | Haningkukuh | <i>Emilia nonchifolia</i> | Asteraceae | L | - | Skin parasites (mangement of infection) |
| 14 | Haningkukuh | <i>Erigeron linifolius</i> | Asteraceae | L | - | Skin parasites (mangement of infection) |
| 15 | Helebeleh | <i>Oxalis corniculata</i> | Oxalidaceae | L | Oxalat acid | Rheumatism |
| 16 | Heluk | <i>Macaranga mappa</i> | Euphorbiac | F | - | Hair care |
| 17 | Hetam | <i>Maesa verrucosa</i> | Myrsinaceae | L | Terpenoid*, Steroid*, Tannin* | Digestive problems |
| 18 | Hite, heta | <i>Zingiber officinalis</i> | Zingiberaceae | T | Flavonoide, poly-fenol, essential oil | Stomach ache, skin disease |

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|----|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------|--|--|
| 19 | Holim holim | <i>Nephentes papuana</i> | Nepenth. | L | - | Ear infections |
| 20 | Holowasi | <i>Euodia elleryana</i> | Rutac. | L | - | Stomach ache |
| 21 | Huagale | <i>Blumea riparia</i> | Asterac. | L, LS | Terpenoid, steroid | Oral/eye, hair care |
| 22 | Huagaleh | <i>Scaevola oppositifolia</i> | Goodeniac. | WS | - | Curing wounds |
| 23 | Hulampuan | <i>Emilia sp.</i> | Asteraceae | L | - | Curing wounds and skin parasite |
| 24 | Huli | <i>Polygonum capathifolium</i> | Polygonac. | L | Tannin, essential oil | Infections |
| 25 | Huliah | <i>Polygonum nepalensis</i> | Polygon. | L | Tannin | Curing wounds interior |
| 26 | Hunewera-go | <i>Medinella sp.</i> | Melastomac. | G | - | Skin parasite /mange |
| 27 | Inektamuk kuning | <i>Rhododendron macgregoriae</i> | Ericaceae | L, Fl | Terpenoid*, Tannin* | Skin parasite/mange and poisson |
| 28 | Inektamuk mili,merah | <i>Rhododendron culminiculeum</i> | Ericacaceae | L, Fl | Terpenoid*, Tannin* | Skin parasite /mange |
| 29 | Inektamuk mola besar | <i>Rhododendron hellwigii</i> | Ericacaceae | L, Fl | Terpenoid*, Tannin* | Skin parasite /mange |
| 30 | Inektamuk mola kecil | <i>Rhododendron herzogii</i> | Ericacaceae | L, Fl | Terpenoid*, Tannin* | Skin parasite /mange |
| 31 | Isoak | <i>Lagenaria siceraria</i> | Cucurbit. | F | - | Stimulate maternal milk production |
| 32 | Jawi | <i>Laportea sp.</i> | Urticaceae | F | - | Rheumatism |
| 33 | Ka | <i>Erythrina merrilliana</i> | Fabaceae | LS | Tannin*, Erifralin? | Reproductive (womb) |
| 34 | Kalel | <i>Piper arborescens</i> | Piperaceae | L | Piperin, essential oil | Stimulant food for pig |
| 35 | Kami | <i>Cinnamomum iners</i> | Lauraceae | L | Essential oil ? | rheumatism |
| 36 | Kilime | <i>Scirpus macrantha</i> | Cyperaceae | PS | - | Digestive problems and purgative |
| 37 | Kul | <i>Aneyma claripes</i> | Loranthac. | L | - | Treating wounds caused by arrows |
| 38 | Kule-kule | <i>Unidentified</i> | Gendub | L,S | - | Skin parasite /mange |
| 39 | Kum | <i>Commelina nudiflora</i> | Commel. | R | - | Treating wounds |
| 40 | Leh | <i>Alpinia incana</i> | Rhamnac. | L | Terpenoid*, Saponin*,Tannin* | Soap and skin cleaner |
| 41 | Litotok | <i>Capillipedium parviflorum</i> | Poaceae | L,S | - | Treating wounds after make hole in nose |
| 42 | Magasom | <i>Clematis papuanica</i> | Ranunculac. | L | Terpenoid* | Malaria and influenza |
| 43 | Maliep | <i>Rubus fraxinifolius</i> | Rosac. | F, L | - | Dental care or toothache,stomach ache and digestive problems |
| 44 | Mayomayo | <i>Oxalis sp.</i> | Oxalidaceae | AP | Oxalat acid | Tonic |
| 45 | Milaga | <i>Glochidion arborescens</i> | Ericaceae | L | Tannin* | Treating wounds |
| 46 | Mileh | <i>Schefflera ischnoacra</i> | Araliaceae | L | - | Anti-mousquito |
| 47 | Monika | <i>Pittosporum ramiflorum</i> | Pittosporac. | L, S | - | Fevers and malaria |
| 48 | Musan | <i>Asclepias curassavica</i> | Asclepiadac. | R, Fl | L=Triperpenoid, alcaloid : Fl = alcaloid | Treating wounds and infections |
| 49 | Nausarik | <i>Bidens biternata</i> | Asteraceae | Fl | - | Wounds cover |
| 50 | Nirugum | <i>Coleus amboinicus</i> | Labiataceae | L | Terpenoid*, Kalium | Treating wounds |
| 51 | Nirugum | <i>Coleus cf.amboinicus</i> | Labiataceae | L | Kalium | Ointment |
| 52 | Oakpuk | <i>Eleusine sp.</i> | Poaceae | L | - | Dental care |
| 53 | Obasiwasi | <i>Euodia cf.elleryana</i> | Rutaceae | L | Essential oil, limonens | Skin disease |
| 54 | Owasiwasi | <i>Fagara ovalifolia</i> | Rutaceae | L | Steroid* | Rheumatism |
| 55 | Pabi | <i>Dodonaea viscosa</i> | Sapindaceae | YL | Alcaloid, Glicoside,Saponin* | Wounds |

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| 56 | Pain | <i>Dioscorea bulbifera</i> | Dioscoreac. | T | , Tannin*, alcaloide,saponin,flavonoide, polifenol | Dysentery, digestive problems |
| 57 | Pawi | <i>Cudrania conchicinensis</i> | Moraceae | L | - | Treating wounds |
| 58 | Pepaya | <i>Carica papaya</i> | Caricaceae | L,F,R | Papain,alcaloid saponin, flavonoid | Malaria and stimulant |
| 59 | Pion | <i>Unidentified</i> | Gendub | L | - | Treating wounds after make hole in nose |
| 60 | Pitel | <i>Unidentified</i> | Gendub | L | - | Cough |
| 61 | Potu | <i>Schefflera macrostachya</i> | Araliaceac | L | - | Wounds cover |
| 62 | Pum | <i>Bischoffia javanica</i> | Euphorbiac. | L | Tannin*, poison | Treating wounds |
| 63 | Sait | <i>Pandanus conoideus</i> | Pandanac. | F | - | Increasing blood production |
| 64 | Selon | <i>Decaspernum fruticosum</i> | Myrtaceae | L | Steroid*,Saponin*, Tannin* | malaria, dental care |
| 65 | Seno | <i>Castanopsis acuminata</i> | Fabaceae | WS | - | Back illness, linment |
| 66 | Seragan | <i>Desmodium sequax</i> | Fabaceae | L | Alcaloid | Curing wounds |
| 67 | Simo | <i>Homalanthus novo-guineensis</i> or <i>H. papuanus</i> | Euphorbiac. | L | - | Burns, childbirth aids |
| 68 | Simo | <i>Ficus odoardi</i> | Moraceac | WR | - | Digestive problems |
| 69 | Siragen | <i>Desmodium gf.sequax</i> | Fabaceae | S | Tannin* | Treating wounds, dental care |
| 70 | Solage | | Sapotac. | L | - | Treating wounds |
| 71 | Sowa | <i>Setaria palmifolia</i> | Poaceae | L, S | - | Stomach ache, digestive problems |
| 72 | Suer | <i>Echinochloa colona</i> | Poaceae | PS | - | Stomach ache, digestive problems |
| 73 | Sumunik | <i>Medinilla macrantha</i> | Melastomac. | F, Fl | - | Stomach ache, digestive problems and dysentery |
| 74 | Wamatotok | <i>Blumea lacera</i> | Asteraceae | L | Cineol, Fenchone, - | Treating wounds on pig skin |
| 75 | Wang pelangken | <i>Ludwigia angustifolia</i> | Onagraceae | L | - | Skin infection (mange) |
| 76 | Wantagah | <i>Vaccinium cavendishoides</i> | Ericaccae | YL | Terpenoid*, Tannin* | Treating wounds |
| 77 | Warompo | <i>Sonchus asper</i> | Asteraceae | L | Flavonoid, Saponin, polifenol | Treating wounds, skin infection (mange) |
| 78 | Wib | <i>Grevillea papuana</i> | Proteaceae | L | - | Treating wounds and infections |
| 79 | Wiki | <i>Paraserianthes falcataria</i> | Fabaceae | L | Saponin* | Soap, skin cleaner |
| 80 | Wiki-wiki | <i>Euphorbia serrulata</i> | Euphorbiac. | L, R | Terpenoid*, Euforbin, Taracserol | Treating wounds |
| 81 | Wilchwilch | <i>Baeckea frutescens</i> | Myrtaceae | L | Steroid*, Saponin*, Tannin* | Fevers, aches and pains |
| 82 | Witar | <i>Solanum nigrum</i> | Solanaceae | F | Solanin,saponin solamargin, salanigrin, fat | Stomach ache, cough |
| 83 | Witarapani | <i>Physalis angulata</i> | Solanaceae | L,R | Terpenoid*, Tannin* | Malaria |
| 84 | Yawi, yiwi | <i>Cytandra sp.</i> | Gesneraceae | L | - | Rheumatism |
| 85 | Yelika | <i>Piper gibbiimbun</i> | Piperaceae | L | - | Anti-emetic |
| 86 | Yelika | <i>Pothomorphe sp.</i> | Piperaceae | L | - | Anti-emetic |
| 87 | Yokose | <i>Polygonum barbatum</i> | Polygonaceae | L, S | - | Skin parasite (mange) |

Note : * analyse by Murningsih and Chairul (1995) and others are study of bibliographies, for example : Quisumbing (1951), Heyne (1987), Perry (1980), Holdsworth (1977), Hargono *et al.* (1986). F (fruit), L (leaf), R (resin), WS (water of stem), WR (water of root), LS (leather of stem), YL (young leaf)

The number of medicinal plant species used by the Dani is relatively high (87 species) compare to many other areas of Indonesia such as Bengkulu (Uji *et al.*, 1992), Kubu (Agoes *et al.*, 1975), Mentawai-Siberut Islands (Ave & Sunio, 1990), Kupang-Timor (Sangat-Roemantyo, 1991), Rote (Wiriadinata, 1991), exception for the Javanese societies use 270 species medicinal plant (Boorsma, 1938) and the Tanebar-Evav societies who have used the medicinal plant is 156 species (Purwanto, 1993).

The arrival of modern medicine to the Baliem valley has not yet changed the traditional Dani medical methods and use of medicinal plants. These tradition methods are still practiced, although there are establishing the Health Care Centers (Puskesmas).

Plant foods

In the valley, the Dani use sweet potato (*hipere, Ipomoea batatas*) as a principal food source. The sweet potato is quantitatively the most important plant grown in the Baliem valley. Both tubers and leaves are eaten; the tubers either roasted among hot coals or baked in a pit with hot rock (called « *seni* »).

The gathering from wild plant food source is still an important activity in most Dani communities. Some food plants are collected from the wild when traditional foods are scarce. For example: *tuwe* (*Pandanus julianettii*), *sait* (*Pandanus conoideus*), *Waromo* (*Pandanus brosimos*), *mumun* (*Cudrania conchichinensis*), etc.

The red *Pandanus* fruit (*sait, Pandanus conoideus*) is cooked and then reduced to pulpy soup by kneading. Groves of the red *Pandanus*, which are individually owned, are scattered throughout the valley landscape, often on the sites of abandoned gardens or village. *Pandanus brosimos* and *P. julianettii* are species important in the Dani diet. They grow only at altitudes above 6,500 feet. The large oily nuts produced by these trees are considered a delicacy when roasted. Most of the *Pandanus brosimos* and *P. julianettii* in the Baliem valley grows in high-elevation forest.

The Dani gather young leaves or fruits of wild plants for consumption as vegetables. A variety of vegetable species is consumed throughout the year (Table 3). Vegetable species include *liken* (unidentified), *ulepeka* (*Cyclosorus* sp.), *ulijagah* (*Planchonella* sp.), *pinthe* (*Cyathea cooperi*), *wulep* (*Pteridium aquilinum*), *wurika* (*Cassia hirsuta*), and *wurikaka* (*Desmodium schalp.*), *yipit* (*Alpinia* sp.); and species for fruits; *yirilih* (*Rubus* sp.), *maliep* (*Rubus fraxinifolius*), *koloh* (*Sauraria* sp.). Some species, such as: *sowa* (*Setaria palmifolia*), spinach (*kibi, Amaranthus* spp.), wing bean (*wenale, Psophocarpus tetragonolobus*), corn (*hupak, Zea mays L.*); are also cultivated either as part of the mixed cropping or in pure stands under slash-burn agriculture. *Cyathea* sp., *Cyclosorus* sp., are largely consumed during ritual ceremonies.

Most of the foods reported here are fruits, as they require less preparation and are often eaten raw. Foods that are less commonly used include those species that require elaborate preparation such as *hom* (*Colocasia esculenta*), *pain* (*Dioscorea* spp.), and *napireabo* (*Manihot esculenta*). Food plants introduced to the Dani by outsiders (missionaries, government officials, visitors, LIPI) include white potatoes, tomatoes, cabbage, papaya, carrots, beets, pineapple, lettuce, and others (see Table 3).

Table 3. The plant species utilized as food by Dani societies in Baliem Valley

| Local name | Scientific Name | Family | No of variants | Note | Using |
|--------------|--|------------------|----------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| Apel* | <i>Pyrus malus</i> | Rosaceae | 2 | c, i | Fruit |
| Apokat* | <i>Persea americana</i> | Lauraceae | 1 | c, i | Fruit |
| Bisiken | <i>Alpinia sp.</i> | Zingiberaceae | - | nc | Tuber for food |
| Bawang kok* | <i>Allium fistulosum</i> | Liliaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable, spices |
| Bawang kut* | <i>Allium sativum</i> | Liliaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable, spices |
| Bawangmola* | <i>Allium cepa</i> | Liliaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable, spices |
| El | <i>Saccharum officinarum</i> | Poaceae | 8 | c | Beverage |
| Gambas | <i>Luffa acutangula</i> | Cucurbitaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Giawas | <i>Psidium guajava</i> | Myrtaceae | 1 | c, i | Fruit |
| Haki | <i>Musa paradisiaca</i> | Musaceae | 15 | c, i | Fruit, ritual, rope, etc |
| Hece | <i>Capicum annum</i> | Solanaceae | 2 | c, i | Spices |
| Helice | <i>Capicum frutescens</i> | Solanaceae | 1 | c, i | Spices |
| Helah | <i>Abelmoschus manihot</i> | Malvaceae | 2 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Helah | <i>Jatropha multifida</i> | Euphorbiaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Hipere | <i>Ipomoea batatas</i> | Convolvulaceae | +100 | c | Staple food, ritual, vegetable |
| Hite | <i>Zingiber officinale</i> | Zingiberaceae | 1 | c, i | Spice, medicinal plant |
| Hobut | <i>Cucurbita moschata</i> | Cucurbitaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Hom | <i>Colocasia esculenta</i> | Araceae | 22 | c, i | Food |
| Hom | <i>Alocasia sp.</i> | Araceae | 1 | c, i | Food |
| Hom | <i>Xanthosoma sp.</i> | Araceae | 1 | c, i | Food |
| Hom | <i>Cyrtosperma sp.</i> | Araceae | 1 | c, i | Food |
| Huli | <i>Polygonum nepalensis</i> | Polygonaceae | - | nc | Food for bird |
| Hupak | <i>Zea mays</i> | Poaceae | 4 | c, i | Food |
| Jewi | <i>Alpinia brevituba</i> | Zingiberaceae | - | c, i | Spice |
| Kangkung* | <i>Ipomoea aquatica</i> | Convolvulaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Kemanggi* | <i>Oatum americanum</i> | Labiatae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Kibi | <i>Amaranthus caudatus</i> | Amaranthaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Kibi | <i>Amaranthus hybridus</i> | Amaranthaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Kibi | <i>Amaranthus tricolor</i> | Amaranthaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Kibi | <i>Amaranthus spinosus</i> | Amaranthaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Kibi | <i>Amaranthus cf. viridis</i> | Amaranthaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Kikik | <i>Syzygium aquea</i> | Myrtaceae | 1 | c, i | Fruit |
| Kilu telor | <i>Cypromandra betacea</i> | Solanaceae | 1 | c | Food |
| Kilu tomar* | <i>Solanum lycopersicon</i> | Solanaceae | 2 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Kilu terong* | <i>Solanum melongena</i> | Solanaceae | 2 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Kilu kera | <i>Sechium edule</i> | Cucurbitaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Kol eka* | <i>Brassica oleracea var. botrytis</i> | Crucaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Kol eken* | <i>Brassica oleracea var. capitata</i> | Crucaceae | 2 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Koloh | <i>Sauraria sp.</i> | Actinidiaceae | - | nc | Fruit for food |
| Kopi* | <i>Coffea arabica</i> | Rubiaceae | 1 | c, i | Drink |
| Kentang* | <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> | Solanaceae | 1 | c, i | Food and Vegetable |
| Lemon* | <i>Citrus spp.</i> | Rutaceae | - | c, i | Fruit, codiment, drink, medicinal |
| Liken | <i>Cyclosorus sp.</i> | Thelypteridaceae | - | nc | Vegetable |
| Liwo | <i>Piper miniatum</i> | Piperaceae | - | nc | Spice and vegetable |
| Lobe | <i>Saccharum edule</i> | Poaceae | - | c, o | Vegetable |
| Mai | Unidentified | Gendub | - | nc | Vegetable |
| Maliep | <i>Rubus fraxinifolius</i> | Rosaceae | - | nc | Fruit |
| Mangga* | <i>Mangifera indica</i> | Anacardiaceae | 1 | c, i | Fruit |
| Mayo | Unidentified | Gendub | - | nc | Salt |
| Min | <i>Ilex spicata</i> | Aquifoliaceae | - | nc | Fruit for feeding birds |
| Mumun | <i>Cudrania conchinchinensis</i> | Moraceae | - | nc | Secondary food |
| Nanas* | <i>Ananas comosus</i> | Bromeliaceae | 1 | c, i | Fruit |

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| Napire abo | <i>Manihot utilissima</i> | Euphorbiaceae | 2 | c, i | Food |
| Nasi, padi* | <i>Oryza sativa</i> | Poaceae | 3 | c, i | Food |
| Pain | <i>Dioscorea spp.</i> | Dioscoreaceae | 5 | c | Food |
| Papaya* | <i>Carica papaya</i> | Caricaceae | 2 | c, i | Fruit, medicinal plant, vegetable |
| Parc* | <i>Momordica charantia</i> | Cucurbitaceae | 2 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Petsai-cka* | <i>Brassica campestris</i> | Crucaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Saralek | <i>Vaccinium spp.</i> | Ericaceae | 1 | nc | Secondary food |
| Sawi* | <i>Brassica sinensis</i> | Crucaceae | 3 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Sait | <i>Pandanus conoidens</i> | Pandanaceae | 4 | c | Food |
| Saluka | <i>Pandanus spp.</i> | Pandanaceae | - | sc | Food |
| Sampun | <i>Unidentified</i> | Gendub | - | nc | Vegetable |
| Salada* | <i>Lactuca sativa</i> | Crucaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Seledri* | <i>Apium graveolens</i> | Apiaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Seluka | <i>Ficus spp.</i> | Moraceae | - | nc | Vegetable |
| Semangka* | <i>Citrus vulgaris</i> | Cucurbitaceae | 2 | c | Fruit |
| Sowa | <i>Setaria palmifolia</i> | Poaceae | 5 | c | Vegetable, medicinal |
| Sukat-sukat | <i>Rhododendron orientis</i> | Ericaceae | - | nc | Bird food |
| Tuke | <i>Pandanus julianettii</i> | Pandanaceae | 3 | sc | Food |
| Tumi-tumi | <i>Flacourtiella spp.</i> | Flacourtiaceae | - | nc | Food |
| Turi* | <i>Sesbania grandiflora</i> | Fabaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Ulep | <i>Cyclosorus spp.</i> | Thelypteridaceae | - | nc | Vegetable |
| Ulijagah | <i>Planchonella spp.</i> | Sapotaceae | - | nc | Vegetable |
| Welaluk | <i>Garcinia spp.</i> | Clusiaceae | - | nc | Bird food |
| Wenyle | <i>Psophocarpus tetragonolobus</i> | Fabaceae | 5 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Wenyle-wenyle | <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> | Fabaceae | 1 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Wenyle eken | <i>Glycine max</i> | Fabaceae | 2 | c, i | Food |
| Wenyle mili | <i>Phaseolus lunatus</i> | Fabaceae | 2 | c, i | Food |
| Wenyle agat | <i>Arachis hypogaea</i> | Fabaceae | 2 | c, i | Food |
| Weramo | <i>Pandanus cf. brosimos</i> | Pandanaceae | - | nc | Food |
| Wortel* | <i>Daucus carota</i> | Umbelliferae | 2 | c, i | Vegetable |
| Wulep | <i>Pteridium spp.</i> | Pteridaceae | - | nc | Vegetable |
| Wulepeka | <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> | Pteridaceae | - | nc | Vegetable |
| Wurika | <i>Cassia birsuta</i> | Fabaceae | - | nc | Vegetable |
| Wurikaka | <i>Desmodium schalpe</i> | Fabaceae | - | nc | Vegetable |
| Yipit | <i>Alpinia spp.</i> | Zingiberaceae | - | nc | Leaf + pig blood used as vegetable |
| Yirilih | <i>Rubus spp.</i> | Rosaceae | - | nc | Fruit |

Note : * = recent introduce plant use Indonesian name

c = cultivated

i = introduce

sc = semi domesticated

nc = non cultivated

Plants for Ritual Ceremonies

Some ceremonies at which specific plant species are used are: covers and ornament for material ceremony (*kaneke*) and war satisfaction material (*apwarek*), marriage material (*be yokal*), initiation ritual (*apwaya*), most part of traditional ritual (*mauve*), ritual of cremation (*warekma*), ritual of fertility (*heperegenla*) and others ritual are listed in Table 4. In the Baliem Valley a large number of species are used for these ritual ceremonies (Table 4).

Table 4. Species used for ritual ceremonies by Dani in Baliem Valley

| No | Rituals | Plants used obligation | Plants used for <i>seni</i> | Plantes pour un ornement de <i>kaneké</i> |
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| A. Different stage of individual life ritual. | | | | |
| 1. | <i>Ap waya</i> : initiation ritual of <i>ebc waya</i> . | <i>Iokop</i> (<i>Phragmites karka</i>), <i>pabi</i> (<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>), <i>lih</i> (<i>Apionia excelse</i>), and <i>hom tugihom</i> (<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>), <i>el</i> (<i>Sachorium officinale</i>), <i>Haki</i> (<i>Musa paradisiaca</i>). | <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>), <i>Iukaka</i> (<i>Ischaemum f. rugosum</i> , <i>Paspalum conjugatum</i>), <i>yeleka</i> (<i>Lersia hexandra</i>), <i>Isani</i> (<i>Acalypha amentacea</i>). | - |
| 2. | <i>He yokal</i> : marriage ritual | <i>folok</i> (<i>Globokidion sp.</i>), <i>mulele</i> (<i>Geronopeltis gymnum</i>), <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>), <i>yabe</i> (<i>Cordyline terminalis</i>), <i>pinthe</i> (<i>Cyathea cooperi</i>). | <i>idem</i> | - |
| 3. | <i>Warekma</i> : cremation ritual | <i>jabe</i> (<i>Cordyline terminalis</i>), <i>pinthe</i> (<i>Cyathea cooperi</i>), stem of <i>Haki</i> (<i>Musa paradisiaca</i>), <i>mulele</i> (<i>Geronopeltis gymnum</i>), <i>musan</i> (<i>Orontea jananica</i>), <i>wereke</i> (<i>Polygonum sp.</i>), <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>) | <i>idem</i> | - |
| 3a. | <i>Wakunno</i> : sacred place construction or repair of <i>segajilik</i> . | ritual <i>segé</i> (lance of war), <i>siluk</i> (<i>Imperata cylindrica</i>), <i>isoak</i> (<i>Lagenaria siceraria</i>), <i>mul</i> (<i>Calamus pratensis</i>), <i>mogatelleh</i> (<i>Cyandrum sp.</i>), <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>), <i>pinthe</i> (<i>Cyathea cooperi</i>). | <i>idem</i> | - |
| 3b. | <i>Ye wagauok</i> : part of <i>warekma</i> ritual (legalization of <i>ye</i> contribution) | not utilize of particular plants, except <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>), <i>pinthe</i> (<i>Cyathea cooperi</i>) | <i>idem</i> | - |
| 3c. | <i>Netaigen aigen nasuk palge (palke)</i> : ritual for finger cutting (for woman only) or ear cutting for man when a bereavement of their family death | <i>wib</i> (<i>Grevillea papuana</i>), <i>simoka</i> (<i>Gonocaryum sp.</i>). | - | - |
| 3d. | <i>Pelabe</i> : ritual for finishing a bereavement | <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>), <i>pinthe</i> (<i>Cyathea cooperi</i>), <i>yabe ap</i> and <i>yabe hai</i> (<i>Cordyline terminalis</i>). | <i>Iukaka</i> (<i>Ischaemum f. rugosum</i> , <i>Paspalum conjugatum</i>), <i>yeleka</i> (<i>Lersia hexandra</i>), <i>Isani</i> (<i>Acalypha amentacea</i>). | - |

B. Rituals correspond with agricultural activities

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| 1. | <i>Jage ekat matarek</i> : ritual for starting new sweet potato garden. | <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>), (<i>Cyathaea cooperi</i>) | <i>pinthe</i> | <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>), (<i>Ischaemum cf. regosum</i> , <i>conjugatum</i>), <i>yeleka</i> (<i>Lersia hexandra</i>), <i>lisani</i> (<i>Acalypha amentacea</i>). | <i>lukaka</i> - |
| 2. | <i>Hipere kaneke</i> : ritual for the first planting of sweet potato. | <i>leh</i> (<i>Aphionia excelsa</i>), <i>pabi</i> (<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>), <i>pinthe</i> (<i>Cyathaea cooperi</i>), <i>hipere</i> cultivar <i>hupuk</i> (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>), <i>el mongkaroko</i> (<i>Sachetaria officinarum</i>) | <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>), (<i>Ischaemum cf. regosum</i> , <i>conjugatum</i>), <i>yeleka</i> (<i>Lersia hexandra</i>), <i>lisani</i> (<i>Acalypha amentacea</i>). | <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>), (<i>Ischaemum cf. regosum</i> , <i>conjugatum</i>), <i>yeleka</i> (<i>Lersia hexandra</i>), <i>lisani</i> (<i>Acalypha amentacea</i>). | <i>lukaka</i> - |
| 3. | <i>Hipere samalarek</i> : ritual for the first harvesting of sweet potato. | <i>pinthe</i> (<i>Cyathaea cooperi</i>), (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>) | <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>), (<i>Ischaemum cf. regosum</i> , <i>conjugatum</i>), <i>yeleka</i> (<i>Lersia hexandra</i>), <i>lisani</i> (<i>Acalypha amentacea</i>). | <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>), (<i>Ischaemum cf. regosum</i> , <i>conjugatum</i>), <i>yeleka</i> (<i>Lersia hexandra</i>), <i>lisani</i> (<i>Acalypha amentacea</i>). | <i>lukaka</i> - |
| 4. | <i>Hiperegenia</i> : ritual for the plant growth fertility, pig and human healthy. | <i>kobo</i> (<i>Lithocarpus rufifoliosus</i>), <i>yay</i> (<i>Paphiaedrus sp.</i>), <i>mul</i> (<i>Calamus pratitanus</i>), <i>mulele</i> (<i>Geitonoplesium cymosum</i>), <i>pinthe</i> (<i>Cyathaea cooperi</i>), <i>yuragap</i> (<i>Podocarpus nemoratus</i>), <i>leh</i> (<i>Aphionia excelsa</i>), <i>mogat heleh</i> (<i>Cynandrum sp.</i>), <i>siki</i> et <i>werasi</i> (fougères), les feuilles de <i>haki</i> (<i>Musa paradisiaca</i>), <i>lisani</i> (<i>Acalypha amentacea</i>), <i>pah</i> (<i>Lithocarpus cf. rufifoliosus</i>). | <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>), (<i>Ischaemum cf. regosum</i> , <i>conjugatum</i>), <i>yeleka</i> (<i>Lersia hexandra</i>), <i>lisani</i> (<i>Acalypha amentacea</i>). | <i>lukaka</i> - <i>yabe</i> (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>), (<i>Ischaemum cf. regosum</i> , <i>conjugatum</i>), <i>yeleka</i> (<i>Lersia hexandra</i>), <i>lisani</i> (<i>Acalypha amentacea</i>). | <i>yabe</i> (<i>Cordyline terminalis</i>), <i>yehi</i> (<i>Reedelia paniculata</i>), <i>yivi</i> (<i>Anomum sp.</i>), <i>helte</i> - <i>belte</i> (<i>Apinitia sp.</i>), <i>likaka</i> (<i>Eragrotis bengkalis</i>), <i>mak-mak</i> (<i>Fimbristylis dichotoma</i>), <i>likuah</i> (<i>Fimbristylis sp.</i>), <i>puali</i> (<i>Nepolepis lauterbachii</i>), <i>N. exaltata</i> , <i>Namafnikiaiburi</i> (<i>Dipteris conjugata</i>), <i>sagan</i> (<i>Desmodium daypodium</i>), |
| 5. | <i>Agat wesa</i> : ritual for soil fertility | <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>), (<i>Cyathaea cooperi</i>), <i>terminalis</i>) | <i>pinthe</i> (<i>Cordyline</i> | <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>), (<i>Ischaemum cf. regosum</i> , <i>conjugatum</i>), <i>yeleka</i> (<i>Lersia hexandra</i>), <i>lisani</i> (<i>Acalypha amentacea</i>). | <i>lukaka</i> - |

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| 8. | limit clarification of <i>isa-eak</i> territory. This limit is signed by <i>sait</i> (<i>Pandanus conoides</i>), <i>sait</i> (<i>Pandanus conoides</i>), <i>pinthe</i> (<i>Cyathea cooperi</i>), <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>). | <i>lukaka</i> - <i>lisan</i> (<i>Acalypha amentacea</i>). |
| 1. | Wam wakunuok : ritual for reinforcement of the <i>isa-eak</i> link. | <i>lukaka</i> - <i>lisan</i> (<i>Acalypha amentacea</i>). |
| D. Others rituals : | | |
| 1. | Wam mauwe or ebakho : grand ritual of Dani-Baliem people. | <i>lukaka</i> <i>Walimo</i> (<i>Lophospermum sp.</i>), <i>walimo-walimo</i> (<i>Rapanea sp.</i>), <i>ulep</i> (<i>Cyathea cooperi</i>), <i>sisika</i> (<i>Cyathosorus sp.</i>), <i>pualu</i> (<i>Nephrolepis lauterbachii</i>), <i>N. exaltata</i>), <i>kutelka</i> (<i>Solanum verbasifolium</i>), <i>helte-helte</i> (<i>Alpinia sp.</i>), <i>ulu</i> (<i>Orchidaceae</i>), <i>Ikaka</i> (<i>Eragrostis longkaliae</i>) |
| 2. | Timpat : is a necklace. Ritual for give a sign to a person who has done a certain ritual. This ritual is a symbol of the close relation between the tradition | <i>lukaka</i> - <i>lisan</i> (<i>Acalypha amentacea</i>). |
| 3. | Niesok ai : ritual for pilamo construction. This ritual is a signed by herb that is used in the <i>seni</i> . These herbs are bonded in the pillar of <i>pilamo</i> . This ritual is a symbol of the fondament of the Dani-Baliem life, notably for the construction of <i>pilamo kanekeka</i> . | <i>lukaka</i> - <i>lisan</i> (<i>Acalypha amentacea</i>). |
| 4. | Wam oup : ritual for curing sick pig. | <i>lukaka</i> - <i>lisan</i> (<i>Acalypha amentacea</i>). |

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| 5. | <i>Seni eka</i> ou <i>isatarek</i> : ritual for forecasting knowing a bad condition in the future. During this ritual, the Dani people cook herbs, if the herbs are not done is it indicating the decrease condition. | <i>yelka</i> (<i>Lersia hexandra</i>), <i>piatne</i> (<i>Ipomea batatas</i>), <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomea (Ipomoea) rigosum</i> , <i>Paspalum conjugatum</i>), <i>yelcka</i> (<i>Lersia hexandra</i>), <i>lisani</i> (<i>Acalypha amentacea</i>). | <i>Iukaka</i> - |
| 6. | <i>Erowali</i> or <i>Ima wusa</i> : custom transgression « <i>pabi</i> » (woman violation in same <i>ebe</i>). In this ritual, a person who has done must be thrown into the water. | <i>pabi</i> (<i>Dolomedes viscosa</i>), <i>asim</i> (<i>Pandanus peltatus</i>), <i>leh</i> (<i>Alpinia excelsa</i>), <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomea batatas</i>), <i>piatne</i> (<i>Cyathea conjugatum</i>), <i>yelka</i> (<i>Lersia hexandra</i>), <i>lisani</i> (<i>Acalypha amentacea</i>). | <i>Iukaka</i> - |
| 7. | <i>Miso hagatarek</i> or <i>miyo persioko</i> : ritual for inviting the rain. | <i>yabe</i> (<i>Cordyline terminalis</i>) | - |
| 8. | <i>Wam ilko</i> : ritual for giving food to uncles (<i>nanni</i> = uncles and <i>neak</i> = aunt) | <i>hipere</i> (<i>Ipomea batatas</i>), vegetable and pigs. This ritual does not utilize a particular plant. | <i>Iukaka</i> - |

Plants used for construction, fencing or fire wood

Dani communities in the Baliem valley utilize wood for fuel and occasionally for building material. Materials for the construction of houses are more specific than those for firewood. People habitually use *hamud* (*Kania eugeniooides*), *alengkah* (*Eugenia* sp.), *biye* (*Scleropyrum leptostachyum*), *kul* (*Timonius montana*), and *sagi* (*Nothofagus rubra*) for housing. These species are still found in the primary forest at certain elevation. The people, instead, use other species of trees for house building materials (wall, pole, plate dorm are made from wood) as listed in Table 5, and roof is made from *siluk* (*Imperata cylindrica*).

Wood for fence can come from many species of tree found in the secondary forest and primary forests (Table 4.). The utilization of wood for garden fence is a big problem for the Dani. To build garden fences requires great quantities of woods and the cycle of the shifting cultivation (time fallow) does not allow the forests to supply the amount of wood that is needed. Therefore the Dani exploit forest reserves.

Dani women usually carry out firewood collection for daily needs when there is an agricultural activity such as cutting, slashing and burning. Most wood required of ritual purposes (*mauwe*) is collected from the primary forest by groups of Dani men.

People still utilize wood resources found surrounding the village, for example *wileh* (*Casuarina papuana*) and *wiki* (*Paraserianthes falcataria*).

Table 5. List of plants used for construction, fence construction material or firewood

| Local name | Scientific name | Family | Use |
|--------------|--|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Ageruyuh | <i>Pruus grisea</i> | Rosaceae | C, F, FW |
| Agenyet | Unidentified | Gendub | C, F, FW |
| Alengkah | <i>Xanthomyrtus</i> sp. | Myrtaceae | C, F, FW |
| Alengka | <i>Eugenia</i> sp. | Myrtaceae | C, F, FW |
| Alimo | <i>Engelhardia rigidia</i> | Juglandaceae | F, FW |
| Alok-alok | <i>Berberis</i> sp. | Berberaceae | F, FW |
| Amiksabuk | <i>Embelia viridiflora</i> | Myrsinaceae | C, F |
| Baga | <i>Sloanea archboldiana</i> | Elaeocarpaceae | C, F, FW |
| Berakai | <i>Porophyllum ruderale</i> | Rubiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Biye | <i>Sclerophyrum leptostachyum</i> | Santalaceae | C, F, FW |
| Dep | <i>Ardisia</i> sp. | Myrsinaceae | F, FW |
| Dili | <i>Prunus</i> sp. | Rosaceae | C, F, FW |
| Duaga | <i>Vaccinium angulata, V. varingiae folium</i> | Ericaceae | F, FW |
| Fulu | <i>Rhododendron bellvirgii</i> | Ericaceae | F, FW |
| Hamud | <i>Kania eugeniooides</i> | Myrtaceae | C, F, FW |
| Hapawor | <i>Glochidion</i> sp. | Euphorbiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Hapsi | <i>Planchonella firma</i> | Sapotaceae | F, FW |
| Harowaknen | <i>Glochidion rubrum</i> | Euphorbiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Heitem | <i>Flacourzia</i> sp. | Flacourtiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Helah | <i>Jatropa multifida</i> | Euphorbiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Helon, polet | - | Sapindaceae | C, F, FW, arrows (siken eken) |
| Heluk | <i>Macaranga mappa</i> | Euphorbiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Hemer | <i>Cinnamomum</i> sp. | Lauraceae | F, FW |
| Hemere | <i>Schizomeria serrata</i> | Cunoniaceae | F, FW |
| Hentam | <i>Maesa verrucosa</i> | Myrsinaceae | C, F, FW |

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| Heya | <i>Castanopsis</i> sp. | Fagaceae | C, F, FW |
| Heit, Heye, Het | <i>Castanopsis acuminatissima</i> | Fagaceae | C, F, FW |
| Hia | <i>Debregeasia dichotoma</i> | Urticaceae | F, FW |
| Hiabogheh | <i>Actinodaphne multiflora</i> | Lauraceae | C, F, FW |
| Hok | <i>Streblus asper</i> | Moraceae | F, FW, sali, noken, yokal |
| Holim-holim | <i>Pittosporum pulifolium</i> | Pittosporaceae | C, F, FW, sege |
| Holisigom | <i>Rhododendron macgregoriae</i> | Ericaceae | F, FW, ornamental |
| Holison | <i>Rhododendron herzogii</i> | Ericaceae | F, FW, ornamental |
| Horap | <i>Unidentified</i> | Gendub | C, F, FW |
| Hubu | <i>Celtis rubrovinea</i> | Ulmaceae | Firewood for cremation |
| Hubuh | <i>Micracos</i> sp. | Tiliaceae | C, F, FW |
| Hugi | <i>Trema orientalis</i> | Ulmaceae | C, F, FW |
| Hula-hula | <i>Euodia elleryana</i> | Rutaceae | F, FW |
| Hule | <i>Ficus</i> sp. | Moraceae | F, FW |
| Hulikjagah | <i>Microcarpus</i> sp. | Microcarpaceae | C, F, FW |
| Hulok | <i>Trema cf orientalis</i> | Ulmaceae | C, F, FW |
| Hum | <i>Tetractomia lauterbachiana</i> | Rutaceae | C, F, FW |
| Hunerago | <i>Medinella</i> sp. | Melastomataceae | FW, medicinal |
| Hunowerago | <i>Rhyticaryum</i> sp. | Icacinaceae | C, F, FW |
| Ih | <i>Litsea</i> sp. | Lauraceae | C, F, FW |
| Ilkelik | <i>Rapanea papuana</i> | Myrsinaceae | C, F, FW |
| Ilakelik | <i>Glochidion philippicum</i> | Euphorbiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Illulik | <i>Elaeocarpus rosea</i> | Elaeocarpaceae | C, F, FW |
| Imakot | <i>Gonocaria</i> sp. | Gonocarriaceae | F, FW |
| Inetamuken | <i>Rhododendron cf macgregoriae</i> | Ericaceae | F, FW, poison |
| Jagad | <i>Mischantus</i> sp. | Poaceae | C, F |
| Jilih | <i>Piper wilhelminia</i> | Piperaceae | FW, medicinal and ritual |
| Joli | <i>Tristania obovata</i> | Myrtaceae | C, F, FW, sike |
| Jual | <i>Glochidion vinkianum</i> | Euphorbiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Ka | <i>Erythrina crista-galli</i> | Fabaceae | F, FW |
| Kait | <i>Adinandra</i> sp. | Theaceae | C, F, FW |
| Kait | <i>Gardenia</i> sp. | Rubiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Kaloli | <i>Eugenia</i> sp. | Myrtaceae | C, F, FW |
| Kalolih | <i>Steganthera</i> sp. | Monimiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Kami | <i>Cinnamomum iners</i> | Lauraceae | F, FW, Medicinal |
| Kebir | <i>Wendlandia paniculata</i> | Rubiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Kekantu | <i>Rhamnus nepalensis</i> | Rhamnaceae | FW, rope |
| Kekatu | <i>Segeratia theezans</i> | Rhamnaceae | C, F, FW |
| Kepi | <i>Canarium pilosum</i> | Burseraceae | C, F, FW, utensil |
| Ki | <i>Nothofagus starkenburgii</i> | Fagaceae | C, F, FW |
| Kibako | <i>Rhododendron herzogii</i> | Ericaceae | F, FW, ornamental |
| Kibid | <i>Leviera beccariana</i> | Myrtaceae | F, FW |
| Kimpi | <i>Octomyrtus pleiopetala</i> | Myrtaceae | C, Utensil, cano |
| Kobo | <i>Lithocarpus ruffovillosus</i> | Fagaceae | C, F, FW |
| Kolakima | <i>Rapanea accuminatum</i> | Myrsinaceae | FW |
| Koloh | <i>Sauraria</i> sp. | Actinidiaceae | F, FW, Fruit, leaf for base of cooking |
| Kolokan | <i>Steganthera hirsuta</i> | Monimiaceae | F, FW |
| Kop | <i>Diospyros</i> sp. | Ebenaceae | C, F, FW |
| Kubangko | <i>Ardisia</i> sp. | Myrsinaceae | C, F, FW |
| Kubangko | <i>Rhododendron bayerinckianum</i> | Ericaceae | F, FW, utensil |

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| Kul | <i>Timonius montana</i> | Rubiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Kul | <i>Fagraea ceylanica</i> | Loganiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Kulok-kulok | <i>Dysoxylum caulostachyum</i> | Meliaceae | C, F, FW |
| Lait | <i>Podocarpus pilgeri</i> | Podocarpaceae | C, F, FW |
| Lawelay | <i>Eugenia cuprea, E. mosa</i> | Myrtaceae | C, F, FW |
| Lay | <i>Papuacerdus sp.</i> | Coniferae | C, F, FW |
| Leget bulah | <i>Drymaria sp.</i> | Caryophylaceae | F, FW |
| Leh | <i>Alphitonia incana</i> | Rhamnaceae | F, FW, ritual |
| Libah | <i>Cleome sp.</i> | Capparaceae | FW |
| Libah-libah | | Sapindaceae | FW |
| Lisani | <i>Acalypha amentacea</i> | Euphorbiaceae | F, FW, Cigarette |
| Logon | <i>Ilex cf cymosa</i> | Aquifoliaceae | FW |
| Lokop | <i>Pragmites karka</i> | Poaceae | C, F |
| Lulaken | <i>Polygonia sp.</i> | Polygonaceae | C, F, FW, sike |
| Lupue | <i>Melochia umbellata</i> | Sterculiaceae | F, FW |
| Mepsengkek | <i>Flacourtie rukam</i> | Flacourtiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Milaga | <i>Glochidion rubrum</i> | Euphorbiaceae | C, F, leaf for base of sweet potato cooking |
| Mileh | <i>Schefflera ischnoacra</i> | Araliaceae | F, FW |
| Mileh | <i>Symplocos sp.</i> | Symplocaceae | F, FW |
| Min | <i>Ilex spicata</i> | Aquifoliaceae | F, FW |
| Monika | <i>Pittosporum ramiflorum</i> | Pittosporaceae | F, FW, utensil |
| Mototo | <i>Psychotria dolichocarpa</i> | Rubiaceae | FW |
| Mukut | <i>Sauraria sp.</i> | Saurariaceae | F, FW |
| Mumuli | <i>Ficus sp.</i> | Moraceae | C, F, FW |
| Mupakep | <i>Eugenia sp.</i> | Myrtaceae | FW |
| Nirugum | <i>Coleus amboinicus</i> | Labiatae | FW |
| Nogolilih | <i>Wendlandia sp.</i> | Rubiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Finthe | <i>Cyathea cooperi</i> | Cyatheaceae | FW, ritual |
| Nyaksugun | | Rutaceae | FW |
| Pabi | <i>Dodonaea viscosa</i> | Sapindaceae | F, FW |
| Pagali | <i>Gonocarium sp.</i> | Icacinaceae | F, FW, sege |
| Pagale | <i>Garcinia schraderi</i> | Clusiaceae | F, FW, sege |
| Pah | <i>Lithocarpus ruffovilosus</i> | Fagaceae | F, FW, ritual, wadloleget |
| Palok | <i>Sterculia sp.</i> | Sterculiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Panteb | <i>Psychotria chrysanthia</i> | Rubiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Pawi | <i>Cudramia conchicinensis</i> | Moraceae | C, F, FW |
| Pelud-pelud | <i>Alangium pilosum</i> | Alangiaceae | F, FW |
| Pia, pig | <i>Garcinia sp.</i> | Clusiaceae | F, FW |
| Pipit | <i>Mussaenda reinwardtiana</i> | Rubiaceae | F, FW |
| Pogottmilih | <i>Prunus cf grisea</i> | Rosaceae | C, F, FW for victim |
| Pogum | <i>Rhododendron culminosolum</i> | Ericaceae | C, F, FW |
| Polok | <i>Sterculia sp.</i> | Sterculiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Pom | <i>Myristica holdingerii</i> | Myristicaceae | C, F, FW |
| Pompalep | <i>Eugenia sp.</i> | Myrtaceae | F, FW, ornamental |
| Popoli | <i>Pittosporum ferrugineum</i> | Pittosporaceae | C, F, FW |
| Poroom | <i>Rhododendron sp.</i> | Ericaceae | F, FW, poison, ornamental |
| Poroon | <i>Rhododendron cf herzogii</i> | Ericaceae | F, FW, ornamental |
| Potmili | <i>Prunus sp.</i> | Rosaceae | C, F, FW |
| Poter | <i>Sloanea paradijanum</i> | Elaeocarpaceae | C, F, FW |
| Potuh | <i>Schefflera lucida</i> | Araliaceae | FW |

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| Poum | <i>Myristica balunganii</i> | Myristicaceae | C, F, FW |
| Puluh-puluh | <i>Alangia vilosum</i> | Alangiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Pum | <i>Anthrophyllum macranthum</i> | Araliaceae | C, F, FW |
| Put | <i>Anthrophyllum sp.</i> | Araliaceae | C, F, FW |
| Saberage | <i>Unidentified</i> | Gendub | C, F, FW |
| Sagalaleh | <i>Vaccinium sp.</i> | Ericaceae | C, F, FW |
| Sage | <i>Platea excelsa</i> | Icacinaceae | C, F, FW |
| Sageit | <i>Podocarpus sp.</i> | Podocarpaceae | C, F, FW |
| Sagi | <i>Nothofagus rubra</i> | Fagaceae | C, F, FW |
| Sagi | <i>Diospyros sp.</i> | Ebenaceae | C, F, FW |
| Saiko | <i>Garcinia bancana</i> | Clusiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Saluka-saluka | <i>Viola betonicifolia</i> | Violaceae | F, FW |
| Sanah | <i>Prunus sp.</i> | Rosaceae | FW |
| Selon | <i>Metroxylon pullei</i> | Myrtaceae | C, F, FW |
| Seno | <i>Castanopsis sp.</i> | Fagaceae | C, F, FW |
| Si | <i>Euphorbia sp.</i> | Euphorbiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Sibilak | <i>Elaeocarpus sp.</i> | Elaeocarpaceae | F, FW |
| Simo | <i>Homalanthus novo-guineensis</i> | Euphorbiaceae | C, FW, medicinal plant |
| Simoka | <i>Gonocaria sp.</i> | Icacinaceae | FW |
| Sin | <i>Araucaria cunninghamii</i> | Araucariaceae | C, F, FW |
| Sip | <i>Diospyros sp.</i> | Ebenaceae | C, F, FW |
| Sop | <i>Macaranga sp.</i> | Euphorbiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Suagal | <i>Sapindus sp.</i> | Euphorbiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Suakhal | <i>Gaulteria sp.</i> | | C, F, FW |
| Sugun | <i>Wendlandia paniculata</i> | Rubiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Sumunik | <i>Dimorphotheca denticulifera</i> | Ericaceae | FW |
| Takotogah | <i>Flacourtieae sp.</i> | Flacourtiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Taluk | <i>Engelhardia sp.</i> | Juglandaceae | C, F, FW |
| Tentuk | <i>Cinnamomum sintoc</i> | Lauraceae | C, F, FW |
| Tition | <i>Willughbeia sp.</i> | Apocynaceae | F, FW, rope |
| Tomi-tomi | <i>Flacourtieae sp.</i> | Flacourtiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Tumpuk | <i>Cinnamomum sp.</i> | Lauraceae | F, FW |
| Ul | <i>Polyosma ilicifolia</i> | | F, FW |
| Ula-ula | <i>Myschocarpus pentaphyllum</i> | Theaceae | C, F, FW |
| Uleh-uleh | <i>Eurya acuminata</i> | Winteraceae | F, FW |
| Umakar | <i>Drimis sp.</i> | Melastomataceae | F, FW |
| Utholeh | <i>Medinella macrantha</i> | Fagaceae | C, F, FW |
| Vi | <i>Castanopsis acuminatissima</i> | Acanthaceae | C, F, FW, sike |
| Waben | <i>Pseuderanthemum sp.</i> | Rubiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Wah | <i>Timonius sp.</i> | Fabaceae | C, F, FW |
| Wake | <i>Peltoperum inerme</i> | Myrsinaceae | C, F, FW |
| Waken | <i>Rapanea allensis</i> | Ericaceae | C, F, FW |
| Walehaleh | <i>Timonius sp.</i> | Rubiaceae | F, FW |
| Walih | <i>Diospyros sp.</i> | Ebenaceae | C, F, FW |
| Walih-walih | <i>Rapanea sp.</i> | Myrsinaceae | FW, ornament of kaneke |
| Walimo | <i>Leptospermum sp.</i> | Myrtaceae | FW, ornament of kaneke |
| Walimo-walimo | <i>Ardisia sp.</i> | Myrsinaceae | C, F, FW |
| Waloh | <i>Unidentified</i> | Gendub | C, F, FW |
| Wame | <i>Glochidion sp.</i> | Euphorbiaceae | C, F, FW, sike |
| Wampisin | <i>Ardisia sp.</i> | Myrsinaceae | C, F, FW |

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|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Wangken | <i>Embelia coriacea</i> | Myrsinaceae | C, F, FW |
| Wantagah | <i>Ilex mestegi</i> | Araliaceae | F, FW, sege |
| Warade | <i>Rhododendron sp.</i> | Ericaceae | F, FW |
| Watugi | <i>Tecomanthe nitida</i> | Bignoniaceae | F, FW |
| Wayo | <i>Unidentified</i> | Gendub | F, FW |
| Weke | <i>Peltoperum inerme</i> | Fabaceae | C, F, FW |
| Welangkon | <i>Vaccinium sp.</i> | Ericaceae | C, F, FW, sike |
| Welih | <i>Symplocos sp.</i> | Symplocaceae | F, FW |
| Werakap | <i>Podocarpus sp.</i> | Podocarpaceae | C, F, FW |
| Wese | <i>Commersonia incana</i> | Rhamnaceae | C, F, FW |
| Wesengke | <i>Pohysias sp.</i> | Araliaceae | F, FW |
| Wib | <i>Grevillea papuana</i> | Proteaceae | C, F, FW |
| Wiki | <i>Paraserianthes falcataria</i> | Fabaceae | C, F, FW |
| Wileh | <i>Casuarina oligodon</i> | Casuarinaceae | C, F, FW |
| Wileh-wileh | <i>Baeckea frutescens</i> | Myrtaceae | F, FW |
| Wintago | <i>Vaccinium olbicans</i> | Ericaceae | C, F, FW |
| Wol | <i>Buddleja asiatica</i> | Lageniaceae | F, FW |
| Wolo | <i>Ardisia sp.</i> | Myrsinaceae | F, FW |
| Wopi | <i>Podocarpus sp.</i> | Podocarpaceae | C, F, FW |
| Wot | <i>Schefflera sp.</i> | Araliaceae | F, FW, sege |
| Wu | <i>Eugenia acuminatissima</i> | Myrtaceae | C, F, FW |
| Wul | <i>Meliasina ilisiphia</i> | Sarifraganaceae | C, F, FW |
| Wulikagal | <i>Diospyros sp.</i> | Ebenaceae | C, F, FW |
| Wumpak | <i>Gardenia hemingtonii</i> | Rubiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Wunagaleka | <i>Xanthomyrtus schlechteri</i> | Myrtaceae | C, F, FW |
| Wurikawot | <i>Schefflera chimbensis</i> | Araliaceae | FW |
| Wusi | <i>Mallotus sp.</i> | Euphorbiaceae | C, F, FW |
| Yabogheh | <i>Elaeocarpus sp.</i> | Elaeocarpaceae | C, F, FW |
| Yage-yage | <i>Callicarpa caudata</i> | Verbenaceae | F, FW |
| Yalemeh | <i>Glochidion sp.</i> | Euphorbiaceae | F, FW |
| Yibi | <i>Nothofagus sp.</i> | Fagaceae | C, F, FW |
| Yibih | <i>Schizomeria ilicifolia</i> | Schizomeriaceae | C, F, FW |
| Yibiah | <i>Stachytarpeta australis</i> | Verbenaceae | C, F, FW |
| Yilok | <i>Eugenia cf versteigii</i> | Myrtaceae | C, F, FW |
| Yomoloh | | Sapindaceae | C, F, FW, sike |
| Yuragap | <i>Podocarpus cf nerifolius</i> | Podocarpaceae | C, F, FW |
| Yuwae | <i>Vaccinium sp.</i> | Ericaceae | C, F, FW |
| Yomotlib | <i>Unidentified</i> | Gendub | F, FW |

NOTE : C = contruction material ; F = fence ; FW = firewood and sike, sege, etc = see in the utensils of Dani section.

To make rope, the Dani use many wild plants. See Table 6. Rope is a very important in the building of the Dani traditional houses. These ropes are used to connect all parts of the house. *Jagat* (*Mischantus* sp.), *bite* (*Mischantus floribundus*), and *pinthe* (*Phragmites karka*) are used in the construction of the second floor (the sleeping loft).

Table 6. Plants used to make rope by the Dani people

| Local name | Scientific name | Family | Use |
|------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Alimo | <i>Engelhardia rigida</i> | Juglandaceae | Fibre for selok (bands) |
| Amiksabuk | <i>Embelia viridiflora</i> | Myrsinaceae | Rope |

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|----------------|---|-----------------|--|
| Aniok | <i>Embelia</i> sp. | Myrsinaceae | Rope |
| Digi | <i>Astronia</i> sp. | Melastomataceae | Fibre for rope and noken |
| Eneit | <i>Rauhia rostrata</i> | Apocynaceae | Rope |
| Fuluk | <i>Unidentified</i> | Asclepiadaceae | Rope |
| Haki | <i>Musa paradisiaca</i> | Musaceae | Rope, fruit, ritual etc. |
| Hale | <i>Ficus</i> sp. | Moraceae | Fibre for rope, noken, sali |
| Helebeleh | <i>Unidentified</i> | Rubiaceae | Rope |
| Heleayoh | <i>Unidentified</i> | Gendub | Rope |
| Helekakap | <i>Clematis phanerophlebia</i> | Ranunculaceae | Rope |
| Hili | <i>Cyperus</i> sp. | Cyperaceae | Rope |
| Hilikuah | <i>Cyperus monocephala</i> | Cyperaceae | Rope |
| Hilukuah | <i>Bidens</i> sp. | Asteraceae | Rope of tobacco |
| Hok | <i>Streblus asper</i> | Moraceae | Fibre for rope, sali, yokal, and noken |
| Huagaleh | <i>Scaevola oppositifolia</i> | Goodeniaceae | Rope |
| Ilak-ilak | <i>Alyxia stellata</i> and <i>A. floribunda</i> | Apocynaceae | Rope, noken and sali |
| Ilalaka | <i>Alyxia</i> sp. | Apocynaceae | Rope, noken and sali |
| Isibungkak | <i>Embelia ribes</i> | Myrsinaceae | Rope |
| Isibongkah | <i>Hoya</i> sp. | Asclepiadaceae | Rope |
| Iyobere | <i>Derris</i> sp. | Fabaceae | Rope |
| Kekantu | <i>Rhamnus nephalensis</i> | Rhamnaceae | Fibre for rope |
| Lata | <i>Cipadessa baccifera</i> | Meliaceae | Rope |
| Likuah | <i>Fimbristylis</i> sp. | Cyperaceae | Rope |
| Likuluk | <i>Cyperus</i> sp. | Cyperaceae | Rope |
| Masem | <i>Clematis</i> of <i>phanerophlebia</i> | Ranunculaceae | Rope |
| Mogatheleh | <i>Unidentified</i> | Fabaceae | Rope of Wadloleget |
| Mul | <i>Calamus prattianus</i> | Arecaceae | Rope, binding purpose |
| Mulele | <i>Geitopplegium gymosum</i> | Liliaceae | Rope |
| Pipuk | <i>Eleusine indica</i> | Poaceae | Rope of castration |
| Pompare | <i>Boehmeria platyphylla</i> | Urticaceae | Fibre for rope, noken |
| Ponnieta | <i>Ficus wassa</i> | Moraceae | Fibre for rope, noken, sali, yokal, timpat |
| Sabuak | <i>Salacia macrophylla</i> | Hippocratiaceae | Rope |
| Sagaiheleh | <i>Lycopodia</i> sp. | Lycopodiaceae | Rope |
| Saliwali | <i>Palmeria ferruginea</i> | Monimiaceae | Fibre for rope |
| Tition | <i>Willughbeia</i> sp. | Apocynaceae | Fibre for rope |
| Wagayom | <i>Clematis</i> sp. | Ranunculaceae | Rope |
| Wamamoli | <i>Scleria levis</i> | Cyperaceae | Rope of castration |
| Wintete | <i>Jasminum</i> sp. | Oleaceae | Rope |
| Wola | <i>Tetrastigma dichotomum</i> | Vitaceae | Rope |
| Wolaheleh | <i>Rivinis</i> sp. | Phytolaccaceae | Rope |
| Wuluheleh | <i>unidentified</i> | Gendub | Rope |
| Yain | <i>Ficus</i> sp. | Moraceae | Fibre for rope, yokal and noken |
| Yiluah, yilula | <i>Bamboo</i> | Poaceae | Rope |
| Yokberek | <i>Tetrastigma</i> of <i>dichotomum</i> | Vitaceae | Rope |
| Yowalat | <i>Cipholopus lutescens</i> | Urticaceae | Fibre for rope and noken |

Plants used as dyes

The plants listed in Table 7 are used as dyes. Generally, the Dani do not know the synthetic coloring material from chemical material, but they know some of plants used for natural dyes.

Heider (1972) have reported that there are only two colors termed by the Dani, « *mili* » and « *mola* », these terms are not based purely on brightness. *Mili* includes both dark and cold colors, *mola* light and warm color. There is no equivalent English categorization of the spectrum, where dark and light are purely brightness-based (Heider and Oliver, 1972). Example of *mili* was reliably placed among the darkest greens and blues. *Mola*, however, appeared to have two basic focal points, the most common is a dark red, the less common is a pale pink.

Table 7. Plants used as dyes by Dani people

| Local name | Scientific name | Family | Part | Color |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Hupak-hupak | <i>Gardenia tubifera</i> | Rubiaceae | fruit | yellow |
| Teteit | <i>Ilex spicata</i> | Aquifoliaceae | resin | brown - yellow |
| Sapui | <i>Bixa orellana</i> | Bixaceae | grain, fruit | red |
| Kibi | <i>Amaranthus sp.</i> | Amaranthaceae | grain | red |
| Weayuken | <i>Mealstoma malabathricum</i> | Melastomataceae | fruit | violet |
| Weayuken | <i>Medinilla speciosa</i> | Melastomataceae | fruit | violet |
| Sel | <i>Pandanus sp.</i> | Pandanaceae | leaf | white |
| Wi wamagai | <i>Agrostophyllum majus</i> | Orchidaceae | rind of stem | yellow |
| Wi kiabut | <i>Dendrobium sp.</i> | Orchidaceae | rind of stem | yellow |
| Wi kilaboga | <i>Dendrobium psestocoulon</i> | Orchidaceae | rind of stem | yellow |
| Wi wampi | <i>Dendrobium phlox</i> | Orchidaceae | rind of stem | yellow |

Plants for clothing, ornaments and tools

The categories « clothing » and « ornament » are highly ambiguous categories whose use unduly restricts functional analysis. But if one treats « clothing » and « ornament » as functional attributes rather than as exclusive categories, one can deal with objects of attire in a flexible classification system, which facilitates broad functional analysis. The category « attire » includes a large number of cultural objects relating specifically to the person, which are worn, carried, smeared, or hung on the body. Attire as a category contrasts with other categories of portable objects, because of their specialized functions, may be considered in the categories of « tool » weapon or « utensil » (Heider, 1970).

Functionally, Dani attire serves as protect the body against the element. It can also serve expressive and decorative functions; can have magical effects; function as a status symbol and help in transportation of other items. The attire of the Dani reflects and even goes beyond the general egalitarianism of Dani society in Baliem valley. The attire distinctions in Dani society are categorized based on age, sex and marital status.

Male attire

Penis gourd (*koteka, holim, Lagenaria siceraria*)

Penis gourd is the only essential men's garment. It is a narrow gourd tube about the diameter of the penis, which is slipped over the penis thus covering it. The gourd is held in place by two string called « *siniki* », these strings also hold the gourd erects. A small loop tied

through holes in the lower end of the gourd encircles part of the scrotum and often at least one testicle. The upper string, which passes around the waist and is fixed to the upper end of the gourd or, if it is, a long gourd, to the middle of the gourd. The *siniki* strings are made from the fiber plait of *win* (*Ficus* sp.), *honabun/yilok-yilok* (*Eugenia versteegii*), *ilak-ilak* (*Alyxia floribunda*), etc.

The Baliem valley Dani gourds are distinctive: (1) *segalep* (big penis gourd, vertically); (2) *biyok* (medium penis gourd, standing out at a 45°); and (3) *holim mot* (little gourd, long and color is white-yellow).

The ornament wore by men are:

1. *Sekan* (arm bands) :

Most Dani males wear armbands just above the elbow most of the time. Occasionally young girls also wear armbands. The band arm, which is worn on wrist, called *sinikale*. The most common armbands are woven from plait of *tikil* (*Dicranopteris linearis*), *mul* (*Calamus prattianus*), *masem* (*Clematis phanerophlebia*), *mulele/mukulele* (*Geitopplegium cimosum*), *wi* (*Dendrobium* spp.).

A common variant is a pig scrotum armband, made of the penis, seminal duct, and scrotum of a boar, which have been removed in one piece. According to the Dani, the scrotum armband, which is made from pigs killed for important ceremonies, have the power to protect the wearer from ghosts.

2. *Timpat, timpar* (necklace or neck gear) :

Most of the Dani wear some objects suspended from a string around their neck. These necklaces, which often include ornaments, magical objects, tools, *pikon* (a music instrument which made from bamboo). They are made from fiber of the *honabun* (*Wikstroemia venosa*), *win* (*Ficus* sp.), and *ponieta* (*Ficus wassa*). The number of *timpat* necklaces wore by Dani males indicated that the number of ritual ceremonies they have participated in.

3. *Wamaik* :

In the battle men wear pig tusks in the holes of their nasal septum. Other ornamental battle attire includes hand-held cassowary feather whisks and feather wands.

4. *Walimo* :

Walimo is an ornament similar to a tie that is made from plait fiber of *mul* (*Calamus prattianus*), *honabun* (*Wikstroemia venosa*), and adorned with *walimoken* (Crustaceae). In the traditional ceremonies men wear *walimo* hung around their necks.

5. *Sanibusa* :

Sinibusa is a leaf of *kem* (*Eleocharis dulcis*) or *yabeka* (*Cordyline terminalis*) or *hom* (*Colocasia esculenta*) or *sisika* (*Christella arida*), and *musan* (*Oeranthe javanica*) is held in the behind to protect the anus from flies after excrement.

6. *Inigahale* (head gear) :

Made of fiber plait of *tikil* (*Dicranopteris linearis*), *yilok-yilok* (*Eugenia versteegii*) and between the fiber plait slipped with grains of *wearagabuak* (*Coix lacryma-jobi*), and other ornaments like synthetic beads, feather of paradise bird, etc.

Other male attire: Men, especially older men, may carry small net pouches slung from their shoulders. These are called *hanum su* (tobacco net), and hold the makings of cigarettes. They are made from fiber of *win* (*Ficus cf. drupacea*), *ponieta* (*Ficus wassa*), *hok* (*Streblus asper*) and *bonabun* (*Wikstroemia venosa*).

Female attire

1. *Sali* (girl's skirt)

Sali is the dress worn by girls from about one year of age until the time of marriage. *Sali* is made of reed or string hanging from a string around the waist to mid-thigh. Based on material it is made from *sali* is divided in three categories: a). *Sali kem* : *sali* is made of *kem* (*Elaeocharis dulcis*) ; b). *Sali isobat* : *sali* made from fiber plait of *win* (*Ficus cf. drupacea*), *lisani* (*Acalypha amentacea*), *yain* (*Ficus sp.*), *yohewisa* (*Bochmeria nivea*), *yowalat* (*Bochmeria malabarica*), *ilak-ilak* (*Alyxia floribunda*), *sel* (*Pandanus sp.*) ; and c). *sali kuguk* : *sali* made of mixed between *sali kem* and *sali isobat*.

Based on method of worn *sali* is divided into a) *sali ampok*, *sali* is used on the interior part ; and b) *sali ebeai*, *sali* is used in the exterior part.

2. *Yokal* (women's skirt)

Yokal is the skirt worn by all married women, which is to say all normal adult women. The *yokal* is made of some twenty-five to thirty meter of braided cord wound around the hips. The skirt gives minimal coverage to the public region and is held in place by pressure around the hips, producing, in time, calluses at the contact point.

The *yokal* is a braided cord made of strands of fiber of *win* (*Ficus cf. drupacea*), *hilan* (*Ficus sp1.*), *yain* (*Ficus sp2.*), *ponieta* (*Ficus wassa*), *wurigi/enekemusi* (*Dawsonia beccarii*), *hok* (*Streblus asper*), *sikepupuk* (*Sida rhombifolia*), *yohewisa* (*Bochmeria nivea*), *digi* (*Astronia sp.*), *yowalat* (*Cipholophus lutescens*), *diki* (*Bochmeria malabarica*), and with yellow-red or yellow orchid fibers braided-in to form a brightly colored upper surface. These orchids are : *wi kiabut* (*Dendrobium sp1.*), *wi kilaboga* (*Dendrobium piestocaulon*), *wi wamaga* (*Agrostophyllum majus*), and *wi wampi* (*Dendrobium phlox*).

Based on how it is worn *yokal* is divided into *yokal yibin* (*yokal* wore in the interior part) ; *yokal wiwaykul* (*yokal* wore in the exterior part) ; and *yokal ebeai* (combined between *yokal yibin* and *yokal wiwaykul*).

The Dani's utensils or tools

1. *Noken, su* (The women's carrying net)

Noken is a large string bag with a wide mouth and a forehead strap. The Dani net is knitted with loose open loops. Nets are made by women or older girls. The maker

alternately knits the net and adds to the length of the string by rolling fibers into it on her thigh, so that each net is made of a single string. A split stick shuttle may be used to draw the loose string through the loops. Before knitting the net, the string may be colored by red clay, a blue-purple flower base, or a yellow-to-orange root. The string may also be decorated by winding strips of brightly colored orchid fiber around it.

Noken is made from the fiber of *sikepupuk* (*Sida rhombifolia*), *win* (*Ficus cf. drupacea*), *ponnieta* (*Ficus wassa*), *yain* (*Ficus sp1.*), *hilan* (*Ficus sp2.*), *hok* (*Streblus asper*), *yohewisa* (*Bochmeria malabarica*), *digi* (*Astronia sp.*), and *yowalat* (*Cipholopus lutescens*). Plants used to color the string are: *sapui* (*Bixa orellana*, given rose colored); *teteit* (*Ilex spicata*, sticky plant sap give brown color); *kibi* (*Amaranthus sp.*, grains give a rose color); *weayuken* (*Melastoma malabathricum*, fruit give violet color); *hupak-hupak* (*Gardenia tubifera*, fruit split in two part and rubbed on fiber to give yellow color); The orchids for coloring are similar to that for coloring in the *yokal* making.

2. *Sege* (lance or digging stick)

Based on use the *sege* can be divided into three types : (a) *ap sege* (*sege* used for battle/lance), this *sege* is made by wood of *joli* (*Tristania obovata*), *pagali* (*Garcinia schraderi*), and *dibu* (*Myrtaceae*) ; (b) *Sege akibak* (*sege* used for tillage/digging stick), generally *sege akibak* is made by wood of *kul* (*Fagraea ceylanica*), *mepsengkek* (*Flacourtie rukam*), *pabi* (*Dodonaea viscosa*), etc. ; and (c). *sege hipere sega* (*sege* for sweet potatoes digging, generally, this *sege* used by women, and made of all wooden-plant.

3. *Jagabilik* (stone ax and stone adzes)

The stone adzes are used for chopping down trees, for shaping thing as digging sticks, for smoothing planks, for breaking pig bones during butchering, for splitting logs into planks or firewood.

For hafting, the adze is hafted on a piece of wood shaped. The woods for hafting and chisel are : *hulebusuk* (*Planchonella sp.*), *hok* (*Ficus ampelas*), *ilak tugun* (*Rutaceae*), *kimpi* (*Octomyctes pleiopetala*), *monika* (*Pittosporum ramiflorum*), etc.

4. *Ye* (Symbolic stone)

Ye is all exchange stone. All sacred stones are called « *habo* ». One type of symbolic stone is used only for the sacred collection of object, kept in certain men's houses and may be called a sacred stone. The others are used primarily for exchange at funeral ceremonies and may be called exchange stones.

Exchange stone parts : the exchange stone is usually slightly bowed along the long axis and slightly elliptical in outline. The concave surface is called « *elok eken* », cheekbone or face, and the convex side is called « *opolike* », back. The narrow end is called « *ukul oak* », head or skull bone ; the long edges are called « *elak* », side or edge ; and the border end is called « *alokhe* », anus.

Ye, often they have elaborate decorations tied around the center of the stone. The decorations of the exchange stones are called in general « *etani* ». *Etani* is made of same plait fiber of plants, which used in the preparation of *yokal*, *su* and *sali* (see item *yokal*).

5. *Sike* and *sike eken* (bow and arrow)

The bow and arrow are used by the Dani for fighting, hunting, and killing pigs. The bowstring is a *rattan/mul* (*Calamus prattianus*) or *wim* (bamboo) band about one-two centimeter broad. The arrows are composite, a plain reed shaft and a hardwood point.

Bows are made of several different woods, such as : *lulakun* (*Polygala* sp1.), *waben* (*Pseuderanthemum purpureum*), *welangkon* (*Polygala* sp2.), *joli* (*Tristania obovata*), *yomolo* (Sapindaceae), *pagali* (*Garcinia schradenii*), *wampisin* (*Glochidion* sp.), most of which can be obtained from the local forests. Shaping the bow involves the same processes as that of the spear ; rough shaping with the adzes, finer smoothing with sandstone and finally with leno-grass, and leaf of *hok* (*Ficus ampelas*).

The bowstring is made of a strip of rattan or bamboo. It usually includes one or two of the thick node ridge.

Arrows (*sike eken* or *ekat maleh*) for fighting are made of several different hard woods: *welangkon* (*Polygala* sp2.), *waben* (*Pseuderanthemum purpureum*), *yomoloh* (Sapindaceae), *wampisin* (*Glochidion* sp.), *polet* and *wio* (unidentified). The thick end of *sike eken* (arrow) called as *maleh ukut* are made of trunk/stem of *pinthe* (*Phragmites karka*) and *hite/yerona* (*Mischanthus floridulus*). For unite between *maleh ekat* and *maleh ukut* is string fiber of *mul* (*Calamus prattianus*).

There is considerable variation in the design of *sike eken* arrows used for fighting in terms of barb patterns, notches, and decoration of the tip and shaft.

Bamboo arrow (*wim sike eken*), bamboo-tipped arrows are used primarily for killing pigs, birds, but are also carried and shot in battles. These arrows are tipped with a long blade made of an arc-section of bamboo, with a sharp point. The concave face of the arrow is often decorated with notches or dots cut in the soft inner side of the bamboo.

There are five types of bamboo arrows on the type of bamboo (*wim*) used: (1) *wim magawin* ; (2) *wim saknegali* ; (3) *wim timpho* ; (4) *wim kilu* ; and (5) *wim sibak*.

There is a considerable variation in the way that these arrows are fixed to the shaft. They may be simply bound on by many irregular windings of a threadlike fiber ; or a tight, bumpy woven sleeve may bind them. Often the binding is smeared with a white limestone paste that is also used on the band of the dark long spear.

6. *Disu*

Disu is made of pigs bone that formed like needle. The *disu* is used to remove arrows from a corpse that has been struck, to castrate a pig (*wam waliken waganuok*) or to sew up the scrotum after the castration operation. The following plants are used as thread material: *helabon*, *pipuk*, *yolalek* (*Eleusine indica*).

7. *Tul*

Tul is a utensil that made of pig bone, formed like a knife and used to split *bipere* (*Ipomoea batatas*), woods, etc.

8. *Pikon*

The *pikon* is a traditional bamboo mouth harp, made from a single piece of reed and played by pulling at a string attached to one end. *Pikon* are made from pin the reed

(*Phragmites karka*). A section of the reed including one septum is cut and split in half. With flint flakes the three long pieces are shaped and scraped thin. A hole is bored in the end just beyond the septum and a string passed through, which is then held by a knot. The two outside strips are longer than the center vibrating one.

9. *San*

The *san* is a tool that is used to patch rest of food like pig bone, tuber of *Ipomoea batatas*, *Dioscorea* spp., etc. The *san* can be made from many wood: *kobo* (*Lithocarpus ruffovilosus*), *pah* (*Lithocarpus* sp.), etc.

10. *Sengken intok*

Sengken intok is used to start a fire. *Sengken intok* is made of bamboo rope, wood, dry *siluk* leaf (*Imperata cylindrica*), *holia* (*Bidens biternata*), *jagat* (*Saccharum spontaneum*), *lokop* (*Pragmites karka*), *yeleka* (*Heckeria* sp.). The method used to start the fire is to rub the *sengken intok* material between bamboo and wood.

11. *Isakpel*

Isakpel is used to pinch/pressing the tobacco leafs during dry processing. *Isakpel* is made of a banana stem (rib) *haki oak* (*Musa paradisiaca*), and *jagat* (*Saccharum spontaneum*) or bamboos as a pincher. As a rope material *mul* is used (*Callamus prattianus*) and *mulele* (*Geitopplegium cimosum*).

12. Others utensil

- a. *Kontitugi* : wood-chip used to catch of *konti* (bat)
- b. *Fulok* : is made of joint of bamboo (*wim*) used to grow up of flame
- c. *Hanumpali* : cigarette pipe that is made of it joint of *lokop* (*Pragmites karka*)
- d. *Hilba* : is Dani's tool used to pinch hot stones and bring them to the cooking hole. *Hilba* is made of all wood
- e. *Bubuk* : tools made of all wood and formed like a scoop with a handle. *Bubuk* is used to move hot charcoal

Others utilization of plants by the Dani

Some plants like: *hanum* (*Nicotiana tabacum*), *lisani* (*Acalypha amentacea*), *yarewel* (*Glochidion* sp.), and plays an important role in the daily lives of the Dani people. These plants are used to make cigarettes. Almost all of the older Dani smoke.

CONCLUSION

Given the diversity of the Irian Jaya flora and the relative lack of information concerning ethnobotanical uses of plant material from this area, ethnobotanical studies such as this one are likely to reveal a wealth of information about previously undocumented useful species. With development programs and the influence of cultures outside of the Baliem valley,

knowledge concerning traditional practices and traditional utilization of forest products may soon be lost. Therefore ethnobotanical research that includes taxonomically and ecological data are a matter of urgency to identify species which require protection and further investigation.

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