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The wooden beads Chum Plant  
 in the slings, o. the heads are chum; assi. They are things of the Chum. Does this plant have the gum the children eat? No. There is a chum \* Nam + gum in the west. I have specimens.

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The female chum is what is put into the strands of beads. The male one he showed is growing here at the west. Leaves as like needles. Slender stems stand upright. Needles come out of all sides in clusters like pine needles.



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Stem not segmented

Do they use chum for anything beside beads? They cook it with milk & drink it hot when they have sore chests. It is the root they cook. If they had milk from a doe would they do this? No. Not harmful but they don't do it. They do it if they live where cattle are.

There are 3 kinds of chum bushes. \* Nam + gum

The one at the west →

- 1) They cook roots with milk - male bush \* Nam + gum
- 2) They cut the stem + make beads chum! assi
- 3) They cook the water from its roots for poison as Iqao music did. 1 Ni!ko means short head. This is the plant Iqao used. a female plant.

These plants are born by the chum

gao If some one is sick + feels like eating meat we cook the meat not at the fire where the patient lies but on a fire built for the purpose used. If the person feels better after eating the meat we keep boiling for him. and give him some again.

Maybe the patient would ask to be given meat if the patient were no better the meat would not be given a second time.

Do all the Chum plants look the same?  
Two are alike.

The third - the one we put in the or. head strand is quite different.

The poison root no. The leaves are tiny and shorter than the one here. is the male no.  
By now ~~the~~ <sup>the poison</sup> one has no leaves.

The stem is not segmented of the one here. Otherwise it reminds me of horse tails

The Chum bears these plants. Does the Chum give them medicine? No - but gives them its name. How does it give them birth?

ans. The Chum respected itself on them and named them. ~~Only~~ <sup>+ // nabe</sup> those who fell from the # Doa trees are born by the Chum. When the Chum rises this gum starts falling. ~~they are born by the Chum.~~ <sup>happens.</sup> The things that fall from the trees are sweet & the children eat them. The things are gum-like. Do it from the gum that these plants grow? No the bushes grow from the ground & grow at other places. The gum & the plant

Demi has

plants are not the same. The bushes were created with the Chum. When It stayed in the heaven, and the bushes grew in the earth. They are plants the Chum is a heavenly thing. When the Chum was created these plants also were created. Then the Chum commanded the plants to have the same name. But the ones that drop from the leaves of the #Doo & #Nabe are born by the Chum. We say, says gao, that the gum dropping from those 2 trees are born by the Chum.

Do the beads bring good fortune? They would say they a person was lucky if he received many presents. The Chum beads do not in themselves bring luck? No. but if the person give us beads, he give us good fortune. is the good fortune lies in possessing the thing which may be used to give & receive more gifts.

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more about chum plants.

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The poison one - is female  
The one they cook with milk is male  
The one which makes beads is male.

The one at the werft the male # nam # gum  
Cook roots in milk - those who live with Heron  
<sup>+ burn</sup> Before they had cattle milk they burned  
roots in ash + applied to chest for sore  
chest.

Beads are made from chum/assi a male plant  
" " " " stem } plant.  
Has some little leaves

One they make poison with is female  
Looks like these but is different  
Plant is smaller but has same leaves

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Toma  
Demi

Clum plant

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Sample of Clum plant - # Nam # gum  
It is male. How do they distinguish  
it as male? Being told by these five fathers.  
They know it then.

The kind that has the poison - the  
bulb like root is the root strips  
like these but enlarged near the base  
where the clump grows up. A little strip  
of root comes out first from the clump  
then the root has the thick bulb like  
part ending in and then strip.

The plant turns a beautiful golden yellow  
before the leaves drop off. It reminded me  
of mistletoe of Golden Bough. I asked if  
the color reminds them of the stars. They say  
no. Here are Demi & Toma Kluwa  
Kluwa; Kuyke Kuyke<sup>2</sup> / gunda ka Na  
& Kaula.

Do they make arrow of these plants? Only use  
the root for poison. Are these roots also  
poison as well as the thick ones. No.  
Both specimens we have are the same  
plant.

Toma ru  
Dem

Chum Plant

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Is there any old story that tells about why these plant are called Chum? Khollo is talking animatedly. Toma is speaking too + Demi a little

The Chum they say are stars. These are plants. They know no story why they should have the same name.

Is there anything else that has the same name as sha sha. Is there any star, no anything else on the earth with the same name? Nothing they know. They pull out and take the root and give to children who are still to avoid veldko. The girls wear the roots? <sup>sha sha</sup> Cf. picture of choa ceremony.

Is there anything besides Kaeli having the same name as it? The women say they do not know Kaeli. I said it is the plant the boys choa with after the ceremony Kaeli. What do the women call it when they avoid its name. <sup>ans</sup> If women avoid the name of the plant they use the word Tsam a short a nages they use this word Tsam in the whole ceremony. The greeting is <sup>ku</sup> züm ~~tsam~~. <sup>Tsam</sup> tsüm. Anything else they call Kaeli. No nothing.

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