Loma–English Lexicon (Wubomai Dialect)

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Orthographic conventions:

Vowels:	a	father
	e	hay
	E	bet
	i	bee
	I	bit
	o	sow
	ö	bought
	u	rude
	~	nasalization of w and y
Consonants:	6	voiced bilabial implosive
	x	voiced velar fricative.
	ng	voiced velar nasal (sing)
	kp	voiceless labiovelar stop (cookpot)

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aámálei	black fire coal sacrifice
a6ui	March
alabai	yaws (GS)
amena	response after prayer or blessing
awa	okay
bááhn	word of satisfaction
báawèe	men's musical performing group
bàbàdìì	bells worn by boys as they exit their initiation (Gizzima = *talagii*)

badEgii	kind of drum
bálágii	sheep
bálápanui	sacrificer or "sheep-kill-person"; cf. *tévánui*, "chicken-kill-person"
balaxai	village
bálí	a trap
Bálípòògii	Trap Clan
báwúlómái	rudeness
bázá	headtie or light cloth
bazai	village weaver bird (*Pleisiositagra cucullatus*)
bàzàwùlì	tree at town center where *bazai* nest
baziwöönEgii	speckled weaver bird (*Hyphanturgus bractypterus*)
bázíi	yellow, gold, light-brown; also *màavàzài*. A plant and the yellow color derived from its root
Béiáwóógii	Red Deer / "Black-back" duiker Clan
bilikwi	Senegal fire-finch (*Lagonosticta senegala*)
bimei	kind of drum, smaller than a badEgii
bítí	swamp
bo	to make
boie	my friend
bólódái	alternate term for descent group
bólódáxázái	family wife
boloxanui	crazy
bòlòwòlògii	a rope-like sacrifice that encircles the village
boloxaxawogii	"crazy dancer" from *boloxa*,"crazy," *xawogii*, "dancer"; alternate terms are *Yowoloyaxílé-xawogii* and *yàxíléxawogii* (*yowolo* = sound of bones and shells on the dancer's dress)
bóózù	shitting; from *6öi*, shit

búégii	pig
buxila	seasonal farm villages
bui	"hawk"
Búipòògii	Hawk Clan
bungii	white-faced owl (*Ptilopsis leucoti*)
búúlí	goat
búvelei	under, beneath, westerly direction
búwú	reproduce
búzánui	infertile man or barren woman; from *búzávE*, infertile; thus *ni wuzavE*, "s/he is infertile"; cf. *kítílígìi*
böbögii	woman's undergarment
böé	knife
bölöwùì	circumcision feast
bömávai	"general business"
böswí	to join together
böwö-	one's own; thus *böwönókúi*, "my own brother-in-law"
böwönu	a man of responsible age
böyuài	July
6ííwee	a rite for protection in which objects are tied around the body
6ingii	green-blue color; also *màa6ìngìi*.
6òlògíí	basket
6ue	red, orange, medium-dark brown; also *6uegii*, *màà6ùegìi*. Ripe.
6uze	human being
6öi	shit
daa	mouth; *laaguo*, to wash the mouth
dáábéxázái	female *daabe*

dáábévúlúi	FZS (ws), FZD (ms), before marriage
dáábéwáánái	"main" *daabe* (reference only)
dáábéwóvé	*daabe*-spirits
dàabéwööná -wöönágíí	a "born" nephew
dáánöwö	to suffer (dirty-ugly mouth?)
dábááwòì	a divorced woman
dákpá	mature; *gE lakpa ga*, "I am mature"; hence *dákpánù*, a mature man (who knows woman-business); see *kpéyánu*
dákpádui	a man's firstborn; cf. *kpéyálúi*
dákpáila	spear point; lit. "spear-mouth"; *dakpaila wolozuba*, "to take out the spear mouth"
dapulu	a high-backed chair
dasebaveatii	society positions ("people with names"); see tösubaveatii
dazitizu	reaching (a matter) to someone
débáwei	an unmarried, but sexually experienced woman. May also refer to widows; cf. *sábölógìi*.
deevélézù	mother's (raising) road/line/area
dÉxái	body hair (but not head hair)
dÉxÉi	wet rice flour or "dust"
dEngì	to sleep together
díbéi	trigger-less (ceremonial) gun
dIxílówíi	remembrance of an ancestor; lit. "penis-part"
dIzééyöwéétímà	housemates (*dI*, our; *zéé*, to sit; *yöwéé*, a mate doing things together; *tí*, plural marker; *mà*, on)
dóbúegii	infant; lit. "red child"
dólágìi	afterbirth
donga	second-hand clothing from abroad

dóngólai	childhood
dongue	(dongo) little boy
dopai	yellow backed duiker or "large deer" (*Cephalophus sylvicultor*)
Dópáiwòògii	Large Deer Clan
dóúzu	in hiding
dóvílÉ bòlòdà	"putting down the child before the family," a rite to take a child from the mother's house
dó ziévai	the "baby-walking business": rite performed when a child stops nursing; see *kpózóvedai*
döböegii	bush hog
döböwéí	turtle or "bush snail"
döböwéí-nyali	genet (*Genetta* spp.)
döbözuöi	the class of bush animals
döömà	namesake
dötözu	human body
dötözuguwö	good health
döwé	craw-craw; *dowéi* (GS)
döwöi	market
döwöla	Friday, from *döwöi*, market; also *döwöwalai*, "big market"
döwömaiyi	Thursday; lit. "eve of market"
dúwö	slave
duzrii	a (raphia?) fiber used to make carrying bags and loincloths (at circumcision)
èlìànányúpúlúgíí	a wife from the levirate, lit. "your brother's stump"; a.k.a. *bólódáxázáí* or *káláxázáí*, "family wife"
éta	sometime
fàà	business, matter, concern
fáábáváázu	"post-area," or a place to bury *tosubaveati*

fáábáági	"hard-business"
fáá6ui	dangerous things
fáá néé	good luck; *fáá néé zòlò*, to get good luck
fáányóe	bad luck; bad things
fáányólofai	the "bad-luck" tófái
faanyöngenui	a wrongdoer; lit. "bad-thing-does-person"
fááwólówólógìi	to spoil something
fai	mushroom
Fáiwóógii	Mushroom Clan
fali	crocodile or "alligator" (*Crocodylus cataphractus*)
fézu	to give, offer; see *kö*
fólókpáwu	in broad daylight
fólóliizu	west direction
fólówúlózú	east direction; *fólówúlózúvEle*
folowöwöyeesu	south direction (left)
foloyeezasu	north direction (right)
fólöigalöga	midday; lit. "sun stands straight"; equivalent to *fölöxaabai*, "strong sun"
fówí	dry season
fululEvEi	mosque swallow or "daytime bat" (*Hirundo senegalensis*)
fúlúxààni	living animals and humans (but not plants)
fúúkè	gunpowder
Fökpa	woman who joins the Poro society
födwe	blood
fölökögìi	rubbing-board oracle, specifically the medicine it contains; *fölökögùlìi*, the rubbing board, from *gúlíí*, "stick"

gáábáá	power
gáázú	eyes, face; thus *wúlögaazu*, "to appear before (someone)"
gáázúwéénuí	well-known; lit. "eyes known"
gáázúwúlínùi	blind person (*gazu*, eyes, *wuli*, blind)
gaazuxili	to frown; lit. "to tie face"
gabalEgii	last gun fired at a funeral known as the "clearer"
gálánui	diviner; lit. "God-person"
gáláfáliní	(pt.) prayed; "asked God"
gállái	savanna
gálógii	month; cf. *xálógii*, moon; thus *Wuigalogii*, "the civilized month" (December)
galui	vine used for toothbrush; the rope of medicine worn on a child
gáwe	(v) divide it
gígíí	mind - kígízù in my mind (in the sense of speculation?)
gííbádé	the thunder swear/oath, a type of *kpélágíí*.
giléyòogii	sole surviving twin at birth
giti	people; thus *Lömàgìtì*, the Loma people
gízi	hill or mountain
gízíwólÉgìì	white thread tied on wrist of bereaved at funerals
gìlè	dog
Gíléwóógi	Dog Clan
gole	chimpanzee
góvétí	ancestors
Góvéálazu	(in) the land of spirits
góvÉwéi	ancestor offering
gölöwòtài	the "crying kitchen" where female mourners await the burial

gölöwòtàwùvéátì	crying-kitchen-people
gúé	cotton or bombax tree
Gúówóógii	Cotton Tree Clan
Gbákálífálà	a praise-name ("Water that join with no other water and no other water joins with it")
gbámánúí	"for-nothing person"; a man without a society post (but not an insult); initial `g' may be absent); pl. gbámábeati
gbatologii	the "whip" made of a raphia material which boys hold as they exit their initiation
gbégbégíí	singing troupe
gbólómàì	individual holding Poro "speakers" post
gbolowii	circumcision feast
gbólówótógìì	May
gbónómáígwì	enantiosis: a rhetorical figure in which the opposite is meant to what is said; irony.
gólöi	chimpanzee; baboon
góole	gourd
Govealazu	the land of spirits; the afterlife
gölö	bamboo
Gwéépòògi	Bush Cow Clan
xáádöbééveati	sandcutters (*xáádö*, sand; *béé*, cut; *veati*); also *galanui*, God-person (pl. *galabea*)
xáání	thing, something; also a euphemism for vagina
xálà	birth
xáláva	Wednesday
xálí	(v) breaking
xálógii	the moon; thus *xálógii vEtE da*, "moon-see-it," to menstruate
xánámái	blood; also *födwe*

xáógaani	musical instruments; lit. "playing things"
xápógii	cooking stick
xásuligii	the cane rat or cutting grass or "ground hog" (*Thryonomys swinderianus*)
xázábÉnùi	a married man, also *xázákenu*
xázái xeya	pay bridewealth; lit. "buy a woman"
xázá vaa bÉtÉ	woman damages; lit. "woman-matter-fix"
xázáwùlù	to marry a woman
xázázèi	to get a wife ("woman-sit")
xázázögòì	bridewealth or "dowry"; also see *vúlúzögòì*.
xìgáázíé	think
xilikili	rolling, also a warrior's praise-name
inya	tomorrow; thus *inya xa lívína*, the day after tomorrow
jíxílípúwövÉgii	something you are doing with others (slang)
jíngílì	men's musical performance troupe
Jíngílísì	Englishmen
jóbógii	men's garment or gown with closed sides
jomalo	praise name for *kEkE*
jómálòò	citizen
káalái	"family"
kaali	snake
Kááliwóógii	Snake Clan
kábá	(n) grave
kábá(a)weì	a bachelor; a divorcee
kábai	grave
kábázuvazai	to shape a new grave by clearing some of the dirt from it's top; from *kábá*, grave, *vazazu*, scattering

kaxaani	jina, or "to see - thing"
kái	word of agreement
kakalogii	bush fowl or "bush chicken"; name possibly derived from term for "cocoa" because of its color (*Francolinus bicalcaratus*)
kákéxázuwö	on-land animals
kala	to teach
kálai	a leaf used for blue dye
kálámöE	teacher; master; bossman
káláxázáí	family wife (also called bólódáxázáí)
kangi	black-bellied pangolin (*Manis tetradactyla*)
káváibEga	to clear the dirt (from a glass of palmwine)
kaze	blame; thus *kaze lE galama*, "no blame on God"
kéélógìì	palm wine from the piassava tree
kelendagi	dysentary (GS)
kéngìi	wooden slit drum
kéxáabaai	(n) power; (v) to empower
kÉbái	bitterleaf
kEEzo	character
kÉkÉmaigiti	*kEkE*'s area/place/people
kÉkÉvèlèzù	uncle's (raising) road/path/area
kEkEwööná -wöönágíí	a "born" uncle
kÉlÉbánui	a divorced woman
kÉlÉxÉlÉ	(common) sense
kÉlÉxÉnÉbo	to circumcise; alternately *tówólÉvÉ*
kÉtÉle	small bitterball

kIbùi	giant ground pangolin (*Manis gigantea*)
kiigizu	in my mind, belief
kííkáyÉfaazu	memory; "mind remains on something"
kííkpávE	stingy; thus *kííkpánui*, a stingy person ("mind-hard" person)
kílÉgii	a bow-and-arrow-shaped sacrifice worn around the head
kílíxílígìi	cleverness
kítílígìi	impotent; "dead nuts" (rude). May also refer to virginal men
kóbEgìì	clay or "chalk" from the water used for bodily adornment, medicines, and daubing the Zazi house (but not for pottery)
kói	kö, war
kólé	white, light-colored, or transparent; also *maawolegii*. *kolevE*, "it is white."
kólénui	bright person
Koliba	a Poro Society post: "the runner"
koliboigii	piece of red iron, such as sacrifice at center of stool
kólígìì	property
kólóvÉlài	leaves on which *dÉxÉi* is placed at offerings; (*kólóvélài* ?)
Kólúbài	the Poro messenger
Kólúzálé	Iron Medicine society; aka Zingái
kónágíi	year; *kónágízu*, "in the year"
kóózúnÉÉvÉ	happiness (sweet stomach)
kóózúnyúnvE	bad person (dirty stomach)
kótégìi	musical instrument: percussion. Flat piece of iron, bent in on itself like a cowry shell, 8-10" in length, struck like a cow-bell with another piece of iron
kótí	stone or rock
kótílówábài	the "excuse rock" (*kótí*, rock; *dówábáí*, to knock on)
kóvái	type of plant

kóvelii	bitter bark used as a dressing for wound after circumcision
kovii	African civit or "raccoon" (*Viverra civetta*)
kôzuvezó`ge	"stoppage" [intestinal] (GS)
kö	(v) to offer, (n) an offering; thus *e nye wö*, or *e mamawala wö*, "to make an offering to one's taboo"
ködave	throat
ködEgítii	native people or "country" people, contrasted with *wuigii*
köögii	termite, termite hill
kö jòbògìi	war gown
kökökásùöì	shoe-animal
kö kúe	war dance; a mortuary rite
kökúewósù	performing the war dance
kölöwéénù	educated person
kölÉgùi	December; from *kölÉ*, cold, *gui*, small
kölÉwalai	January; "the big cold"; also *kólú ngái galogii*, "iron fixing month" (as tools are then repaired)
kölökásuwö	animals with hooves; also *kölökásuöi* (alternate suffix for all animals)
köö	to know
kööwe	eagle; *kööweyuee*, baby eagle.
köözögìì	cough
kötegii	animal with a black neck, may be specified by diviner for a sacrifice
kováí	a tree (*sterculia tragacantha*)
köwö	foot; thus *köwúvE*, the foot of a bed
köwölai	old man (high tone in address, low tone in reference); also: köwöle.
köwöyégii	left hand or left side; thus *köwöyénùi*, left-handed person
közíxii	war clothes

kpádé	gun
kpádévilEgii	"putting down the gun," a mortuary rite which begins the death feast
kpákpágìì	"nailing the quarter"
kpákpásàlàxàì	lineage shrine consisting of a "nailing sacrifice"
kpákölögíí	a full-grown person of unspecified age
kpàkú	a small dry stick
kpákútöwai	small beans
kpalagalixenui	farmer; lit. "farm-work-doing-person" (solicited term)
kpámázuí	to watch over; the sacrificial chicken for "guiding"; the "guiding chicken"
kpàtà	to jam something, hold something tight, or hitch it
kpátáí	bad luck, as from an improper burial
kpeabea	allied hornbill (*Lophoceros semifasciatus*); name possibly derived from the sound of its voice
kpélágíí	a swear; an oath.
kpélápuzu sáléma	swearing on medicine; thus *Akói kpélápúnì ná sálémà*, "Akoi swore on his (personal) medicine"
kpéyálúi	a woman's firstborn; cf. *dákpádui*
kpéyánu	a mature woman; one who knows man-business; see *dákpánui*
kpídi	darkness
kpíkílígìì	small four-legged stool, may be a *wowonaanigiisalaxai* for a headwife
kpódókadii	a liquid from the kpódógii tree, used to "stitch" the wound after circumcision
kpóógìì	"door": the agnatic leader of a household
kpózóvedai	medicine worn on an (not-yet-walking) child to protect it against the adverse effect of his parents' intercourse; from *kpózó*, cowry shell, *vedai*, to put two together
kpökö	night; also *kpídi*.

kpölöe	cha-cha
kpólówánái	country salt
(se) kpótómai	to sit on a seat (as at circumcision)
kuei	leopard
Kúewóógii	Leopard Clan
kúgí	smell; scent; *kúgínEEvÉ*, sweet scent
kúléwúí	the "white-chalk" feast a part of the Sande init. feast
kulli	knot in a muscle
kúlósúvélézù	"raising road/area," or place where a person is raised.
kúlö ètiài	"to put out to the world," to introduce a newborn child
kúkpáde	feast gun
kuu	a cooperative work group
kúúwí	"portion" meaning chiefdom or clan (and its people)
kwÉÉ	to know
kwéí	the class of shell animals
kwígwì	the pouched rat or giant rat (*Cricetomys gambianus*)
kwíí	feast
Kwííwóógii	Snail Clan
lábálágii	"half-bobo" or partly retarded person
lágáí	an oath or swear asking God's help
látágualai	September
látákúi	August; from (?) *lata*, suffer, *kui*, small
lÉdÉgii	April
lii döböezu	to defecate ("go to the bush")
lúwövElE	attitude; *dÉ lúwövElE*, our attitudes

maa	used as a prefix for all colors
máábúdÉgìì	tube that runs down a chicken's throat, including the "rice bag"
maa6ue6uegii	green growth that is "coming to be red" such an an unripe pineapple or orange.
maale	(physically) cold
mááwöödavElEgii	stomach (animal only?)
mááxÉkÉgii	chest (animal only?)
mááyéngìì	"respectability" (?)
maayiki	fearful
máazúvElei	above, over, easterly
máázúvEtE	(v) to over-see
mábú	character
makitixenui	marketeer; lit. "market-doing-person"
málá	animal horn
máalíxíi	leader
málívÉpului	the "backpass": preventative measure to correct a trespass such as eating one's taboo
mámáwálá	totem; clan; grandfather
mamöi	liver
másákwíxalai	turtle shell
mássákwèì	turtle
mávé	to prostrate, bow down
mávúínùì	midwife, "loosing-thing person"; pl. *mávúebeati*
mawii	(n) prize
mawolo	to add something to oneself, or to add another person to form a group
máyíí zeigii xa	satisfaction; "heart sits for this"
mázábá	(n) gift

mázái	female, human or animal; pl. *mázáiti*
mázákökögii	banana log
mázíi	"type" (of people); also (wu)mázíi
mázine	male, human or animal
mÉxÉnÉnui	crippled person without walking ability
milimaalagii	in-between colors (such as grey), "not this and not that"; also *màamilimaalagii*.
mókólúmaazui	a special gift; lit. "top food"
Monegii	a cult society
mue	describes something that is ripe, as in *mölö-mue*, rice ready for harvesting, *tuu-mue*, a ripe pineapple.
múnúlögìlàgìi	a butt or clump of rice
mölÉ	labor, suffering
mötái	witchcraft
mötánui	a witch (pl. *mötáiti*)
nálúwövE	front (righthand side of a bed)
náwúlúvE	back (lefthand side of a bed; from *wúlú*, behind)
náyínmái	(her) wake; lit. "sleep on"
nééxá-wövè	spirits who steal other's sacrifices
nééxánúí	a freeloader a sponge
nééxáwövè	spirits who steal others' sacrifices
ngáíbónùì	blacksmith
ngala-ngalaga	adultery (NT)
ngánálixigii	"crust pot": the male elders' portion of rice
ngání-ngániino	very quickly; quick-quick
ngániino	immediately

ngàsàwöö fìlìvìlìmai	domestic sacrifice of bundled vines: *ngàsàwöö* (all low tones), "bush rope"; *fìlìvìlìmai*, "wrapped together"
ngazakeeanui	husband; lit. "woman owner" (NT)
ngaza-wulo	marriage (NT)
ngázá wùlònì	got married (Miller)
ngina	yesterday
ngínígìì	a small red rat, also a euphemism for penis
nike	cow
nönönúi	a partly crippled person able to walk by himself
núxítí	elders
númá	human; thus *númá vödue*, "human blood"
númázigii	middle-aged person
nuwölözagii	old-age
núwúlégii	a white person
nyainyelegi	ringworm (GS)
nyálí	domestic cat
nyé	law, taboo
nyéméje	breast milk (breast water)
nyévÉlÉ	taboo path (pl. *nyévÉlÉtì*)
nyÉgÉlé	entire
nyEngii	rat (generic)
nyínígìì	rat (also euphemism for penis)
nyungvE	bad or ugly
palai	ulcers (GS)
pélé	road
pÉlÉyíxEì	a household; a man and his wives; alternately *pÉlÉyíxÉgìlà*

pÉlÉ	house
pÉlÉdee	head-wife (house-mother)
pÉlÉwùndànù	a married woman; a head-wifer; also see *zÉnÉbÉnùì*
pÉné	dry light-brown chalk or "clay" used for pottery
pÉnÉkwèì	snail
pÉvé	to beg
pílí	a variety of ficus
píví	crested porcupine (*Hystrix cristata*)
piyE	fishing baskets
pógááni	property; thus *póxázái*, "property-wife," a woman who is inherited
pólö zágágii	old age; thus *nú wölö zagagíí*, an aged person
pómógii	(n) insult
póóngíí	long wooden flute; púwíí (Gizzima)
pótógi	substituting for, or replacing; *gÉxééni pótógi*, "replacing our fathers"
póvái	type of mushroom
pului	"bread" made from the first rice of the harvest
púlúvááwógii	"back news saying," or news from another place
púnÉgà (púnÉgìì)	anus and buttocks (may be used in mixed company)
pupui	ant
púúmáí	(human) corpse after breath has left.
púzè	anus (impolite)
pölö	scrotum
pölöi	my penis and scrotum together
pölögii	Poro society
pölökùì	men's initiation feast

pölödásìigìì	Poro name
pölösu	Poro society initiation ("in Poro")
PötEkílí	Lebanese
pöönEgii	something having a mixed color; also *mààwöönEgìì*; thus *sixii-wöönEgii*, multi-colored cloth; *pöönEvE*, to have spots like a deer or leopard.
sáá	death
sáá lóvÉma	to be bereaved ("death falls on me")
sáázúnìigáázúmàì	a funeral (*sáá*, death; *zúnìì*, in this (?); *gáázúmàì*, on the face)
sábái	woven mat; burial mat
sábáláguala	weapons; war materials; lit. "big slippers," after a type of shoe which Mandingoes made for Loma warriors
sábölógìi	an unmarried, but sexually experienced woman; cf. *débáwei*
sáísùöì	nail-animal
sákwí	turtle; also the rudest euphemism for vagina
sáléwalai	the "big medicine" applied to a newborn's face to cool him or her down
sálé	medicine
saleyuui	"medicine-child": newly initiated boy; also *sayuwii*
sálóvEmà	to be bereaved; lit. "death fell on me"
sámái	wet or rainy season
sátí	a garden green; also known as "savasava leaf"
sáwúúí	death feast
sayuwii	newly initiated boys; also *saleyuui*
sélé	hanging
sÉkÉlÉma	on the side (of the body); to the north or south
síbÉxÉnídE	sickness, illness
síElui	child at walking age

síxíívágùè	the "good clothes" (old clothes) used as sacrifice
sixizu	(in) a dream
sípúi	blacksmith's iron or hammer
sivili	Saturday
síyÉgíi	time: specific duration denoted by combination forms; thus *síyÉgíi ga liizu*, "the time is going"
síyÉgíita	sometime
sízíngàànì	garden crops farm crops plants wild and domestic ("planting things")
sogúe	payment; *e la zogúe xá na*, "that's the payment of your mouth," i.e. what we give you for speaking
sókpávE	nosy
sólógii	Senegal combassou or indigo-finch (*Hypochera chalybeata*)
sólópóógii	House Sparrow Clan
solomasai	pin-tailed whydah or "chief *sologii*" (*Vidua macroura*)
sówólógìì	mashing stick used to grind beans pepper bitterball
súbái	strength; brute force (can be inherited)
súló wéé	(n) answer; *súló wéé xa ga le ?*, "what is the answer?"
sunEE	happiness
súóláágíí	water greens or "animal leaf"
súwèì	to pick and choose
sökée	guinea fowl
sömögii	stick used to tamp powder into a gun
sösökwéí	smaller bush snail
táadÉgii	hourglass or "fanga" drum
táánúi	town-owner; also *tákéénùì*
tááláábé	the town's *daabe*

táámàsàgìì	town chief
tábÉlawei	a bead made of raphia vine and worn by children as a sacrifice
tálá	Tuesday
tálálui	child at crawling age
tàlàwé	contract worker
tàlàwòmödÉgíí	Mandingo contract worker
tálódúe	common town rat
támádÉgii	"old-old name for fanga," from *taama*, plenty
távágì	snuff; also a euphemism for vagina
té	make it black (imperative form)
te	chicken
tei	"black"; also *maalegii* and *teigii*. *teivE*, "it is black." Black is also used metaphorically to mean "empty" as in *taizu-lelegE* (*taizu-legE*), "the town is looking cold."
tenanui	sacrificer or "chicken-kill person"
téve	to cut
tévilEgii	"laying down the chicken" the evening before a sacrifice
tEEvei	black duiker (*Cephalophus jentinki*)
TÉÉvéwóógii	Black Duiker Clan
tÉxádExE	rice bread made with peanuts and sugar
tÉnÉgii	Monday; lit. "advice day"
tÉnÉmáinyi,	Sunday; "eve of advice day"
tigliböówo	someone who is dim or stupid, perhaps from drinking too much
tinigii	iron; the rattan loop that encircles the foot in the 6ííwee rite
tísómáí	sneeze
títínùi	stupid
tivEbai	an elder; someone who surpasses you

tóbógii	Topogi
tófái	leaf which marks borders social transitions and transformations; "standing business" (*Costus zingiberaceae*)
tógáání	domestic animals ("raising things")
tolomagii	two-spotted palm civit or "tree comb" (*Nandinia binotata*)
tósúvè	order or class of things; lit. "standing place"
tówéí	penis (rude)
tówólÉvÉ	to circumcise; (from *tówéi* and *maalEvE*, "to cut"?); alternately *kÉlÉxÉnÉbo*
túfúi	leaf
túlögii	palmwine from the oil palm
túmÉgìi	rascal-like ways
túmözáxái	old fishing net; sacrifice using old fishing net; from *tumöe*, "fishing net"
túúyèè	a blessing
túwógii	handshaking and finger-snapping
tuwovÉlÉi	attitude/mind
tuwovElEnyungnui	person with a bad attitude
tuwovElEvagonui	person with a good attitude
töö	anus/butt (impolite); hence the insult *e lööbue*, "your red butt"; see *púnÉgii*
tösubaveatii	persons with society posts (*tösu*, position, *ba*, have, *veatii*, persons); alternately called dasebaveatii, "people with names"
válá	mud
váláxávùe	November; from *vala*, mud, *gavue*, drying on the top
vàlòbàì	a "branch," as image of a group family; *è vàlóbàì* your branch (synonomous with *evabEkígii*)
vElEna	day before yesterday; *vElEna núnti*, two or three days ago.

vúfúgíí	"February"; an ideophone for the sound of the breeze: vu - vu - vu
vúlúzögòì	bridewealth or "dowry"; also see *xázázögòì*
waanavE	bitter
wasunui	a boaster or "self-praise person"
wééfilíníwéé	praising term used at War Dance
weilui	child born out of wedlock ("loving child")
wéívàì	intercourse or "loving-business"
wÉngii	navel, sometimes also the umbilical cord (*wépóböì*)
wí, wízu	pissing
wólíwola	intercourse; also *wönyiwatö*
Wono	primitive autochthonous giants
woobui	grave-openers
wóózí	October; ideophone from woo-o-o, the sound of rain
wówónáaní -salaxai	a four-legged animal sacrifice
woze	mind
wödExai	quill; "tail hair"
wölöi	"a good human being" (= dependable? see below)
wölömà	to depend on; literally "to cry on"
Wööníwóógii	Bird Clan
wöwögii	footprint
wöwögiila	"to lay ones heel"; to mark and open a new grave
wu	to spoil, throw away, waste; thus *ga ga manyé wuwamá*, "I have spoiled my taboo"; *ziEwu*, "waste the water"
Wubomai	the followers of Fala Wubo; now part of Bonde-Wubomai territorial section ("clan") in northern Lofa County
wuigii	comopolitan, western, or "civilized"

wuikaali	dragon
wuiköligii	American; lit. "white *wuigii*"
wuinu	civilized man
wuitaazu	America
wuitaazunui	American
wuitEEi	(n) duck
wuitui	pineapple
wuizówéi	Western doctor
wulogaazu	to appear before (the face)
wúlú	to get out; to marry
Wúlúboi	"head of the war," or head warrior, a position evidently analogous to the Gizzima *kökea* (*kö kèe*, father of the war)
wúnbógii	to shave/strip hair
wúnbúvE	head (as head of bed or grave)
wúndExàì	headhair
wúnfé, -mái	respect; shame; lit. "give head"
wunfetalainui	a shameless person
wúnfElE	plaited head hair; from *fElE*, anything that can be woven
wuntábáí	headache
wúúmo	redeemed (from sickness or death)
wuzé	rectum
wö-dExai	quill; "tail hair"
wölömà	to depend on (lit. cry on)
yáwó	market
yéévÉlÉgii	ambidextrous person
yÉbÉwìi	June, from *yÉbÉ*, wet, *wii*, under

yíngé	teeth
yíngÉzááxáí	cosmetic "cut tooth"
yoomavElE	child born after pair of twins
yòwògii(ti)	a twin; twins
yúágàázíé	think
zábíi	rabbit
zádékúí	women's initiation feast
zádédásíígìì	ones Sande society name
zádÉsu	Sande society initiation ("in Sande")
zadEzuwii	newly initiated girl
zàlàxáí	(v) to sacrifice; (n) protective act or object
zàlàxá-buogo	"short" sacrifice, such as throwing kola
zàlàxá kénúi	sacrificier; "sacrifice owner"
zàlàxái wólónui	person who makes a blessing at sacrifice
zàlàxái wólóva	to sacrifice; *zàlàxái wólózu*, sacrificing, lit. "putting out the sacrifice"
zalaxainyazai	dedicated sacrificial spouse; see Schwab 1947: 372ff
zàlàxáyòwòvè	nailing ax sacrifice
zamaazuvEi	the center
zea-zorzai	red-headed weaver bird or "water-*sorzai*" (*Malimbus rubricollis*)
zeeyabú	to agree; lit. "my hand is under it"
zééyá váge	talented in handiwork (fine-palmed)
zéézágii	right hand or right side
zÉnÉbÉnùì	a married woman; also see *pÉlÉwùndànù*.
zÉvùi	breath
zÉvùì	breath

zéwödá	wrist
zewödavaalai	wrist bracelet (note from Akoi's War Dance)
ziÉléi	cold water
zíÉwúndExai	"water-headhair"; hairstyle in which all but a plaited center knot is shaved from the scalp
ziÉwúzúwö	under-water animals
zíí	tribe; thus *Badiwii*, the Bandi people
zii	heart; *zii la lexa*, I am satisfied ("my heart lies down")
zíídéé	string hung across rice field on which tin cans and other noisemakers are tied to scare birds
zìì xà gízù	menstruation ("my hand is up"); cf. *xálógii vEtE da*, "moon-see-it"
zííxáwönavE	angry; lit. "bitter heart"
zíílavE	peaceful; lit. "cold-heart"
zíílíí	to reach; *é zíí líí ma*, "it reaches to you"
zíínyói	temper; lit. "ugly heart"
zíxÉzúzùöì	in-hole-animal such as pangolin, porcupine, or rat
zíxílálíví	the opening of a grave (*zixi*, hole, *lalivi*, opening)
ziligwi	brush-tail porcupine (*Atherurus africanus*)
zina	men
zínáwökue	men's pan of rice
zíníbÉnu	a married woman; lit. "a woman with husband" (also NT)
zípó masagii	young boys' chief
zípui	young boy child
zobö	"other-ego"
zoobogii	ability (in English, "strength")
zóóí	the land
zóónúi	land-owner; also *zóókèènùì*

zooveati	landowners
zóówúngìì	"head of the county." Seven bound irons that are emblematic of chieftaincy in Wubomai.
zòwò	zo
zòwòvè	(n) ax; from *zòwò*, "to be able"
zówóvÉlÉí	open teeth
zúibògàpÉ	the universe (*zúi*, land; *bògà*, and; *pÉ*, all); see *zúizù nyÉgÉlé*
zúima	on the ground
zúizù nyÉgÉlé	the universe; the entire world (from *zui*, land or ground, *nyÉgÉlé*, entire); see *zúibògàpÉ*
zúwíí	ashes from a fire; sometimes used for the color of same, but not a salient color term

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