

Appendix E. Crops Grown in Palokhi Swiddens¹

Common Name	Karen Name	Botanical Name	Harvested/Collected
1. Ordinary rice	by	Oryza sativa sp./var.	September - November
2. Glutinous rice	by pi' 'i'	Oryza sativa sp./var.	September - November
3. Maize	by khæ sa	<i>Zea mays</i>	July - August
4. Taro	nwæ	<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	August -
5. Yam	nwæ se	Dioscorea sp.	August -
6. Yam	nwæ chœ	Dioscorea sp.	August -
7. Winged yam	nwæ doe	<i>Dioscorea alata</i>	August -
8. Tapioca	ke' bo	<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	July - February
9. Sweet potato	nwæ caupa	<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>	September - February
10. Mustard greens	sa 'badau'	<i>Brassica juncea</i>	June - July
11. Cockroach berry	soekhau	<i>Solanum aculeatissimum</i>	August - November
12. Eggplant	soekhau kha	<i>Solanum indicum</i>	October -
13. Eggplant	ma' khwæ sa	<i>Solanum torvum</i>	September -
14. Tomato	soekhau chi	<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i>	June - January
15. Bitter cucumber	si phy de	<i>Momordica aharantia</i>	September -
16. Cucumber	si kha sa	Momordica sp.	October -
17. Snake gourd	da xy sa	<i>Trichosanthes anguina</i>	June - October
18. Angled loofah	doe re sa	<i>Luffa acutangula</i>	July - October
19. Smooth loofah(?)	to' kwæ sa	Luffa sp.(?)	June - October
20. White gourd	lu sa	<i>Benincasa cerifera</i>	August - January
21. Pumpkin	lu khæ bau	<i>Cucurbita pepo</i>	August - October
22. Pumpkin	lu khæ sa	<i>Cucurbita moschata</i>	September - October
23. Melon	di my	<i>Cucumis melo</i>	September - November
24. Melon	di khwa	Cucumis sp.	September - November
25. Melon	di ploë'	Cucumis sp.	September - November
26. Cow pea(?)	pœ thau sa	Vigna sinensis (?)	September - November
27. Red bean	soe be'	<i>Vigna umbellata</i>	October - November
28. Chilly	mysa phado'	Capsicum anuum var. grossum	July -
29. Chilly	mysa pho	Capsicum anuum var. acuminatum	July -
30. Chilly	mysa be'	<i>Capsicum frutescens</i>	July -
31. Basil	hau' kœ' wau	Ocimum sp.	August -
32. Mint	hau' pghi	Mentha sp.	July -
33. Sesame	nisau	<i>Sesamum indicum</i>	October -
34. Lemon grass	hau' kœ' wau toepho	<i>Cymbopogon citratus</i>	July -
35. Turmeric	soeghau	<i>Curcuma domestica</i>	June -
36. Sugar cane	koethi	Saccharum sp.	September -
37. Tobacco	njasu'	<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i>	September - October
38. Job's tears	boë'	<i>Coix lachryma jobi</i>	September - December

ENDNOTES

¹ This list of crops grown in Palokhi swiddens is the result of a collaborative effort with Wieland Kunzel of the University of Freiburg conducted in August - September 1980. Specimens of cultigens were first collected and identified according to their Karen names in Palokhi. They were then taken to the Department of Botany, Chiang Mai University, where Wieland Kunzel was able to establish their common and botanical names with the assistance of Acharn Wilaiwan Anusarntorn. The periods when these cultigens are harvested or collected are based on information provided by the Palokhi Karen. It may be

Remaining Karen

noted that the number of cultigens grown in palokhi swiddens is considerably less than those grown in Karen swiddens identified by Kunstadter (1978). I am very much indebted to Wieland Kunzel for initiating the work on cultigens in Palokhi and for generously making available his various notes on them, and to Acharn Wilaiwan for her help in identifying the specimens of cultigens from Palokhi.