

-ebat *v.* clean with a broom. *Ref:* n2.065.26 **Yebat bailola**. He cleaned the spiderwebs (with a broom). *See:* **-soly** 'sweep'; **-ury** 'rub'; **-kur** 'brush'. *Prdm:* 1. *Is:* **kebat**.

ebelurun *n:an.* pelican. *Ref:* d2.083.04 *See:* **manu** 'bird'. *Variant:* **ebelurungke, ebelurungare** (Younger speakers use 'ng'). *Sg:* **ebelurunke**.

Pl: **ebelurunare**.

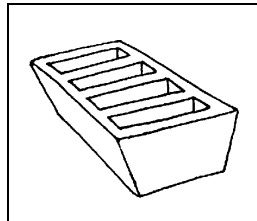
ebnomatruma *n.* ancestors, descendant. *Ref:* d2.091.14 **Ebnomatrumakw rmatdye, ode lea kmwesan bo**. All of my ancestors have died, I am left all alone. *Ref:* d2.091.15 **Ara ebnomatruman**. Our ancestors. *See:* **ebu** 'master'; **matruma** 'ancestors'.

H - h

hatw *n.* 1) rock. *Ref:* d1.031.14 **Kal hatkwe ma katya askwe**. I grabbed a rock and threw it at the dog. *Sg:* **hatkwe**. *Pl:* **hature**. 2) magic artifact, talisman, charm. This is not restricted to just stones, can be gotten from all animals (kidney stones). Some people get pearls. *Syn:* **sok**. *Is:* **hatukkwe**.

3) baking form. *Ref:* d4.107.16

Hatw raskyer ti ke. The baking form. A fired, earthen baking form used to make **skyerker**. Often today, this is replaced by a cast iron griddle, much like a waffle iron, that is in the shape of four hearts.



-haw *vt.* 1) pound. *Ref:* d1.105.07 **Tawai ma kimakwet, desike bonyo tal ma thaw**. We dry it until it is almost dry, then we take it and pound it. *Ref:* d2.093.06 **Mal askwe ma mhwaw alyakwe ti neskwe**. Get the pestle so you can pound the rice in the mortar. *Syn:* **-tutu**. *See:* **asw** 'pestle'; **nesw** 'mortar'. *Prdm:* 3. *Is:* **khwaw**. 2) to stick, poke, prick. *Ref:* d2.113.13 **Mseak! Kali kbat desike kamnasanare ribun, mana khyaw o**. Look out! That lemon tree has a lot of thorns and they'll prick you. *Ref:* d4.043.09 **Knwaik nam mahaw lwawkkwe**. I pulled out whatever stuck in my foot. *Ref:* d4.109.02 **Maskye hyawa yaw**. The fish stuck me. This includes any prick whether from sharp fish spines or fins, or plant thorns. *See:* **kamnasan** 'thorn'; **hanar** 'thorn'.

haya *v.* row, paddle. *Ref:* dr.015.44 *Prdm:* 3?

— *n.* paddle. *See:* **-hesi** 'paddle'; **hesy₂** 'oar'. *Sg:* **hayake**.

-he tel *vi.* smart. *Lit:* 'to know language'. *Ref:* n1.099.11 **Sitke hye telke yobak klahke ma nya i**. The cat is clever at looking for mice to eat. *Ref:* d3.022.00 **Ibai kleti so mane rahetelke ma rabilak i ti a Tnebarne**. They went to the west and they became smart, smarter

than us here in Tanimbar. *See:* **tel** 'language'; **hehe tun** 'etiquette'; **hehe tel** 'knowledge'. *Prdm:* 3. *Is:* **khwe tel**.

hesy₁ *n.* bridewealth, dowry. *Ref:* n1.111.08 **Mmwa ma tba ti siel waimw heskye**. Come on and we'll go pay your brother's bridewealth. This was explained as: "*Hal perkawinan bicara adat.*". *See:* **hesi** 'price'; **dolan** 'treasure'; **iliary** 'antiques'.

hesy₂ *n.* oar, paddle. *Ref:* n1.111.06 **Mal heskye ma khwesi aroke**. Bring the oar so I can paddle the boat. *Ref:* d4.109.16 **Hesy ma lahametkye**. A fast oar. *See:* **-hesi** 'paddle'; **haya** 'row'. *Sg:* **heskye**.

-het *vt.* chop. *Ref:* d2.031.02 **Ana mhwet laranke o mtubal**. If you chop the ground (with your machete, it) will become dull. *Ref:* d1.021.06 **Mal turike ma khwet akwe**. Give me the machete so I can chop wood. *Ref:* n3.027.21 **Simatare ode lwawtare itde khyeta ity**. They chop at one another with their arms and legs. This is a chopping or hacking motion usually done with a machete. It is not a very controlled cut. *Syn:* **-sin** 'split'; *Syn:* **-dew** 'chop on end'. *See:* **hetheta** 'beater bar (in weaving)'. *Variant:* **-hety** (Occasional form.). *Prdm:* 3. *Is:* **khwet**. The summary of "cutting" motions for Selaru:

- akrina:** split in two lengthwise
- boras:** cut s.t. in small pieces with a knife
- dew:** chop s.t. into smaller pieces while standing it on end
- het:** chop or hack with a machete
- kety:** slice open and clean an animal
- lary:** slice (like chiles, etc.)
- lilit:** shave or carve
- mair:** to adze wood
- simat:** pop out or cut out coconut meat
- sin:** chop in two; split
- tasy:** knick with the point of a machete
- tef:** slice with one motion
- tetak:** notch
- tetal:** chop up
- tusy:** slice, carve or cut something small