Flowers of Rotuma
Biodiversity

Gomphrena globosa
‘Akamaliga

Value: ‘Akamaliga flowers are used for garland tefui and dance costumes for male dancers for the Rotuman tautoga.

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Sketch artist: Micah Fursetafa
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**Ocimum tenuiflorum**

**‘Uak‘uka**

Sketch artist: **Micah Fursetafa**

**Value:** ‘Uak‘uka is used in garland tefui and scented oil.

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*Lonicer a sp.*

**Hanisaka**

Sketch artist: **Micah Fursetafa**

**Value:** Hanisaka is an ornamental plant used in garlands and flower arrangements.

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Pandanus tectorius

Hat ‘Ai Mara
(Female plant)

Sketch artist: Micah Fursetafa

Value: Hat ‘Ai Mara leaves are used for mat making, thatching of houses, sail, baskets and hats; prop roots and fruit are edible; fruit used for garland tefui and the roots as herbal medicine.

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Mirabilis jalapa

Hea hea

Sketch artist: Micah Fursetafa

Value: Hea hea the primrose willow, red in color is used as dye for painting on books and in garland tefui.

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*Alpinia purpurata*

**Kapui**

Sketch artist: Micah Fursetafa

**Value:** Kapui is a ginger plant used in flower arrangements, an additive in scenting coconut body oil, garland tefui and costumes for male dancers in the Rotuman tautoga dance.

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Hibiscus rosasinensis

Kauta

Sketch artist: Micah Fursetafa

Value: Kauta is used for flower arrangements and making garlands.

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*Syzygium neurocalyx*

**Kori**

Sketch artist: *Micah Fursetafa*

**Value**: Kori is used for scenting oils and pot pourri.

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*Spathodea campanulata beauv*

**Lioplipo**

Sketch artist: *Micah Fursetaфа*

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**Value:** *Lioplipo* the flowering of the tree is an important feature during the start of the Christmas fara season on the home island.

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Maliha

Value: Maliha the spider lily is an ornamental plant used in flower arrangements, garland tefui and dance costumes.

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Cananga odorata

Moskoi

Sketch artist: Micah Fursetafa

Value: Moskoi the perfume tree Ylang Ylang, flowers are used for scented oil and in the garland tefui.

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Lagerstroemia indica

Pal ‘e fau

Sketch artist: Micah Fursetafa

Value: Pal ‘e fau is an ornamental plant which flowers in color purple, pink or white and used in garland tefui.

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Pandanus tectorius

**Paufu**  
*(Male plant)*

**Value:** *Paufu* is the male plant of the Pandanus for which its fragrant flowers (tiny, white pendant arranged in clusters) is used in scenting coconut oil and part of the garland tefui.

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*Gardenia sp.*

**Tieri**

Sketch artist: **Micah Fursetafa**

**Value:** *Ragkari* is a fragrant creamy white flower native to tropical and subtropical areas; commonly used in garlands and scenting body lotion and oil.

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