

GLOSSARY

Ar - Arabic  
fem - feminine  
Fr - French  
H - Hassaniya  
P - Pular  
pl - plural  
S - Soninke  
W - Wolof

abd (H, pl abid): a social grouping; a bidan family slave

bidan (Ar, H): literally, 'whites;' used in reference to individuals of noble ancestry, descendants of Arabo-Berber group, including Zawayya and Hassani subgroups

ceddo (P, pl sebbe): the former Toucouleur 'warrior' group; generally today, free cultivators, although not considered among Toucouleur 'nobles'

dieri: the high ground beyond the walo (oualo) cultivated under rainfed millet/niebe/melons agriculture

falo: the riverbanks planted as the water recedes

fedde (P, pl pelle): association, specifically, age-set group

fondé: the high ground along the riverbank that only floods during exceptional rainy seasons

forgeron (Fr, fem forgeronne): blacksmith, artisan of metalworking socio-occupational or caste group

foyré; dyom foyré: group corresponding to nuclear family and its head; the basic economic unit of Toucouleur society

gallé; dyom gallé; gallé mawdo: the extended family household sharing a common concession or compound; the head of the gallé household and official head

griot (griote): praise-singers, entertainers, genealogists, socio-occupational or caste group

guerr (W, pl guerrs): the free men, or 'nobles' group among the Wolof

guetna (H): the milk or date cure, meaning the date harvest, an occasion where bidan families reassemble to enjoy the fruits of the harvest, enacting various business and social decisions for the coming year

gumbo; gombo: okra

haratin (H): a social grouping; freed slaves or descendants thereof who are usually the sharecroppers and herders of the bidan

hassani (Ar, H): a social grouping; descendants of warrior bidan tribes

keur (W): Wolof household or fundamental economic unit

khaima (Ar): the tent, or fundamental unit of bidan society

khordo (P, pl korbe): female descendant of former slaves

marigot (Fr): inland tributary or delta of a river which blocked off from the main channel, becomes a pool following the rainy season

- matiubé (P, otherwise maccube):** social grouping; descendants of former slaves
- moudaf (H):** 'tripling' or a transaction in which, through the exchange of two or three products, the value of one is doubled, tripled, or augmented in terms of the other
- moude (H):** a measure equalling approximately 3 to 4 kilos, depending on the region
- niebe:** cowpeas
- nyenyo (P, pl nyeenbe):** the artisan occupational or caste groups of the Toucouleur
- pagne:** bolt of cloth worn by Peulh, Wolof, Soninke and Toucouleur women
- paradigm:** from Thomas Kuhn's "The Structure of Scientific Revolutions," a conceptual framework and methods or standards which guide the way problems are conceived of and solved
- pastèques (Fr):** melons
- Peulh (Fr for Fulbe, or Eng, Fulani):** free pastoralists closely related through economic relations and some social institutions, such as marriage to the Toucouleur, and especially, toroobe group
- prototype:** the first or primary type; a pattern, model, standard, exemplar, archetype
- salumo (S):** men's individual fields (Soninke)
- te-khore (S):** Soninke family-owned and cultivated fields
- thioubalo (P, pl subalbe):** fisherman; one of the free Toucouleur castes or socio-occupational groups
- tontine:** a rolling common savings fund
- torodo (P, pl toroobe):** the former Toucouleur ruling group, 'nobles,' free landowners
- Toucouleur (Fr for Halpulaaren):** people inhabiting the river region, largest political entity of which was Fouta Toro
- tressing:** plaiting, from 'tresser' (Fr)
- walo (P):** floodplains bordering the river in which a variety of crops are produced after the rainwaters recede
- yakharinte (S):** Soninke women's individual fields
- Zahwi (H), pl Zawaya):** descendants of bidan marabout, or religious tribes
- Zenaga (H):** herders of bidan-owned camels, of low status, non-herd-owning