

# Flowers of Rotuma

## Biodiversity



*Gomphrena globosa*

**'Akamaliga**

Sketch artist: **Micah Fursetafa**

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



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*Ocimum tenuiflorum*

**'Uak'uka**

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



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*Lonicera sp.*

### **Hanisaka**

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



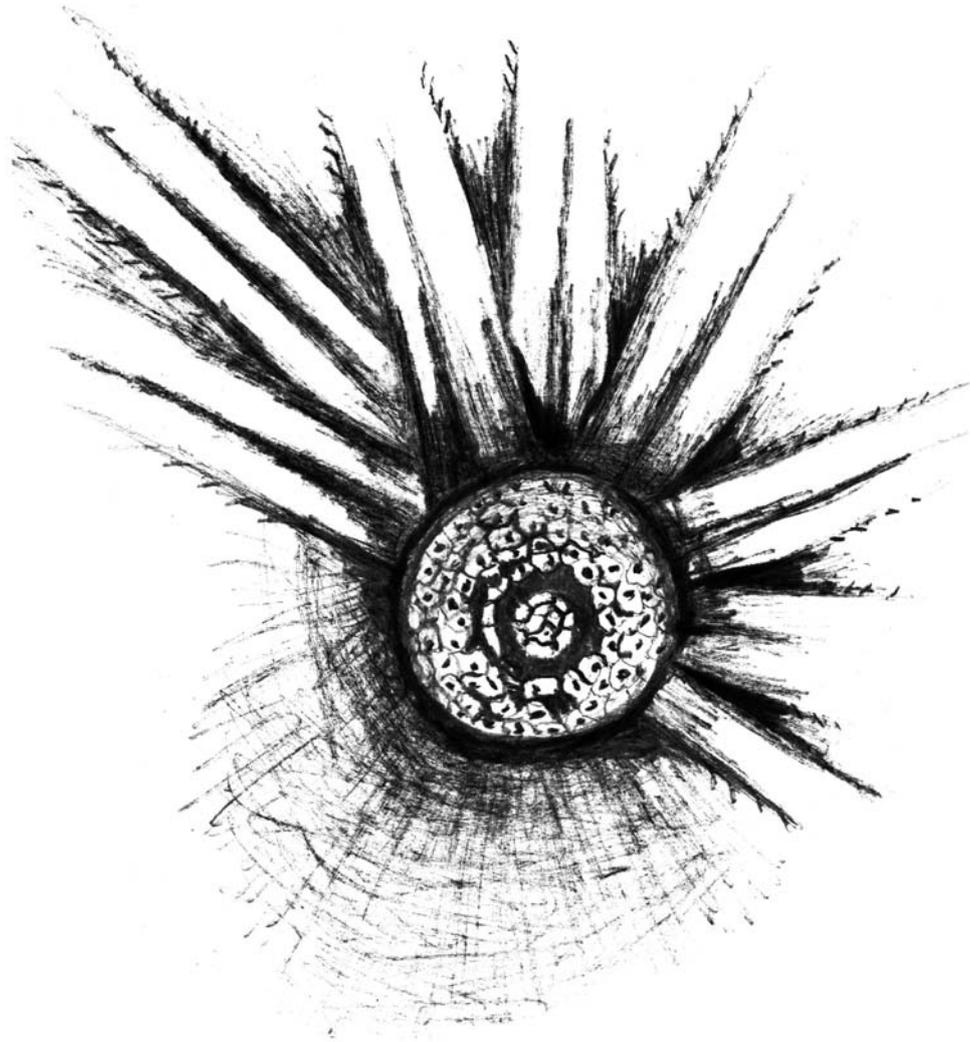
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*Pandanus tectorius*

### **Hat 'Ai Mara**

*(Female plant)*

Sketch artist: **Micah Fursetafa**

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**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**

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**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**

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

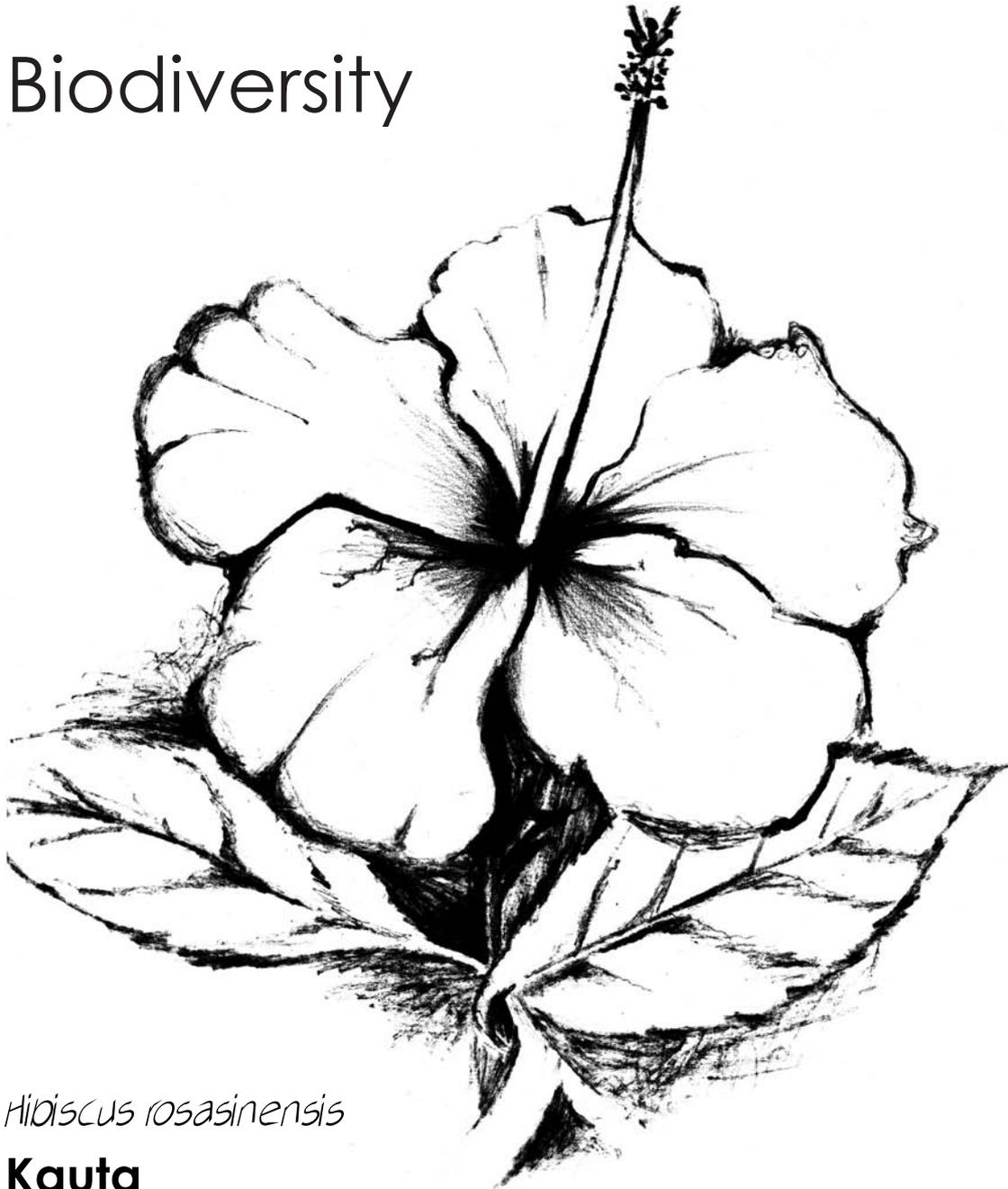


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*Hibiscus rosasinensis*

**Kauta**

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



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*Syzygium neurocalyx*

**Kori**

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



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*Spathodea canpanulata* Beauv

### **Lioplipo**

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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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*Hymenocallis pedalis*

### **Maliha**

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**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**

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



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*Lagerstroemia indica*

**Pal 'e fau**

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

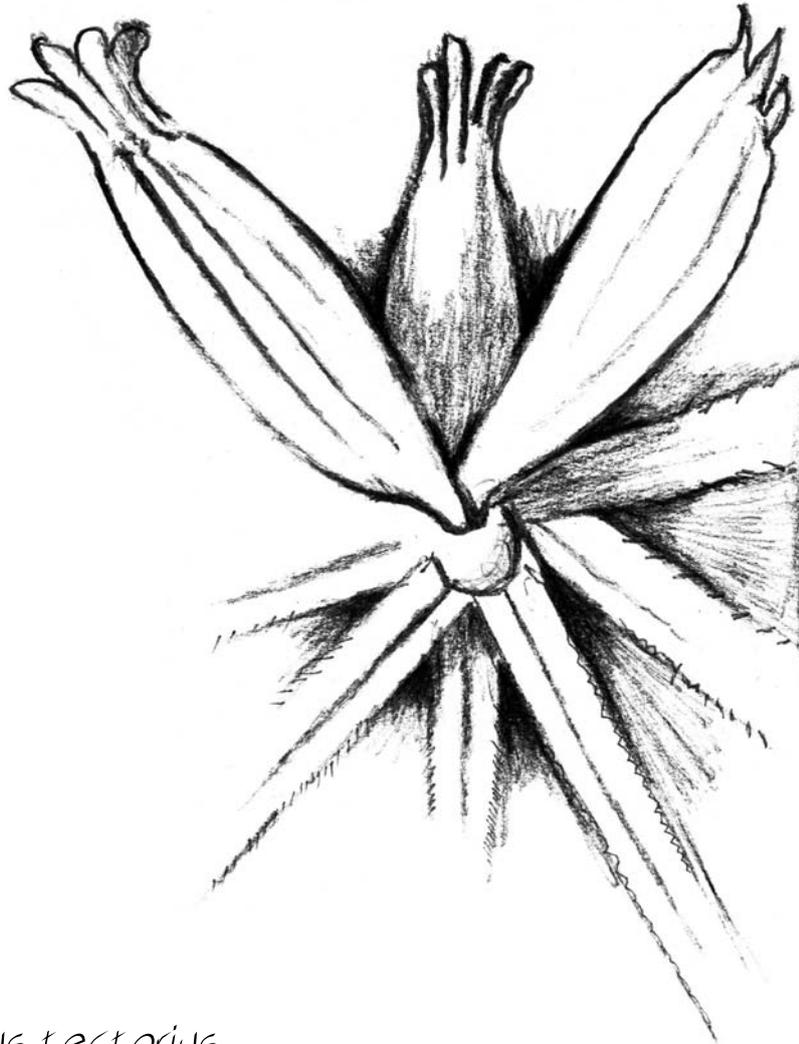


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*Pandanus tectorius*

### **Paufu**

(Male plant)

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**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.

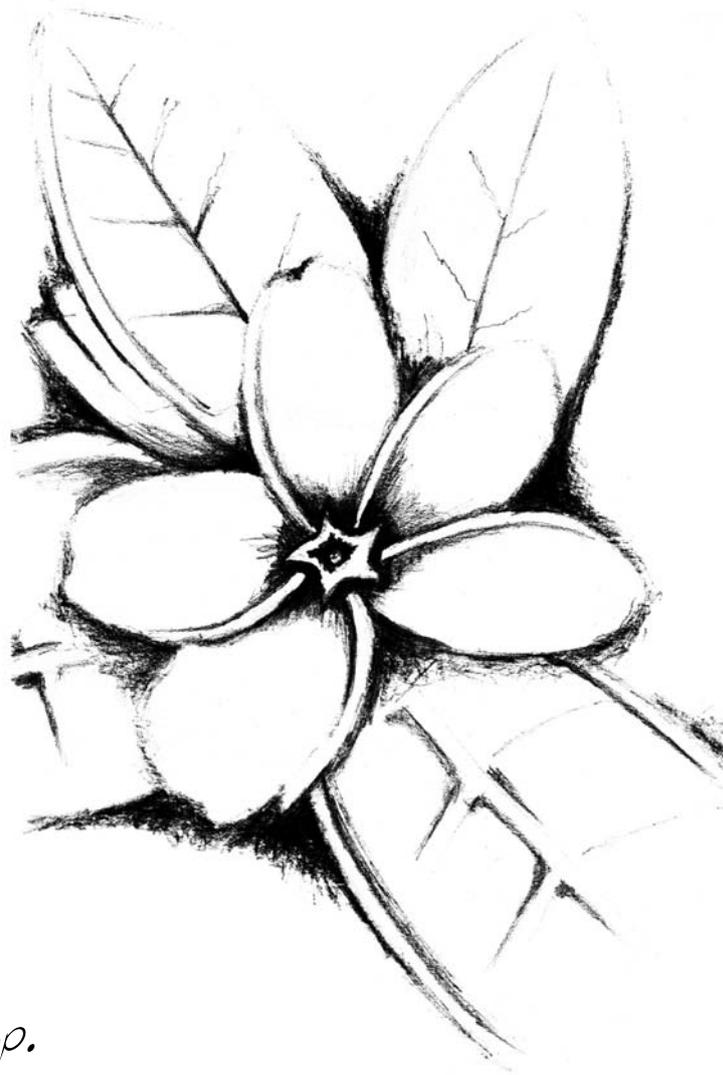


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*Gardenia sp.*

**Tieri**

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**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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