

Neatly demarcated

Land and forest use classification of the Apatani community

Broad category	Land use type (local name)	Description	Importance
Forest areas	● <i>Bije</i>	Individual bamboo forest, mixed with pine and oak (<i>Castanopsis spp.</i>).	Bamboo, timber and fuelwood extraction for construction & household requirement
	● <i>Sansung</i>	Individual forest (<i>Castanopsis</i> / pine dominant forest, mostly monoculture)	Extraction of timer, fuelwood and materials for ritual ceremony
	● <i>Uru Moreh</i>	Sub-clan forest (mostly mixed forest)	Extracting timber, bamboo, cane, fuelwood & other NTFPs for household. Collecting materials for rituals, hunting and rearing <i>mithun</i> (local bovine species)
	● <i>Hallu morey</i>	Clan forest (monoculture of pine, <i>Castanopsis</i> dominant & mixed forest)	Same as above
	● <i>Lemba Booth Morey</i>	Village forest (mixed vegetation forest)	Same as above
	● <i>Supung Booth Morey</i>	Community forest	Same as above
	● <i>Polung</i>	Community/village grazing land	Grazing land for cattle
	● <i>Rantee</i>	Sacred groves (Village land)	Restriction of extraction except for ritual purpose. Good seed bank for varieties of spp
Agriculture	● <i>Ballu</i>	Home garden	Varieties of vegetables, pulses, chillies etc, & millet nursery for garden & bund
	● <i>Yollu</i>	Vegetable garden	Same as above
	● <i>Lyapyo</i>	Millet field	Millet cultivation
	● <i>Aebe-Aji</i>	Wet-rice field	Rice-cum-fish culture
	● <i>Ahi-Amil farang</i>	Fruit garden	Apple, pears, plum, peach etc
	● <i>Ngyi su-per</i>	Fish pond	Particularly for raising fingerling for rice field
Settlement	● <i>Neshu Nechang</i>	Granary	For storing rice, millet and other crops
	● <i>Ude Nechang</i>	House	Household settlement
	● <i>Pede Pilley</i>	Farm house	Particularly for agricultural purpose
	● <i>Alyi giiri</i>	Pig pane	Rearing pig
Miscellaneous	● <i>Sukung</i>	Well	For drinking water
	● <i>Sugang</i>	Canal/streams	Irrigation purpose
	● <i>Lenti lenda</i>	Road	Communication
	● <i>Killey</i>	River	Natural gift of water for Apatani valley

Source: Mihing Dollo 2005, Apatani land use pattern, *mimeo*