

Story Card CAMB 008

Story title	How the Bunong were born			
Story-teller: Name	Chhot Pich	Sex	M	Age
Recording time/date	20 October 2014			
Recording place	At his house in Bouraing Village, Bousra, Pichreada, Mondukiri Province, Cambodia			
Length	About 3:00 minutes			
Language(s) used	Bunong, Khmer			
Data available	<input type="checkbox"/> video	<input type="checkbox"/> audio	<input type="checkbox"/> picture	<input type="checkbox"/> notes other ()
Topic/key words	Origin of the Bunong			
Category	Origin			
<p>Summary</p> <p>Long, long time ago, <i>Avatar</i> made a soft stone and sculpted it into a beautiful woman. Suddenly, a few men came and so <i>Avatar</i> hid himself. The men saw the sculpted woman and they started talking among themselves how to make the woman more beautiful. After the men had left, <i>Avatar</i> came back and modified the sculpted woman according to the comments made by the men. <i>Avatar</i> then put the woman at a nearby stream.</p> <p>One day, a man named <i>Koikim</i> ("butterfly") came to fish at the stream and saw the sculpted woman. He kept looking at the woman while fishing. He then saw her smile at him and so came up to speak to her.</p> <p>Later, they got married. The woman became pregnant and delivered a baby Brahma from her thigh. Jesus Christ was born from her rib, the Chumpong God from her fingers, animals from her hair, insects, such as flies and mosquitos, from her ears, and finally humans from her vagina. She gave a birth in a cave at the Namnea Mountain in Bousra District, which is the Bunong's homeland. Afterwards, some Bunong have moved to Ratanakiri and other provinces. Their languages are different now.</p>				