

**Story Card CAMB 011**

Story title	A Rain-wishing ceremony				
Story-teller	Khoeuk Keosineam	Sex	F	Age	27
Recording time/date	20 October 2014				
Recording place	At her house in Pocha Village, Bousra, Pichreada, Mondulkiri Province, Cambodia				
Length	About 3:00 minutes				
Language(s) used	Bunong, Khmer				
Data available	<input type="checkbox"/> video	audio	<input type="checkbox"/> picture	<input type="checkbox"/> notes	other (                    )
Topic/key words	Rain, rice				
Category					
<p>Summary</p> <p>The Bunong community holds a rain-wishing ceremony every April before the wet monsoon starts to come. Villagers cut bamboo trees into 2 to 3 pieces, peel the surface, and make various animal symbols. They also cut a branch off from a <i>roka</i> tree to make a symbol of an elephant tusk. They place all symbols together alongside traditional cakes, pork meat, pig liver and blood, two pieces of charcoal, which symbolize ancestors, and a jar of wine, which contains eggs, at their ancestors' stupa as offerings. Older villagers play <i>kmous</i>, while praying for and asking the ancestors to bring them the rain.</p> <p>All the villagers then enjoy lunch together. They are usually divided into three groups of women, men, and children. After finishing the ceremony, the participating villagers divide the remaining meat among themselves.</p>					