Name of the Element: Domain 2:

Name of Inventory: Serial No: Funga Wari (Kitchen Stories) Oral traditions and expressions including language as a vehicle of the intangible cultural heritage Pilot Inventory 1 P1-D1-002

Brief Description: Funga Wari are oral Manipuri folktales told by the elders of the family to the children. Many folktales have sacred and unutterable secrets in their wombs. The occult practices mentioned therein are based on personal encounters of native exorcists (known as maiba and maibe, male and female shamans).

Wari means story, while Fung translates as 'hearth fire'. Therefore, these are kitchen stories.

Region: In the Districts of Sylhet Division in the North East of Bangladesh. Photographs: Video: Consent:

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