

kur (qur) (A) helmet; (Som) head, top, hill /& other meanings/;
kura, kurra (A) knot of wood; (qura) (A,O) crow, raven;
(O) 1. kind of shrub or small tree, *Boswellia boranensis*,
Boswellia rivae; 2. deep bowl-like plate for food;
kura (T) anger, fury; (Som) kinds of thorn tree, especially
Acacia tortilis

HCN08	Kura 07°18'/35°34' 1488 m north-west of Shewa Gimira	07/35	[Gz]
HDK89	Kura 09°51'/38°24' 2334 m, south-east of Tulu Milki see under Gebre Guracha	09/38	[AA Gz]
HDL11	Kura 09°12'/38°34' 2660 m, north-east of Addis Alem	09/38	[AA Gz]
HDL56	Kura 09°32'/38°59' 2680 m	09/38	[AA Gz]
HEJ54	Kura (Berberay Cura, B. Kura) 12°16'/37°00' 1943 m (mountain)	12/37	[Gz]
JDJ24	Kura 09°15'/42°01' 1825 m, west of Harar	09/42	[Gz]
JDJ34	Kura 09°22'/42°01' 1973 m, north-west of Harar	09/42	[Gz]
JCD69	Kura Baad (Cura Baad) 06°02'/43°20' 286 m	06/43	[+ WO Gz]
HBK47	Kura Bura (area) kura der: <i>dheer</i> (Som) tall, long, deep	03/38	[WO]
JCL87	Kura Der (Cura Der) kura kubane: <i>kuba</i> (quba) (O) finger; <i>qubane</i> (Som) variety, miscellany	07/44	[+ WO]
JBP26	Kura Kubane (Cura Cubane) (area) 04°42'/42°12'	04/41	[+ WO Gz]
JD...	Kuraba	09/40	[18]
HEJ33	Kurabas 12°07'/36°56' 1796 m, west of lake Tana	12/36	[Gz]
HEL18	Kurakura (K'urak'ura, Quraqura, K'urk'ura) 11°52'/39°10' 3324 m	11/39	[Gz q]
JBR10	Kural (Cural) (area)	04/41	[+ WO]
JCC39	Kurale (Curale) (plain)	05/42	[+ MS WO]
JCU61	Kurale (Curale, Curati, Kurati) 07°48'/44°27' 997 m	07/44	[+ WO Gz 18]
JBT62	Kuraley (Curalei)	05/43	[+ WO]
	kuralle: <i>Warra Karalle</i> (the people/family of Karalle), name of a Babile tribe of eastern Oromo		
JBj84	Kuralley (Curallei, Curullei, Guralei) (wide plain) 04°26'/42°03' 190 m	04/42	[+ WO Gz Gu]
HDS02	Kuramba (K'uramba, Quramba), cf Koramba	09/37	[AA q]
HDS02	Kuramba (K'uramba, Quramba) 09°57'/37°46' 2163 m (qurr amba = frost mountain?)	09/37	[Gz q]
JDD84	Kuran (K'uran, Quran) 08°56'/42°53' 1532 m south-east of Jijiga	08/42	[Gz q]
JDD94	Kuran (K'uran, Quran) 09°02'/42°55' 1585 m south-east of Jijiga	09/42	[Gz q]
HES49	Kurana (Curana) <i>kuranyo</i> (Som) ant kurasid: <i>kuraasida</i> (Arabic,Som) chairs	13/38	[+ WO]
HEC79	Kurasid (Curasid) <i>kurat</i> (A) pride, vanity, conceit	11/37	[+ WO]
JCU61	Kurati, see Kurale <i>kuray</i> (Som) boy /under 15/		
HBL70	Kurayu Subbu Geddu	04/38	[WO]
??	Kuraz awraja (Kurraz ..)	../..	[n]

in the lower Omo valley

In the 1980s the Koegu hoped to be included in Kurraz awraja where the Nyangatom belonged.

[H Matsuda *in* Ethnicity ..., 1994 p 59]

- ?? Kuraz wereda (in the 1990s) ../.. [n]
 (centre in 1995 = Omorate, in South Omo zone)
 With 17,545 Dessenech/Geleb/Mirele people and
 5,477 Bume/Dongiro/Nayanatom according to the 1984 census.
 There are 46 kebeles (-1995-).
 18,000 persons were assessed to be in need of food assistance
 in December 1995.

kurba (A) 1. kind of bush or tree; 2. centre /of the world/

- HE... Kurba (sub-district & its centre in 1964) 11/39 [Ad]
 JDG97 Kurbe (Curbili Ale, Kurbili, Curbilli) (mountain) 09/40 [Gz Ne WO Gu]
 09°53'/40°26' 819/1055 m
 HEU62 Kurbele 13°12'/39°37' 2145 m 13/39 [Gz]
 (with church Mikael), south of Kwiha
 JDG97 Kurbili, see Kurbe
 JEA57 Kurbili (Curbili) (area) 11/40 [+ WO]
 HBK40 Kurbu, G. (hill) 04/37 [WO]

kure (A) pond, pool; *curre* (Som) male cat;

Kure, a tribe belonging to the Ari group

- HCA48 Kure 05°51'/36°33' 1484 m 05/36 [Gz]
 HCB36 Kure (Cure) 05°46'/36°16' 541 m 05/36 [+ WO Gz]
 cf Kuri, Kurre ..
 HCB38 Kure (Cure) 05°47'/36°29' 1249/1478 m 05/36 [WO]
 HDG14 Kure (Cure) 1473/1533 m, see Bata 09/35 [+ WO]
 HDK44 Kure 09°29'/37°59' 2130 m 09/37 [AA Gz]
 HDK88 Kure 09°47'/38°17' 2552 m 09/38 [AA Gz]
 south-west of Tulu Milki
 HDL84 Kure 09°51'/38°50' 1952 m 09/38 [AA Gz]
 (with church Maryam), east of Fiche
 HDM91 Kure 09°55'/39°25' 2466 m 09/39 [Gz]
 north-west of Debre Birhan
 JDG82 Kure Beret 09°50'/40°01' 1235 m 09/40 [Gz 20]
 Jon Kalb and Herb Mosca in May 1975: "After fording the Hawadi River, we followed a rocky track leading up the escarpment to the village of Kure Beret -- it was market day. Oromo and Amhara traders and farmers were down from the highlands doing a lively business with the Afar up from the lowlands."
 There were Afar girls with lots of adornment. "One girl had braids tied beneath her chin, of some particular significance; another had a red ribbon wrapped around her head; and all wore baubles or large metal medallions on their foreheads."
 [Kalb 2001 p 170-171]
- HEK60 Kureba (Cureva, Coreva) (recorded in 1841) 12/37 [+ WO Ha]
kurema meret (qurema märet) (A) land where seeds can
 germinate but never reach full maturity
 HDL65 Kuremanyoy (K'uremanyoy, Quremanyoy) 09/38 [AA Gz q]
 09°39'/38°53' 2625 m, see under Debre Libanos
- HFF33 Kuret (K'uret, Quret) 13°53'/39°43' 2746 m 13/39 [Gz q]
 west of Atsbi
 HFF44 Kuret (K'uret, Quret) 13°56'/39°44' 2783 m 13/39 [Gz q]

	north-west of Atsbi		
HFF46	Kuret sub-district (centre in 1964 = Inda Silase)	13/39	[Ad]
JDH55	Kurfa Bike (Curfa Biche) (area)	09/41	[+ WO]
JDC50	Kurfa Chele 08°40'/41°40' (high plateau, with spring)	08/41	[MS]
JDJ22	Kurfa Chele (K. Ch'ele, Kurfe Chele, Kurfachelie) (Curfacelli, Kurfochele, Fre: Kourfatchallé) 09°14'/41°49' 2000/2290m In the early 1930s administrative centre of Gara Muleta district. [Zervos 1936] The primary school in 1968 had 137 boys and 58 girls, with 6 teachers.	08/41 08/41	[Gz Po Ad] [WO Gu]
JDJ22	Kurfa Chele sub-district? (-1997-)	08/41	[n]
JDJ22	Kurfa Chele wereda (centre in 1964 = Kurfa Chele) kurfa dida: <i>dida</i> (O) 1. unmanageable /work animal/; 2. elsewhere, from another place	08/41	[MS Ad]
JDH30	Kurfa Dida (Curfa Dida) (area), see under Mieso	09/40	[+ WO]
JDH57	Kurfa Ihiya (Curfa Ihia) (area) kurfa jarti: <i>jarti</i> (O) old, respectable /woman/	09/41	[+ WO]
JDG18	Kurfa Jarti (Curfa Giarti) (area) kurfa kurkura: <i>kurkura</i> (O) kind of thorny shrub; toddler	09/40	[+ WO]
JDC40	Kurfa Kurkura (Curfa Curcura) (area) 1462 m	08/41	[+ WO]
JDB42	Kurfa Roka (K.Rok'a, K.Roqa) 08°33'/40°54' 1644 m	08/40	[Gz q]
JDH57	Kurfa Savenza (Curfa Savenza) (area) <i>kurfa-u</i> (O) be ready, be organized; <i>kurfad</i> (A) pug-nosed and small-faced /person/	09/41	[+ WO]
	<i>kurfo</i> (A) old buckler (shield) out of use;		
HDL16	Kurfo 09°10'/38°58' 2579 m, see under Sendafa	09/38	[AA Gz]
HDL40	Kurfo 09°26'/38°27' 2130 m	09/38	[AA Gz]
HDE38	Kurftu (centre in 1964 of Wenji sub-district)	08/39	[Ad]
	<i>kuri</i> (O) 1. kind of tall tree with ebony-type wood, Diospyros abyssinica; 2. dear /term of endearment/; <i>kuri</i> , <i>kurri</i> (A) kind of fish with black colour; <i>khuuri</i> (Som) kind of tall and dark tree; <i>curri</i> (Som) male cat; <i>curi</i> (Som) initiate, create; <i>kuuri</i> (Som) come near to, approach		
HCB00	Kuri (well), cf Kure kuri bal: <i>bal</i> (Som) large leaf; <i>baal</i> (Som) 1. wing, feather; 2. side, edge	05/35	[WO]
JBS34	Kuri Bal (Curi Bal) kuri karomursi: <i>Karo</i> , <i>Mursi</i> , two ethnic groups in Omo region	04/42	[+ WO]
H...	Kuri Karomursi sub-district (Kurie ..) centre in 1964 = Kero)	05/36	[+ Ad]
HDK34	Kuricha (K'uricha, Quricha) 09°21'/37°55' 2468 m (there is one Koricha at 4 km to the NW)	09/37	[AA Gz q]
HE...	Kurieb sub-district, cf Koreb (centre in 1964 = Mewcha Gubedega)	11/39	[Ad]
HCA68	Kurit (Kourit) 05°57'/35°33' 1183 m (centre in 1964 of Kurit wereda & of Kiseki sub-district)	05/35	[Gz Ad]
HCA68	Kurit sub-district? (-1997-)	05/35	[n]
	<i>kurkur</i> (T) 1. puppy, cub; 2. henchman; <i>curcur</i> (Som) 1. hill;		

	2. forearm, wrist; <i>qurqur</i> (Som) edge, rim		
HEF33	Kurkur (Curcur) (area) see under Dessie	11/39	[+ Gu]
HFE51	Kurkur (Curcur) (mountain) 14°03'/38°38' 2431/2462 m	14/38	[+ Gu Gz]
HEE96	Kurkur Iyesus (K'urk'ur I.) (church) 11°43'/39°01' <i>kurkura</i> (A,O), <i>kurkurrah</i> (Borana) kind of thorny shrub, <i>Zizyphus mauritiana</i> , <i>Z. spina-christi</i> , also <i>Euclea schimperi</i> ; <i>kurkura</i> (O) toddler, very young boy; <i>Kurkuru</i> , name of an Ittu tribe of eastern Oromo	11/39	[Gz]
HDL92	Kurkura (K'urk'ura, Qurqura) 09°55'/38°38' 2092 m north-west of Fiche	09/38	[AA Gz q]
HDL93	Kurkura (K'urk'ura, Qurqura) 09°53'/38°46' 1411 m see under Fiche	09/38	[AA Gz q]
HDT88	Kurkura (K'urk'ura, Qurqura) 10°45'/39°13' 2737 m north-west of Were Ilu	10/39	[Gz q]
HEL18	Kurkura (K'urk'ura, Qurqura), see Kurakura		
HEM42	Kurkura (K'urk'ura, Qurqura) 12°10'/39°32' 2046 m	12/39	[Gz q]
HER48	Kurkura (Curcura, Amba Cucura) (mountain) Kurkura 13°05'/37°19' 1643 m	13/37	[+ Gz]
HER56	Kurkura (Curcura) (mountain) 13°05'/37°19' 1643 m Coordinates would give map code HER47	13/37	[+ WO Gz]
JDA64	Kurkura (Curcura) (area)	08/40	[+ WO]
JDA97	Kurkura (Curcura)	09/40	[+ WO]
??	Kurkure, in Kefa	../..	[Mi]
	There is an iron-bearing area between Kurkure and Melka Sedi, at an altitude of about 2250-2600 m. The Italians carried out prospecting there in the period 1935-1941. Four test pits to a maximum depth of 11 metres were made in 1962. On the surface no remarkable iron concentration can be seen. [Mineral 1966]		
JDJ03	Kurkuro (K'urk'uro, Qurquro) 09°03'/41°57' 1518 m south-east of Grawa, near map code JDC93	09/41	[Gz q]
HDU44	Kurkuta 10°19'/39°46' 3269 m south-east of Were Ilu	10/39	[Gz]
HER36	Kurkwana (Curcuana) (mountain) 13°00'/37°10' 2243 m	13/37	[+ Gz]
HEC86	Kurle (Curle)	11/37	[+ It]
	<i>kurma</i> (A) elbow; <i>Kula Kurme</i> , a lineage of the Borana people		
??	Kurma (visiting postman under Nazret) cf Korma <i>kurma mulo</i> : <i>mullu</i> (O) boiled grain	../..	[Po]
HBK18	Kurma Mulo <i>kurman</i> (A), <i>kurmana</i> (O) quarter part /of an <i>injera</i> / <i>kurmi</i> : <i>qurmi</i> (Som) decompose, stink, rot	03/38	[WO]
HEF76	Kurmi (K'urmi, Qurmi) 11°33'/39°56' 1325 m north-east of Hayk	11/39	[Gz q]
KCP76	Kurmis (Curmis) 07°54'/46°19' 691 m	07/46	[MS WO Gz]
KCP85	Kurmis (Fantah Ueina, Fantauenia, Fantauena) (Fantaweina) 08°00'/46°14' 737 m shown at code KCP87 on WO map	08/46	[Gz WO]
JDG95	Kurmuhudali (Curmuhudali) 09°53'/40°15' 648 m	09/40	[+ WO Gz]
GDT69	Kurmuk (Kurmuck) MS: 10°30'/34°20' = GDU60 900 m Gz: 10°32'/34°17' 653 m	10/34	[WO Gz n]

Average rainfall 928 mm per year recorded in 1919-1932.

In 1962 the road from Asosa was a dry weather road only,

"rough but passable by trucks" according to the Highway Authority.

An elementary school building constructed of concrete elements

and with Swedish assistance through ESBU was completed around 1970.

[SIDA 1971]

GDT69 Kurmuk sub-district (-1997-) 10/34 [n]

(also a corresponding area in Sudan)

The area is located at slightly less than 1000 m altitude.

Gold is reported from Gubela mountain.

[Mineral 1966]

When it became obvious in 1940 that the British would attack from Sudan, the Italians confined themselves to limited advances on the frontiers where there was a British post close to their own, apparently with the object of giving some exercise to the aggressive spirit of their colonial troops and eliminating an enemy post which was close enough to be a nuisance. Thus on the Sudan frontier first Gallabat, then Kassala and then Kurmuk, on 7 July 1940, were attacked and captured.

A number of frontier posts, including Kurmuk, were held by Sudan police who had volunteered for active service, commanded by assistant district commissioners who had been given governor-general's commissions with the rank of *bimbashi*. Kurmuk was commanded by Bimbashi Mervyn Bell, with three British auxiliaries and 51 police.

[Shirreff 1995 p 35]

When, after an aerial bombardment, the post was attacked on 7 July by a colonial battalion and 100 *banda* supported by machine guns and artillery, they put up a sturdy resistance until Bell withdrew his men in good order. British casualties were one killed and two wounded, including an American missionary who happened to be staying that night; Italian casualties were reported as four Italians and 40 *ascari* killed, including the battalion commander, Major Christini.

[Shirref p 35-36]

"After preliminary skirmishes close to the provincial boundary in 1984, the SPLA /Sudanese People's Liberation Army/ established its presence in the Blue Nile at the end of 1985, when they appeared in the border hills south of Kurmuk and began to set up a base just inside Ethiopia."

"From early 1986, SPLA units began to move through the outlying settlements of the southern Blue Nile region, avoiding main routes as they travelled between camps in Ethiopia and the White Nile."

[W James *in* Ethnicity ..., 1994 p 146-147]

map Digital map 1:250 000 EIGS/NGU circa 1997, by Ethionor collaboration

kurno (O) tithe

H.... Kurno (with mission?) 08/36 [x]

HDK98 Kurno 09°57'/38°19' 2563 m, near Tulu Milki 09/38 [AA Gz]

kuro (western O) kinds of tall tree, *Aningeria altissima*,

Polyscias ferruginea; (quuro) (O) crow, raven;

kuro (A) donkey which is not strong enough to carry a load,

(Kefa) donkey /in general?/; *curo* (Som) become

initiated, give birth for the first time /etc/;

khuuro (Som) snoring

HBL00 Kuro (area), cf Kurro 03/38 [WO]

HDG73 Kuro (K'uro, Quro) 09°42'/35°07' 1526 m 09/35 [Gz q]

south of Mendi

?? Kuro Gebo (visiting postman under Jimma) ../. [Po]

JB71 Kuron (Curon) (area) 04°25'/41°35' 04/41 [+ WO Gz]

HEC54 Kurrach Giyorgis (Currach Gheorghis) 11/36 [+ It]

	(with church) 1960 m		
HBM53	Kurraya (Curraia, G., El Curraia) (well) 04°03'/39°36'	04/39	[+ WO Gz]
??	Kurraz ..., see Kuraz		
	kurre liban: <i>libaan</i> (Som) prosperity, blessing		
HBU53	Kurre Liban (Curre Liban) 04°58'/39°35' (area), cf Kure	04/39	[+ WO Gz]
HDU63	Kurrie, see Ayzosh Amora		
HBL69	Kurrihello (Gebel Currihello, Ciurriheilo, Churriheilo) (mountain) 04°10'/39°15' 1271 m	04/39	[+ WO Gz]
JBj68	Kurro, see Gurro, cf Kuro		
JDC10	Kurro (Curro) (area)	08/41	[+ WO]
	<i>kurt</i> (qurt) (A) cut, definite, explicit; (qwurt) abrupt; (qwirt) sentence in the last instance; <i>kurt gebr</i> (qurt gebr) (A) regions which were allowed to pay a fixed annual tax revenue to the palace; <i>kurrta</i> (T) carrot, <i>Daucos carota</i> ; <i>kurti</i> (O) lynx-like cat, Caracal caracal		
HEC58	Kurt Bahr (Curti, It: Lago Curti) (lake) 11°21'/37°19' Lake in a basin of scoriaceous lava-cubes that could not seem to be able to hold water. It is the source of the Imfraz river, although the lake outfall flows underground for a while. The lake is about 800 m in diameter. In the neighbourhood there is another similar lake Dem Bahr. [Cheesman 1936]	11/37	[Ch Gz Gu]
	<i>kurtumi, kurtummi</i> (qurtummii) (O) fish		
JDG65	Kurtumi (Cortumi) 09°35'/40°18' 667/717 m	09/40	[LM WO Gz]
JDH50	Kurtumi sub-district (centre in 1964 = Butuji)	09/40	[Ad]
	<i>kuru</i> (A) proud, high-spirited; (quuruu) (O) humpback		
HDB76	Kuru Medhane Alem (Enda M. Alem, church)	08/36	[LM WO]
	kurub: <i>qurub</i> (Som) fragment, piece; break to bits		
GDL78c	Kurub	09/34	[LM]
HDR95	Kurub (Curub) (area)	10/37	[+ WO]
JEB85	Kurub 11°36'/41°10'	11/41	[x]
JEH16	Kurub (Curub, Corub, Sardo) 11°53'/41°13' 505/602 m lone mountain south-west of Serdo	11/41	[Gz WO Gu]
JEJ11	Kurub 11°53'/41°13' 505 m	11/41	[Gz]
JEH08c	Kurub Bahari (Curub Bahari, Alcarun) (wide plain) To the north were the Tandoho /Temdaho/ hills, which approach close to the Hallu, leaving only a narrow ravine for the passage of the Awash. Further to the north was the Kurub plain. [L M Nesbitt (1934)1955 p 177]	11/41	[+ Gu]
	kurub ke rasu: <i>ke</i> (O) your; <i>rasu</i> (A) the head, the cape		
JEB95	Kurub Meda (Curub Che Rasu) (plain) 11°58'/41°15'	11/41	[Gz WO]
	<i>kuruba</i> (Bale O) kind of tree in the wetter parts of medium-altitude forests, <i>Polyscias ferruginea</i> ; <i>kurrubba</i> (qurrubba) (O) disease that makes the victim shiver		
HDE39	Kuruftu 08°28'/39°14' 1558 m, south of Nazret	08/39	[Gz]
HDE..	Kuruftu, see Debre Zeyt lakes		

- ?? **Kurum** (in the South Omo Zone)/.. [n]
 Nowadays in the south-western corner of Mursi territory, but 200 years ago rather in the centre of Mursi-occupied land. The progressive spreading out from Kurum seems to date from the 1890s.
 In January 1991 the Mursi, at Kurum, carried through the long overdue creation of a new male age set, by means of a three-day ritual. The set was given the name Geleba, and the age span of the set was 15-45 years. The ritual was carried out under the eyes of the hostile Nyangatom on the opposite bank of the Omo river.
 [D Turton *in* Ethnicity .., 1994 p 27]
- kurupe, kuruppe, krupe, krupo* (O) duiker, small antelope,
Sylvicapra grimmia abyssinica
- | | | | |
|-------|---|-------|---------|
| HDK57 | Kurupe 09°35'/38°11' 2259 m
(with church), cf Krupe | 09/38 | [AA Gz] |
| HDH66 | Kuruppe (Curuppe) (area) | 09/36 | [+ WO] |
| KDA32 | Kururohle (Qururohle) (area)
<i>kuryo</i> (Arabic,Som) round shape, circle, sphere | 08/45 | [+ WO] |