

Annex 1: Important noble kava varieties

Glossary of terms used to describe kava varieties

Striated: with streaks or marks

Mottled: with blotches or dapples

Speckled: with dots or spots

Variety: Ahouia

Origin: Tanna

General appearance: normal

Stem colour: light green

Internodes: mottled; different sizes, long and thin

Leaf colour: dark green



Ahouia plant



Ahouia stem



Ahouia leaf

Variety: Borogoru

Origin: Maewo

Variety: Borogu

Origin: Pentecost

Variety: Gorgor

Origin: Ambrym

General appearance: upright

Stem colour: dark green

Internodes: not always the same size;
long and thick

Leaf colour: usually green but sometimes
purple



Gorgor plant



Gorgor stem



Gorgor leaf

Variety: Ge wiswisket

Origin: Gaua

General appearance: normal

Stem colour: light green

Internodes: mottled; not always the same size; long and thin

Leaf colour: dark green



Ge wiswisket plant



Ge wiswisket stem



Ge wiswisket leaf

Variety: Kelai

Origin: Epi

Variety: Miaome

Origin: Epi

General appearance: normal

Stem colour: green with purple shading

Internodes: striated and mottled; not always the same size, long and thin

Leaf colour: light green



Kelai plant



Kelai stem



Kelai leaf

Variety: Melmel

Origin: Pentecost

Variety: Sese

Origin: Pentecost

General appearance: prostrate

Stem colour: light green

Internodes: uniform, long and thin

Leaf colour: yellow



Sese/Melmel plant



Sese/Melmel stem



Sese/Melmel leaf

Variety: Melomelo

Origin: Ambae

General appearance: upright

Stem colour: dark green

Internodes: not always the same size;
long and thick

Leaf colour: usually green but sometimes
purple



Melomelo plant



Melomelo stem



Melomelo leaf

Variety: Palarasul

Origin: Santo

General appearance: normal

Stem colour: light green

Internodes: striated and mottled; not always the same size; long and thin

Leaf colour: yellow



Palarasul patch



Palarasul plant



Palarasul stem



Palarasul leaf

Variety: Palasa

Origin: Santo

General appearance: normal

Stem colour: dark green

Internodes: speckled; long and thin

Leaf colour: dark green



Palasa plant



Palasa stem



Palasa leaf

Variety: Pia

Origin: Tanna

General appearance: upright

Stem colour: light green

Internodes: striated and mottled; not always the same size; long and thin

Leaf colour: purple



Pia plant



Pia stem



Pia leaf

Variety: Silese

Origin: Malekula

General appearance: normal

Stem colour: dark green

Internodes: striated and mottled; not always the same size; long and thin

Leaf colour: purple



Silese plant



Silese stem



Silese leaf