



# SANMA Province, Vanuatu Traditional Knowledge Seasonal Calendar

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Traditional Seasons	Bong Cinaha			Bong Mahariri	Dam Maluni		Bong rara Hulua		Bong Dulea		Bong Langilosu	
	Rain and Hot			Transition		Sun and Cold		Transition		Rain and Hot		
<b>CLIMATE</b>												
Hot season (Nov-April)												
Wet season (Nov-April)												
Tropical Cyclone season (Nov-April)												
Cold season (May-October)												
Dry season (May-October)												
<b>TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>
Planting of dryland taro												
Harvesting of dryland and water taro												
Time for conservation of birds												
No garden work, lots of hunting												
Planting of sweet potato												
Harvest of new yams												
Harvest of naos												
Preparation of vegetable seed beds												
Good time for planting of kumala, taro, yam, as it is dry and does not encourage too much leaf growth												
Planting of vegetables like English cabbage/tomato												
Time of preparing new gardens for yam												
Burning of gardens (July and August)												
Planting of kumala, taro, yam												
Harvest of nakavika, nantao, nangai, namambe												
Hunting for fish is succesful												
Planting of new yam												
Building of hurricane proof houses												
Good hunting time												
Breadfruit and mangoes are ready for harvest (Dec)												
Food preservation for cyclones (digging holes for yam, manioc, and banana)												
<b>TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE INDICATORS</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>
Lots of fruit available and colorful trees												
Birds like nawima, natarua, nasiviru lay eggs (March)												
Short days												
Bonito begin to run along the shoreline												
Mankuru fish swim in schools along shore												
Yam leaves are dry and may be harvested												
Laying of nawimba												
The sea condition is quiet												
Flowering of Narara - leaves are dry												
People's lips are dry and cracked, cuts and sores are painful and do not easily heal (July)												
Flying foxes are plentiful (July)												
Bluewater makes new leaves (August)												
Sea is rough												
Bluewater tree flowers (Sept)												
Crabs, fish, naura, pijin, coconut crab are with eggs and fat for harvest												
Flowering of Mango (September)												
Turtles Laying Eggs (Oct-Nov)												
Fowering of orchids (Jan)												
Flowering of nakavika												
Food is not plentiful												
Turtles hatching (Nov-Dec)												