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Taboo.

4. 11.97

Mkakiwa (chief) tells me that his - the Myeni tribe - does not eat a paauw (seme) or an indhlozi = tiger-cat, the reason being because a person of their tribe doing so would become mad. The zebra however is eaten.

Makwana says the seme is eaten in Zululand whilst the zebra (Dube) is not eaten, because the meat 'smells'.

The goat ^(imbuzi) is not eaten by Mtshelakwana, or his tribe aba kwa matenjwa ~~(the)~~ ^{otherwise} aba se Manyiseni.

Zulus and Swazis do not eat fish but Tongas do, so do Tuli tribe, formerly under Swazis.

At one time, Zulu says, pig was not eaten in Zululand, ~~nor~~ or Natal, nor was fowl eaten, it is contact with Europeans which has done this.

Swaziland, per Mntkonkoni and Liba. The inkounkovu, red scarf? was not allowed to be worn by common people, also igwala gwala. Even at this day the bubesi or lion is worn only by the king. ~~that~~ Leopard skin is freely worn. (26.11.98)

The inovu or sheep (itshuku) is not eaten by the Madonsela people, i.e. Mntkonkoni clan, nor by the aba kwa Ngwane. Mntkonkoni himself does not touch the meat. This animal is a medicine used upon mad people ^(its blood?) (26.11.98)

26.12.00

Makwana tells me this morning that a sakabuli is not eaten in day light or by any other light ^{only} but in the dark, so much so, that, if ^{were one to} one comes upon others eating meat ^(of any kind) in the dark, the first question might be: "Are you eating sakabuli's?" (this I think is not taboo but custom) ^(or superstition?) ^{last} This note entered B of Proverbs. 89.