

***Adan*: Tree of Life**

The *adan* tree (*Pandanus tectorius*), or screw pine, plays an important role on the islands by acting both as a wind break and protector of the shoreline. Traditionally, rope fiber was made from the beaten stems near the roots, while the leaves were woven into baskets and hats. As a consequence, the tree has always been valued for the constructive role it has played in everyday life.

From early summer to autumn, *adan* trees produce fruit that resembles orange pineapples. Hermit crabs, coconut crabs, and drone beetles all feed on them, making the vicinity of an *adan* tree very lively at night. The dialect name is *Aragi*.