

The Traditional Medicine of the Ririo Tribe of Lauru, Solomon Islands

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The Ririo are one of eight tribes on the island of Lauru (Formerly known as Choiseul) in the Solomon Islands. This is the first ethnobotanical study of its kind to be undertaken on the island of Lauru. The Ririo medicinal system including disease causation and classification, traditional healers, treatments, and restrictions is discussed. Some unique beliefs and practices are documented and discussed. Seventy-five plant remedies were recorded from 55 species representing 38 genera and 31 families.