

KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA INVENTORY ON THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

Name of the Element: Mastruk Hisab: literal translation – Calculation of Moons. The traditional Kalasha calendar

Brief Description: The Kalasha New Year starts from the end of the winter solstice (Chawmos) festival when the days start getting longer on the 22nd of December. Prior to this day, numerous village elders and experts of Sun observation (Suri Jagao), gather as a committee to discuss and debate about future weather conditions, particularly related to the severity of the winters and impending snowfall in the coming months. The months of the Kalasha calendar calculated through the observation of the Sun and Moon and social activities connected to them are as follows:-

*the word *Mastruk* translates to Moon*

