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ON THE TERM *MOGERISEBA* IN GEORGIAN

The word *mogeriseba* is attested in the literary Georgian and dialects. The Explanatory Dictionary of the Georgian Language defines *mogeriseba* as 'allowing the calf to suck the cow for a short period before beginning to milk'. The same meaning of the word is used in Kartlian and Gurian dialects. Somewhat modified forms of the word with the aforesaid meaning occurs in other dialects as *dagereba* Kahkian, *mogireba* Pankisi, *gereba* Javakhian, *genva/gamogenva* Imeretian, *moganua* Megrelian etc.

In the specialists' literature Megrelian *geni/jeni*, Chan *geni/jeni/njeni* Svan *ghun* "calf" are related stems. Imeretian *genva* is considered a Zanism (Arn. Chikobava).

Some authors also speak about the relation and sameness of the Zan *gen-/gin-* and the Georgian *ger-* roots (A. Chincharauli).

The forms as *na-ger-ali*, *na-ngere* are interesting to this respect, as they denote 'a plant that grows wild, without prior sowing by the man'.