On the vocabulary of Seto gastronomy

The South Estonian Seto minority is unique among Estonians. They are Orthodox, while the Estonians are Lutherans. Their homeland, *Setomaa*, is not a culturally homogeneous area as it is located at the crossroads of different countries and cultures. This can be shown in their food culture as well. In my article, I briefly analysed the Seto food culture and its vocabulary.

I presented fifteen foods and drinks which have unique names in the Setu vocabulary. These may be words of internal origin (e.g. *tablonka*) or Russian loans (e.g. *handsa*) that have not spread in other Estonian dialects, although the dish itself may be known by another name in Estonian or even Russian gastronomy.

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