

# Languages of Indonesia (Sulawesi)

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Indonesia (Sulawesi). 14,111,444 (2000 census). 4 provinces. Information mainly from T. Sebeok 1971; J. C. Anceaux 1978; S. Kaseng 1978, ms. (1983); B. H. Bhurhanuddin ms. (1979); J. N. Sneddon 1983, 1989, 1993; C. E. and B. D. Grimes 1987; T. Friberg 1987; T. Friberg and T. Laskowske 1988; R. van den Berg 1988, 1996; M. Martens 1989; N. P. Himmelmann 1990; R. Blust 1991; Noorduyn 1991a; D. E. Mead 1998. The number of languages listed for Indonesia (Sulawesi) is 114. Of those, all are living languages.

## Living languages

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| Andio            | [bzb] 1,700 (1991 SIL). Central Sulawesi, Banggai District, Lamala Subdistrict, eastern peninsula, Taugi and Tangeban villages. <i>Alternate names:</i> Masama, Andio'o, Imbao'o. <i>Dialects:</i> Related to Balantak, Saluan. Lexical similarity 44% with Bobongko, 62% with Coastal Saluan, 66% with Balantak. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Saluan-Banggai, Western<br><a href="#">More information.</a>              |
| Aralle-Tabulahan | [atq] 12,000 (1984 SIL). South Sulawesi, Mambi Subdistrict, between Mandar and Kalumpang. <i>Dialects:</i> Aralle, Tabulahan, Mambi. Aralle has 84% to 89% lexical similarity with other dialects listed, 75% to 80% with dialects of Pitu Ulunna Salu, Pannei, Ulumandak. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Northern, Pitu Ulunna Salu<br><a href="#">More information.</a>                                  |
| Bada             | [bhz] 10,000 (1991 SIL). South central portion of central Sulawesi, in 14 villages of Lore Selatan Subdistrict, two mixed villages of Pamona Selatan Subdistrict, four mixed villages of Poso Pesisir Subdistrict, part of Lemusa village in Parigi Subdistrict, and Ampibabo Subdistrict. Ako village is in northern Mamuju District, Pasangkayu Subdistrict. 23 villages or parts of villages. Members of the ethnic group in south Sulawesi, headwaters of |

- the Budong-Budong River in Budong-Budong Subdistrict, Mamuju District, no longer speak the language. One speaker spoke some, with influences from other languages. *Alternate names*: Bada', Tobada'. *Dialects*: Bada, Ako. The Hanggira dialect is no longer distinguished from Bada. Lexical similarity 85% between Bada and Besoa, 91% between Besoa and Napu, 80% between Bada and Napu. The three are geographically, politically, culturally distinct. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Kaili-Pamona, Pamona, Southern, Badaic  
[More information.](#)
- Bahonsuai [bsu] 200 (1991 SIL). Central Sulawesi, Bungku Tengah Subdistrict, Bahonsuai village on the east coast. *Dialects*: Lexical similarity 71% with Tomadino, 68% with Mori Atas, Mori Bawah, and Padoe. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Bungku-Tolaki, Eastern, East Coast  
[More information.](#)
- Bajau, Indonesian [bdj] 90,000 (2000). Population includes 25,000 in central Sulawesi (1979 D. Barr), 8,000 to 10,000 in south Sulawesi (1983 C. Grimes), 5,000 or more in north Maluku (1982 C. Grimes), several thousand in Nusa Tenggara (1981 Wurm and Hattori). In south Sulawesi in Selayar, Bone, and Pangkep districts. On the east coast of southeast Sulawesi on Wowonii, Muna, northern Buton, Kabaena, and northern Tukang Besi islands. Widely distributed throughout Sulawesi, north Maluku (Bacan, Obi, Kayoa, and Sula Islands), Kalimantan, and the islands of the East Sunda Sea. Other Bajau languages are in Sabah, Malaysia, and the southern Philippines. *Alternate names*: Badjaw, Badjo, Bajo, Bajao, Bayo, Gaj, Luaan, Lutaos, Lutayaos, Sama, Orang Laut, Turije'ne'. *Dialects*: Jampea, Same', Matalaang, Sulamu, Kajoa, Roti, Jaya Bakti, Poso, Tongian 1, Tongian 2, Wallace. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sama-Bajaw, Sulu-Borneo, Borneo Coast Bajaw  
[More information.](#)
- Balaesang [bls] 3,200 (2001 Himmelman). Central Sulawesi, Balaesang Subdistrict, 5 villages on the Manimbayu Peninsula. *Alternate names*: Balaesan, Balaisang, Pajo. *Dialects*: Not closely related to other languages.

	<p><i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Tomini-Tolitoli, Tomini, Southern</p> <p><a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Balantak	<p>[blz] 30,000 (2000 R. Busenitz). 3,000 are monolingual. East central Sulawesi; Banggai District, Luwuk, Balantak, Tinangkung, and Lamala subdistricts, eastern peninsula; 49 villages, or parts of villages. <i>Alternate names:</i> Kosian. <i>Dialects:</i> Related to Andio, Saluan. Lexical similarity 66% with Andio, 51% with Coastal Saluan, 39% with Bobongko. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Saluan-Banggai, Eastern</p> <p><a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Bambam	<p>[ptu] 22,000 (1988 SIL). South Sulawesi, watershed of the Maloso and Mapilli rivers in Mambi Subdistrict of western Polmas District, overlapping into Majene and Mamuju districts. <i>Alternate names:</i> Pitu-Ulunna-Salu. <i>Dialects:</i> Bambam Hulu, Salu Mokbanam, Bumal, Mehalaan, Patta', Matangnga, Issilita', Pakkau. Complex dialect chain. Bumal has 83% to 94% lexical similarity with all dialects listed. Lexical similarity 85% to 80% with dialects of Aralle-Tabulahan, Pannei, and Ulumandak. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Northern, Pitu Ulunna Salu</p> <p><a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Banggai	<p>[bgz] 100,000 (1995 SIL). Central Sulawesi; Banggai, Liang, Bulagi, Buko, Totikum, Tinangkum, Labobo Bangkurung subdistricts; Banggai Islands off the eastern peninsula; 157 villages, or parts of villages. <i>Alternate names:</i> Aki. <i>Dialects:</i> East Banggai, West Banggai. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Saluan-Banggai, Western</p> <p><a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Bantik	<p>[bnq] 11,000 (1981 Wurm and Hattori). Northeast section of the northern peninsula of Sulawesi; 11 villages around Manado. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Sangiric, Southern</p> <p><a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Baras	<p>[brs] 250 (1987 SIL). 50 households. South Sulawesi, Mamuju District, south Pasangkayu</p>

- and north Budong-Budong subdistricts, a few villages, mainly in Desa Baras, between the Lariang and Budong-Budong rivers. *Alternate names*: Ende. *Dialects*: Lexical similarity 84% with Da'a, 85% with Inde, 80% or more with other Kaili varieties, 64% with Uma. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Kaili-Pamona, Northern, Kaili  
[More information.](#)
- Bentong [bnu] 25,000 (1987 SIL). South Sulawesi, northwest corner of the southern tip of the peninsula; inland parts of Maros, Bone, Pangkep, and Barru districts. *Alternate names*: Dentong. *Dialects*: Closest to Konjo. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Makassar  
[More information.](#)
- Besoa [bep] 8,000 (2000 SIL). Central Sulawesi, Lore Utara Subdistrict, Napu Valley, 8 villages. *Alternate names*: Behoa. *Dialects*: Geographically, politically, culturally, and lexically distinct from Bada and Napu. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Kaili-Pamona, Pamona  
[More information.](#)
- Bintauna [bne] 6,000 (1981 Wurm and Hattori). Northeast Sulawesi, around Bintauna. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Gorontalo-Mongondow, Gorontalo  
[More information.](#)
- Boano [bzl] 2,700 (2001 N. Himmelmann). Central Sulawesi, Montong Subdistrict, Bolano village, on the south coast. *Alternate names*: Bolano, Djidja. *Dialects*: Lexical similarity 83% with Totoli. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Tomini-Tolitoli, Tolitoli  
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- Bobongko [bgb] 1,500 (2001 SIL). Population includes 1,100 in Lembanato and 400 in Tumbulawa. Central Sulawesi, Togian Islands, Lembanato village, on Kilat Bay on the north side, and Tumbulawa village on the northwest coast of Batu Daka Island. *Dialects*: Related to Saluan. Not the same as Andio. Lexical similarity is 53% with Coastal Saluan, 44% with Andio, and 30% with Gorontalo, 25% to 30%

- with Gorontalo-Mongondow languages.  
*Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Saluan-Banggai, Western, Saluanic  
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- Bolango [bld] 20,000 (1981 Wurm and Hattori). Population includes 5,000 in Bolango, 15,000 in Atinggola. Northeastern Sulawesi. Bolango is on the south coast of the peninsula around Molibagu and Atinggola on the north central coast around Atinggola, between Kaidipang and Gorontalo. *Alternate names:* Bulanga, Bulanga-Uki, Diu. *Dialects:* Bolango, Atinggola. *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Gorontalo-Mongondow, Gorontalic  
[More information.](#)
- Bonerate [bna] 9,500 (1987 SIL). South Sulawesi, Bonerate, Madu, Kalaotoa, and Karompa islands. *Dialects:* Bonerate, Karompa. Lexical similarity 79% to 81% with Tukang Besi South, 31% with Kalao, 25% with Laiyolo. *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Muna-Buton, Tukangbesi-Bonerate  
[More information.](#)
- Budong-Budong [bdx] 70 (1988). Tongkou village, Mamuju District, Budong-Budong Subdistrict, on the Budong-Budong River. *Alternate names:* Tangkou, Tongkou. *Dialects:* Closer to Aralle-Tabulahan and Ulumandak. Lexical similarity 56% with Mamuju and Seko Padang, 61% with Seko Tengah, 72% with Panasuan. *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Seko  
[More information.](#)
- Bugis [bug] 3,500,000 in Indonesia (1991 SIL). South Sulawesi, 3.5' to 5' South, other areas of the coastal swamp such as Bulukumba, Luwu, Polewali in Polmas, Pasangkayu in Mamuju districts. On the western coast of southeast Sulawesi in Kolaka, Wundulako, Rumbia, and Poleang districts. Also in major towns of Sulawesi. Large enclaves also in other provinces of Sulawesi, Kalimantan, Maluku, Papua, and Sumatra. Also spoken in Malaysia (Sabah). *Alternate names:* Buginese, Bugi, Boegineesche, Boeginezen, Ugi, De', Rappang Buginese. *Dialects:* Bone (Palakka, Dua Boccoe, Mare), Pangkep (Pangkajene),

- Camba, Sidrap (Sidenrang, Pinrang Utara, Alitta), Pasangkayu (Ugi Riawa), Sinjai (Enna, Palattae, Bulukumba), Soppeng (Kessi), Wajo, Barru (Pare-Pare, Nepo, Soppeng Riaja, Tompo, Tanete), Sawitto (Pinrang), Luwu (Luwu', Bua Ponrang, Wara, Malangke-Ussu). The Bone or Soppeng dialects are central. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Bugis [More information](#).
- Bungku [bkz] 21,500 (1995 SIL). Population includes 100 Rوتا, 16,400 Bungku, 2,500 Torete, 1,000 Tulambatu, 800 Landawe, 650 Waia. Central Sulawesi, Bungku Utara, Bungku Tengah, and Bungku Selatan subdistricts, along east coast; 45 villages or parts of villages. Also Tulambatu dialect in northern Southeast Sulawesi, Kendari District, Asera, Soropia, and Lasolo subdistricts, where there is difficult access. *Alternate names*: Nahine. *Dialects*: Bungku, Rوتا, Tulambatu, Torete (To Rete), Landawe, Waia. Lexical similarity 81% with Torete, Waia, Tulambatu, and Landawe, 38% with Pamona dialects, Tulambatu 88% lexical similarity with Landawe, 84% with Waia, 82% with Torete, 74% with Wawonii, 66% with Taloki, Kulisusu, and Koroni, 65% with Moronene, 54% with the Mori and Tolaki groups. Lexical similarity 82% between Bungku and Rوتا. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Bungku-Tolaki, Eastern, East Coast [More information](#).
- Buol [bif] 75,000 (1989). Central Sulawesi; Paleleh, Bunobogu, Bokat, Momunu, Biau, Baolan subdistricts; north coast near the border with north Sulawesi, 68 villages. *Alternate names*: Bual, Bwo'ol, Dia. *Dialects*: Lexical similarity 61% with Totoli. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Gorontalo-Mongondow, Gorontalo [More information](#).
- Busoa [bup] 500 (1991 SIL). Southeast Sulawesi, Batauga Subdistrict, southwest coast of Buton Island, south of the Katobengke-Topa-Sulaa-Lawela area. *Alternate names*: Bosoa. *Dialects*: Kambe-Kambero shares some innovations with Kaimbulawa and may not be a Busoa dialect. Lexical similarity 84% with Kambe-Kambero, 70% to 79% with Muna

	<p>dialects, 71% with Muna, 76% with Lantoi.  <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Muna-Buton, Munan  <a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Campalagian	<p>[cml] 30,000 (1986 SIL). South Sulawesi, Majene Kabupaten, Polmas, south coast.  <i>Alternate names:</i> Tallumpanuae, Tjampalagian, Tasing. <i>Dialects:</i> Campalagian, Buku. Lexical similarity 50% to 58% with Mandar, 50% to 62% with Bugis, 55% with Bugis Bone, 62% with Bugis Pangkajene, Bugis Sidrap.  <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Bugis  <a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Cia-Cia	<p>[cia] 15,000 (1986 SIL). Southeast Sulawesi, south Buton Island. <i>Alternate names:</i> South Buton, Southern Butung, Buton, Butung, Butonese, Boetoneezen. <i>Dialects:</i> Kaesabu, Sampolawa (Mambulu-Laporo), Wabula, Masiri. Wabula dialect has subdialects Wabula, Burangasi, Wali, Takimpo, Kondowa, Holimombo. Lexical similarity 93% with Masiri, 74% with Kambe-Kambero, 69% with Busoa, 67% with Lantoi, 66% with Liabuku, 61% with Wolio, 60% with Muna. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Muna-Buton, Buton, West Buton  <a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Dakka	<p>[dkk] 1,500 (1986 SIL). South Sulawesi, Polewali-Mamasa District, Wonomulyo Subdistrict. <i>Dialects:</i> Lexical similarity 72% to 77% with Pannei and Pitu Ulunna Salu.  <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Northern, Pitu Ulunna Salu  <a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Dampelas	<p>[dms] 10,300 (2001 N. Himmelmann). Central Sulawesi; Dampelas Sojol and Balaesang subdistricts, 8 villages. <i>Alternate names:</i> Dian, Dampal, Dampelasa. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Tomini-Tolitoli, Tomini, Southern  <a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Dondo	<p>[dok] 13,000 (2001 N. Himmelmann). Central Sulawesi; Tolitoli Buol District, Tolitoli Utara, Baolan, Dondo, Galang, and Dampal Utara subdistricts on the north coast; 25 villages, or parts of villages. <i>Dialects:</i> Speakers consider Dondo a separate language from Totoli. It is</p>

- probably separate from Tomini. *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Tomini-Tolitoli, Tomini, Northern  
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- Duri [mvp] 95,000 (1991 SIL). Population includes 90,000 in Enrekang District. South Sulawesi, northern Enrekang District, and in Ujung Pandang and elsewhere in South Sulawesi. *Alternate names:* Masenrempulu, Massenrempulu. *Dialects:* Cakke, Kalosi. *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Northern, Masenrempulu  
[More information.](#)
- Enrekang [ptt] 50,000 (1991 SIL). South Sulawesi, Enrekang, and Pinrang districts. *Alternate names:* Endekan, Endekan Timur. *Dialects:* Enrekang, Ranga, Pattinjo (Letta-Batulappa-Kassa). *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Northern, Masenrempulu  
[More information.](#)
- Gorontalo [gor] 900,000 (1989). Northwestern Sulawesi, southern coast of northern peninsula. *Alternate names:* Hulontalo. *Dialects:* East Gorontalo, Gorontalo Kota, West Gorontalo (Kwandang), Tlamuta, Limboto (Limbotto). The Gorontalo-Mongondow subgroup may relate more closely to a Greater Central Philippines subgroup than to the Sulawesi subgroup (Blust 1991). *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Gorontalo-Mongondow, Gorontalic  
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- Kaidipang [kzp] 22,000 (1981 Wurm and Hattori). Northern Sulawesi, northern coast on both sides of Bolang Itang. *Alternate names:* Kaidipan, Dio. *Dialects:* Kaidipan, Bolaang Itang (Bolang Itang). *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Gorontalo-Mongondow, Gorontalic  
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- Kaili, Da'a [kzf] 35,000. Population includes Da'a and Inde. 3,000 to 5,000 Da'a and Inde are in south Sulawesi. Central Sulawesi and South Sulawesi provinces in the Marawola, Dolo, Sigi-Biromaru, Palolo, and Banawa subdistricts. 'Bunggu' is the name used for Da'a and Inde in south Sulawesi, Mamuju District, Pasangkayu



- Subdistrict, near Palu. *Alternate names*: Da'a, Bunggu. *Dialects*: Da'a (Pekawa, Pekava, Pakawa), Inde. There is some intelligibility with Ledo and other Kaili varieties, but with major sociolinguistic differences. Da'a and Inde have 98% lexical similarity. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Kaili-Pamona, Northern, Kaili  
[More information.](#)
- Kaili, Ledo [lew] 233,500. Population includes 128,000 Ledo, Doi, Ado, and Edo together, 7,500 Ija and Taa together, 55,000 Rai and Raio together, 43,000 Tara (1979 Barr, Barr, and Salombe). 8,000 to 10,000 are in south. Central and south Sulawesi. *Alternate names*: Ledo, Palu, Paloesch. *Dialects*: Ledo (Palu), Doi, Ado, Edo, Tado, Tara (Parigi), Rai (Sindue-Tawaili, Tawaili-Sindue), Raio (Kori), Ija (Sigi), Taa. Doi is intelligible with Ledo, Edo; Ado the next most intelligible; Tado a little less. Some intelligibility of Da'a, but there are major sociolinguistic differences. Ledo has 80% to 88% lexical similarity with Ado, Edo, Doi, and Lindu. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Kaili-Pamona, Northern, Kaili  
[More information.](#)
- Kaili, Unde [unz] 20,000 (1979 Barr, Barr, and Salombe). Central Sulawesi in the Banawa, Palu and Tawaeli subdistricts, and South Sulawesi in the Pasangkayu Subdistrict. *Alternate names*: Banawa, Banava. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Kaili-Pamona, Northern, Kaili  
[More information.](#)
- Kaimbulawa [zka] 1,500 (1991 SIL). Southeast Sulawesi, part of Siompu Island. *Dialects*: Lantoi, Kambe-Kambero. Not a dialect of Muna or Cia-Cia. Lexical similarity 96% with Lantoi, 75% with Busoa, 64% to 74% with Muna dialects, 64% with Muna, 70% with Liabuku, 66% with Cia-Cia, 58% with Wolio, 45% with Kaledupa. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Muna-Buton, Munan, Munic  
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- Kalao [kly] 500 (1988 SIL). South Sulawesi, eastern Kalao Island, south of Selayar Island. *Alternate names*: Kalaotoa. *Dialects*: Related to Laiyolo

- (lexical similarity 76%) and Wotu.  
*Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Wotu-Wolio, Kalao  
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- Kalumpang [kli] 12,000 (1991 SIL). South Sulawesi, southeast Mamuju District, Kalumpang Subdistrict. *Alternate names:* Makki, Mangki, Maki, Ma'ki, Mangkir, Galumpang. *Dialects:* Karataun, Mablei, Mangki (E'da), Bone Hau (Ta'da). There are other small dialects not listed. Lexical similarity 78% with Mamasa, 78% with Rongkong, 74% with Toraja-Sa'dan. Between Karataun and Bone Hau dialects: average 82%. *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Northern, Toraja-Sa'dan  
[More information.](#)
- Kamaru [kgx] 2,000 (1979 Bhurhanuddin). Southeastern Buton Island, southeast Sulawesi. *Dialects:* Lexical similarity 68% with Lasalimu, 67% with Wolio, 54% with Cia-Cia, 51% with Pancana, 49% with Tukang Besi, 45% with Muna. *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Wotu-Wolio, Wolio-Kamaru  
[More information.](#)
- Kioko [ues] 1,000 (1991 SIL). Southeast Sulawesi, Kulisusu Subdistrict on Buton Island. *Dialects:* Kioko, Kambowa. Possibly dialect of the Pancana language. Lexical similarity 82% with Kambowa, 81% with Laompo dialect of Muna, 74% with Muna, 75% with Liabuku and Busoa. *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Muna-Buton, Munan, Munic, Western  
[More information.](#)
- Kodeoha [vko] 1,500 (1991 SIL). Southeast Sulawesi, Kolaka District, Lasusua Subdistrict, west coast of Kolaka. 4 villages. *Alternate names:* Kondeha. *Dialects:* Lexical similarity 75% with Rahambuu; 70% with Tolaki, Mekongga, and Waru; 54% with the Mori and Bungku groups. *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Bungku-Tolaki, Western, West Coast  
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- Konjo, Coastal [kjc] 125,000 (1991 SIL). Population includes 50,000 Kajang, 10,000 Tiro. South Sulawesi, southeast corner of the southern tip of the

	<p>peninsula; parts of Sinjai, Bulukumba, and Bantaeng districts. <i>Alternate names:</i> Kondjo, Tiro. <i>Dialects:</i> Konjo Pesisir (Ara, Bira), Tana Toa (Tana Towa, Black Konjo, Kajang, Kadjang), Bantaeng (Bonhain). Tana Toa is at the northern end of the dialect cluster. Lexical similarity 76% with Makassar. Tana Toa is within 10% lexical similarity of the other coastal dialects. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Makassar  <a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Konjo, Highland	<p>[kjk] 150,000 (1991 SIL). South Sulawesi, central mountain area, Sinjai, Bone, Gowa, Bulukumba districts. <i>Alternate names:</i> Konjo Pegunungan, Konyo. <i>Dialects:</i> Lexical similarity 75% with Coastal Konjo. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Makassar  <a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Koroni	<p>[xkq] 500 (1991 SIL). Central Sulawesi, Bungku Tengah Subdistrict, Unsongi village on the east coast 12 km south of Bungku town. <i>Dialects:</i> Lexical similarity 75% with Taloki and Kulisusu, 66% with Wawonii, Bungku, Tulambatu; 65% with Moronene. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Bungku-Tolaki, Eastern, East Coast, Kulisusu  <a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Kulisusu	<p>[vkl] 22,000 (1995 SIL). Southeast Sulawesi, Kulisusu and Bonegunu subdistricts on the northeast corner of Buton Island. <i>Alternate names:</i> Kalisusu, Kolinsusu, Kolensusu. <i>Dialects:</i> Lexical similarity 81% between dialects, 77% with Taloki, 75% with Koroni, 66% with Wawonii and the Bungku group, 65% with Moronene, 54% with the Mori and Tolaki groups. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Bungku-Tolaki, Eastern, East Coast, Kulisusu  <a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Kumbewaha	<p>[xks] 250 (1993 Mark Donohue). Sulawesi Tenggara Province, Buton District, Lasalimu Subdistrict in southeast Buton Island, Kumbewaha village. <i>Alternate names:</i> Umbewaha. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Muna-Buton, Buton, East Buton  <a href="#">More information.</a></p>

Laiyolo	[lji] 800 (1997 SIL). Population includes 250 Laiyolo, 550 Barang-Barang. South Sulawesi, Laiyolo in villages of Lembang Mate'ne in Desa Laiyolo, and a few in Kilotepo' and Sangkeha'. Barang-Barang in Barang-Barang village in Desa Lowa, southern tip of Selayar Island. <i>Alternate names:</i> Da'ang, Barang-Barang. <i>Dialects:</i> Barang-Barang (Loa, Loa', Lowa), Laiyolo (Lajolo, Layolo). Barang-Barang may need separate literature. Lexical similarity 86% between Laiyolo and Barang-Barang, 76% with Kalao, 65% with Buton, 53% with Wotu, 39% with Muna. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Wotu-Wolio, Kalao <a href="#">More information.</a>
Lasalimu	[llm] 2,000 (1979 Bhurhanuddin). Southeastern part of Buton Island, Lasalimu Subdistrict, southeast Sulawesi. <i>Dialects:</i> Lexical similarity 68% with Kamaru, 64% with Cia-Cia, 57% with Tukang Besi, 51% with Pancana, 50% with Wolio and Muna. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Muna-Buton, Buton, East Buton <a href="#">More information.</a>
Lauje	[law] 44,000 (2001 N. Himmelmann). Central Sulawesi, Dampelas Sojol, Dondo, Tinombo, Tomini, and Ampibabo subdistricts, along Tomini Bay, Sidoan River area. <i>Alternate names:</i> Laudje, Tinombo, Ampibabo-Lauje. <i>Dialects:</i> Ampibabo. Ampibabo may be a separate language. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Tomini-Tolitoli, Tomini, Northern <a href="#">More information.</a>
Lemolang	[ley] 2,000 (1995 SIL). South Sulawesi, Luwu District, inland from the northeast coast, centered in the villages of Sassa and Salassa, with other scattered speakers in Sabbang Subdistrict, and possibly Baebunta. <i>Alternate names:</i> Baebunta. <i>Dialects:</i> Lexical similarity 41% with Mori Bawah, 39% with Mori Atas, 38% with Bungku, 39% with Buton, 31% with Seko Padang, 30% with Rampi, 29% with Toraja-Sa'dan, 26% with Muna, 25% with Wotu, 24% with Bugis. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Lemolang <a href="#">More information.</a>
Liabuku	[lix] 75 (2004 SIL). Southeast Sulawesi, one

	village north of Bau-Bau in Bungi and Kapontori districts, south Buton Island. <i>Alternate names:</i> Liabuka. <i>Dialects:</i> Quite divergent from other Muna varieties. Lexical similarity 82% with the Burukene dialect of Muna, 72% to 76% with other Muna dialects, 72% with Muna, 75% with Kioko. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Muna-Buton, Munan, Munic, Western <a href="#">More information.</a>
Lindu	[klw] 2,000 (1990 SIL). Central Sulawesi, Kulawi Subdistrict; villages of Anca, Tomado, Langko, near Lake Lindu. <i>Alternate names:</i> Linduan, Tado. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Kaili-Pamona, Northern, Kaili <a href="#">More information.</a>
Lolak	[llq] 5,000 (1983 J. N. Sneddon). Northeastern Sulawesi, villages of Lolak, Mongkoinit, and Motabang. <i>Dialects:</i> Structurally related to Gorontalo, but with heavy lexical borrowing from Mongondow. Lexical similarity 79% with Mongondow, 66% with Ponosakan, 63% with Kaidipang. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Gorontalo-Mongondow, Gorontalic <a href="#">More information.</a>
Maiwa	[wmm] 50,000 (1990 SIL). South Sulawesi, Enrekang and Sidenrang districts. <i>Alternate names:</i> Masenrempulu. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Northern, Masenrempulu <a href="#">More information.</a>
Makassar	[mak] 1,600,000 (1989). South Sulawesi, southwest corner of the peninsula, most of Pangkep, Maros, Gowa, Bantaeng, Jeneponto, and Takalar districts. <i>Alternate names:</i> Makassar, Macassarese, Macassar, Makassa, Makassarese, Taena, Tena, Goa, Mengkasara, Mangasara, Makassaarsche. <i>Dialects:</i> Gowa (Goa, Lakiung), Turatea (Jeneponto), Maros-Pangkep. The Gowa dialect is prestigious. Dialects form a chain. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Makassar <a href="#">More information.</a>
Malay, Makassar	[mfp] 1,876,548 (2000 WCD). Makassar Region. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Malayic, Malayan, Local Malay

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Malay, Manado [xmm] 850,000 (2001). North Sulawesi, Minahasa District, west coast around the port of Manado. Used as second language by many in North Sulawesi. *Alternate names*: Manadonese Malay, Minahasan Malay. *Dialects*: Closest to North Moluccan Malay. Also close to Sri Lankan Malay. *Classification*: Creole, Malay based

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Malimpung [mli] 5,000 (1995 SIL). South Sulawesi, Pinrang District, Patampanua Subdistrict, Malimpung area. *Dialects*: Lexical similarity 80% with Maiwa, 70% with Enrekang. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Northern, Masenrempulu

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Mamasa [mqj] 100,000 (1991 SIL). South Sulawesi, Polmas District, Polewali Subdistrict, along the Mamasa River. *Dialects*: Northern Mamasa, Central Mamasa, Patta' (Southern Mamasa, Patta' Binuang, Binuang, Tae', Binuang-Paki-Batetanga-Anteapi). Lexical similarity 78% with Toraja-Sa'dan. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Northern, Toraja-Sa'dan

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Mamuju [mqx] 60,000 (1991 SIL). Population includes 50,000 in Mamuju dialect. South Sulawesi, Mamuju District, on the coast of Mamuju, Kalukku, and Budong-Budong subdistricts. *Alternate names*: Mamudju, Udai, Mamoedjoe, Mamoedjoesch. *Dialects*: Mamuju, Sumare-Rangas, Padang, Sinyonyoi. The Mamuju dialect is prestigious. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Northern, Mamuju

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Mandar [mdr] 200,000 (1985). South Sulawesi, Majene and Polewali-Mamasa districts, a few settlements in Mamuju District, on the islands of Pangkep District, and at Ujung Lero near Pare-Pare. *Alternate names*: Andian, Manjar, Mandharsche. *Dialects*: Majene, Balanipa (Napo-Tinambung), Malunda, Pamboang, Sendana (Cenrana, Tjendana). Mandar is a complex dialect grouping; there may be more dialects than those listed. Balanipa and Sendana may each be more than one dialect.

	Balanipa is the prestige dialect. Mandar, Mamuju, and Pitu Ulunna Salu are separate languages in a language chain. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Northern, Mandar <a href="#">More information.</a>
Moma	[myl] 5,500 (1985 SIL). Central Sulawesi, northern Kulawi Subdistrict, primarily around Kulawi and Toro towns. <i>Alternate names:</i> Kulawi. <i>Dialects:</i> Historically a 'dialect' of Kaili, but strong influences from Uma. Lexically similar to Uma, but grammatically similar to Lindu. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Kaili-Pamona, Northern, Kaili <a href="#">More information.</a>
Mongondow	[mog] 900,000 (1989). Northeast Sulawesi, between Tontemboan and Gorontalo. <i>Alternate names:</i> Bolaang Mongondow, Mongondou, Minahassa. <i>Dialects:</i> Lolayan, Dumoga, Pasi. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Gorontalo-Mongondow, Mongondowic <a href="#">More information.</a>
Mori Atas	[mzq] 16,098 (2000 WCD). Central Sulawesi at the neck of the southeastern peninsula, Mori Atas, Lembo, and Petasia subdistricts. Also in south Sulawesi. 25 villages or parts of villages. <i>Alternate names:</i> West Mori, Upper Mori. <i>Dialects:</i> Aikoa. Lexical similarity 73% to 86% with Mori Bawah and Padoe. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Bungku-Tolaki, Western, Interior <a href="#">More information.</a>
Mori Bawah	[xmz] 16,098 (2000 WCD). Central Sulawesi at the neck of the southeastern peninsula; Petasia and Lembo subdistricts; 24 villages, or parts of villages. Also in south Sulawesi. <i>Alternate names:</i> East Mori, Lower Mori, Nahina. <i>Dialects:</i> Tambe'e, Nahina, Petasia, Soroako, Karonsie. Lexical similarity 73% to 86% with Mori Atas, 75% with Padoe. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Bungku-Tolaki, Eastern, East Coast <a href="#">More information.</a>
Moronene	[mqn] 37,000 (2000 D. Andersen). 5% are monolingual. Population includes 23,000 in Moronene, 14,000 in Tokotu'a. This includes about 3,500 now living in cities. The second or

third generations no longer speak Moronene. Southeast Sulawesi, Buton District. Tokotu'a dialect is on Kabaena Island, Wita Ea is on the mainland portion of Buton District opposite Kabaena, with Rumbia subdialect in Rumbia Subdistrict, and Poleang subdialect in Poleang, Poleang Timur, and Watubangga Subdistrict of Kolaka District. *Alternate names:* Maronene. *Dialects:* Wita Ea (Rumbia, Poleang, Moronene), Tokotu'a (Kabaena). Moronene dialect has 80% lexical similarity with Tokotu'a; 68% with Wawonii-Menui, 66% with Kulisusu, 65% with Taloki, Koroni, Tulambatu, 64% with Bungku, and 57% with Tolaki. *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Bungku-Tolaki, Eastern, Southwest  
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- Muna [mnb] 227,000 (1989 van den Berg). Population includes 600 in Ambon (1985 SIL). 150,000 Standard Muna, 10,000 Tiworo, 7,000 Siompu, 60,000 Gulamas (1989 van den Berg). Muna Island off southeast Sulawesi, northwest coast of Buton Island, and Ambon, central Maluku. *Alternate names:* Wuna, Mounan. *Dialects:* Standard Muna (Northern Muna), Gulamas (Southern Muna), Siompu, Tiworo (Eastern Muna). Subdialects of Standard Muna are: Tungkuno, Kabawo, Lawa, Katobu, Tobe a Besar; of Gulamas are: Gu, Mawasangka, Lakudo, Wale-Ale, Lawama, Kadatua, Lowu-Lowu, Kalia-Lia, Katobengke, Topa, Salaa, Lawela, Laompo, Burukene. Lexical similarity 71% with Pancana, 62% with Cia-Cia, 52% with Wolio, 50% with Lasalimu, 47% with Tukang Besi, 45% with Kamaru. *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Muna-Buton, Munan, Munic, Western  
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- Napu [npy] 6,000 (1995). Central Sulawesi, Lore Utara Subdistrict, Napu Valley, 10 villages. *Alternate names:* Pekurehua. *Dialects:* Closest to Besoa. *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Kaili-Pamona, Southern, Badaic  
[More information.](#)
- Padoe [pdo] 6,000 (1991 D. Andersen). South Sulawesi, eastern Luwu District in Nuha, Malili, and Mangkutana subdistricts; Central Sulawesi, Banggai District, 2 villages in Mori Atas



- Subdistrict and 1 village in Pamona Utara Subdistrict. *Alternate names*: South Mori, Padoé, Alalao. *Dialects*: 2 dialects. Lexical similarity 73% to 86% with Mori Atas, 75% with Mori Bawah. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Bungku-Tolaki, Western, Interior  
[More information.](#)
- Pamona [bcx] 106,000 (1979 Barr). Population includes 100,000 in Central Sulawesi, 6,000 to 10,000 in South Sulawesi. Central Sulawesi; Poso District, Poso Kota, Poso Pesisir, Parigi, Lage, Pamona Utara, Pamona Selatan, Tojo, Ulubongko, Ampana Kota, Ampanatete, Una-Una, Mori Atas, Petasia, Bungku Utara, Bungku Tengah subdistricts; 193 villages. South Sulawesi in Mangkutana Subdistrict and north Wotu and Bone-Bone subdistricts in Luwu District. *Alternate names*: Bare'e, Barea, Poso, Taa, Wana. *Dialects*: Pamona, Laiwonu (Iba), Batui, Sinohoan (Daido, Ido, Idore'e), Mbelala (Baria, Bela, Belala), Rapangkaka (Aria), Tomoni, Tobau (Tobao, Tobalo, Bare'e), Tokondindi, Topada, Taa (Wana, Topotaa). Laiwonu, Batui, Sinohoan, Mbelala, and Rapangkaka may be separate languages. Pamona speakers in Bungku Utara recognize 5 ethnic groups with minor dialect differences: Pusangke, Kajumorangka, Tokasiala, Burangas, Topotaa. The first 4 are mountain dwellers in the interior; the Topotaa live along the coast. Speakers in Bungku Tengah recognize 5 varieties: Topotaa (the same as Taa), Tobau, Tokondindi, Topada, and Tombelala. Lexical similarity 76% (Taa) to 90% among dialects, except for Tombelala, which has 66% to 76% lexical similarity with other Bungku Tengah dialects, and is considered to be a separate language. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Kaili-Pamona, Northern, Pamona  
[More information.](#)
- Panasuan [psn] 900 (1988 T. Laskowske). Ethnic population: 900 or more. South Sulawesi, northeast of Kalumpang-speaking area and west of Seko area merging into Kalumpang area in Mamuju District. 2 villages. *Alternate names*: To Panasean, To Pamosan. *Dialects*: Lexical similarity 67% with Seko Tengah, 63% with Seko Padang, 72% with Tangkou. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-

	Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Seko <a href="#">More information.</a>
Pancana	[pnp] 15,000 (1979 Bhurhanuddin). Southeast Sulawesi, near Muna, central Buton Island. <i>Alternate names:</i> Pantjana. <i>Dialects:</i> Kapontori, Kalende (Lawele), Labuandiri. Dialect names are also place names. May be more than one language. Lexical similarity 71% with Muna, 57% with Cia-Cia. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Muna-Buton, Munan, Munic, Western <a href="#">More information.</a>
Pannei	[pnc] 9,000 (1986 SIL). South Sulawesi, Polewali-Mamasa District, Wonomulyo Subdistrict. <i>Alternate names:</i> Tapango. <i>Dialects:</i> Tapango, Bulo. Bulo has 87% to 93% lexical similarity with all dialects. Lexical similarity 75% to 80% with dialects of Ulumandak, Pitu Ulunna Salu, Aralle-Tabulahan. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Northern, Pitu Ulunna Salu <a href="#">More information.</a>
Pendau	[ums] 3,200 (2001 Himmelmann). Central Sulawesi, Balaesang Subdistrict, villages of Walandano and part of Sibayu, and Simatang Island; and Dampelas Sojol, Ampibabo, Sirenja, Tinombo subdistricts, close to and north of Tajjo. <i>Alternate names:</i> Ndaou, Ndaoe, Umalasa. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Tomini-Tolitoli, Tomini, Southern <a href="#">More information.</a>
Ponosakan	[pns] 3,000 (1981 Wurm and Hattori). Northeast Sulawesi around Belang. <i>Alternate names:</i> Ponasakan. <i>Dialects:</i> Lexical similarity 75% with Mongondow, 66% with Lolak. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Gorontalo-Mongondow, Mongondowic <a href="#">More information.</a>
Rahambuu	[raz] 5,000 (1991 SIL). Southeast Sulawesi, Kolaka District, Pakue Subdistrict, west coast north of the Kodeoha. <i>Alternate names:</i> Wiau, Wiaoe. <i>Dialects:</i> Lexical similarity 87% between dialects, 75% with Kodeoha, 70% with Tolaki, Mekongga, and Waru; 54% with the Mori and Bungku groups. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi,

	Bungku-Tolaki, Western, West Coast <a href="#">More information.</a>
Rampi	[lje] 8,000 (1991 SIL). 2,300 in South Sulawesi, 5,700 in Central Sulawesi. South Sulawesi, 6 villages in an isolated mountain area of Masamba Subdistrict in Luwu District; also in Sabbang Limbong, Wotu, and Mangkutana subdistricts; and about 15 villages in Poso and Donggala districts of Central Sulawesi. Rato speakers have moved elsewhere. <i>Alternate names:</i> Leboni, Rampi-Leboni, Ha'uwa. <i>Dialects:</i> Rampi (Lambu), Rato. Leboni is the prestige dialect. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Kaili-Pamona, Southern <a href="#">More information.</a>
Ratahan	[rth] 30,000 (1989). Northeastern section of the northern peninsula of Sulawesi, around Ratahan and to the southeast coast of the northern peninsula. <i>Alternate names:</i> Bentenan, Pasan. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Sangiric, Southern <a href="#">More information.</a>
Saluan, Coastal	[loe] 74,000 (1979 Barr). East central Sulawesi; Luwuk, Balantak, Lamala, Buko, Totikum, Kintom, Batui, Pagimana, Bunta subdistricts; 136 villages. Loinang dialect is in the mountains. <i>Alternate names:</i> Loinang, Loindang, Madi. <i>Dialects:</i> Related to Kahumamahon Saluan, Balantak, Andio. Lexical similarity 53% with Bobongko, 62% with Andio, 51% with Balantak. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Saluan-Banggai, Western, Saluanic <a href="#">More information.</a>
Saluan, Kahumamahon	[slb] 2,142 (2000 WCD). East central Sulawesi. <i>Alternate names:</i> Interior Saluan, Kahumamahon. <i>Dialects:</i> Related to Coastal Saluan, Balantak, Andio. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Saluan-Banggai, Western, Saluanic <a href="#">More information.</a>
Sangir	[sxn] 200,000 in Indonesia (1995 Indonesian Consul, Davao, Philippines). Population includes 50,000 Siau. Population total all countries: 255,000. North Sulawesi, Great Sangir Island, and north Maluku. Also spoken in Philippines. <i>Alternate names:</i> Sangihé,

- Sangirese, Sangi, Sangih. *Dialects*: Siau, Manganitu, Tamako, North Tabukang (Tabukang, Tabukan), South Tabukang, Central Tabukang, Kandar, Taruna, Tagulandang (Tahulandang). *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Sangiric, Northern  
[More information.](#)
- Sarudu [sdu] 4,000 (1990 SIL). South Sulawesi, south Pasangkayu District, Mamuju Subdistrict. *Alternate names*: Doda'. *Dialects*: Nunu', Kulu (Lariang). Lexical similarity 75% with Uma, 80% with Beggaulu. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Kaili-Pamona, Southern  
[More information.](#)
- Sedoa [tw] 600 (1979 Barr). East central Sulawesi, Lore Utara, and Poso Pesisir subdistricts; villages of Sedoa and parts of Tambarona and Pinedapa. *Alternate names*: Tawaelia. *Dialects*: Not a dialect of nearby Napu or Kaili. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Kaili-Pamona, Northern, Kaili  
[More information.](#)
- Seko Padang [skx] 5,000 (1991 SIL). Population includes 2,300 in the Seko area. South Sulawesi, northeast section of Limbong Subdistrict in Luwu District. About half the speakers have resettled in Palolo Valley of Central Sulawesi. *Alternate names*: Seko, Wono, Sua Tu Padang. *Dialects*: Lodang, Hono' (Wono). *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Seko  
[More information.](#)
- Seko Tengah [sko] 2,500 (1995 SIL). Northern south Sulawesi, western part of Limbong Subdistrict along the Betue River. *Alternate names*: Seko, Pohoneang, Pewanean, Pewaneang. *Dialects*: Lexical similarity 71% with Seko Padang, 67% with Panasuan. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Seko  
[More information.](#)
- Selayar [sly] 90,000 (1983 SIL). South Sulawesi, Selayar Island. *Alternate names*: Salayar, Salajar, Salayer, Silajara, Siladja, Saleier. *Dialects*: Lexical similarity 69% with Makassar. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-

	Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Makassar <a href="#">More information.</a>
Suwawa	[swu] 10,000 (1981 Wurm and Hattori). Northeastern Sulawesi, around Suwawa and Pinogu, east of Gorontalo town and Lake Limboto. <i>Alternate names:</i> Bune, Bonda, Bunda, Suwawa-Bunda. <i>Dialects:</i> Bunda. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Gorontalo-Mongondow, Gorontaloic <a href="#">More information.</a>
Tae'	[rob] 250,000 (1992 SIL). South Sulawesi, Kabupaten Luwu from the Larompong District through Sabbang, with some other scattered pockets. Rongkong dialect is in southeast Limbong and Sabbang subdistricts of Luwu District. Also an enclave in Wasuponda, Nuha Subdistrict near the town of Soroako. Rongkong Atas is the upper river system in Limbong and in Seko Lemo. Rongkong Bawah is the lower river system in Sabbang. <i>Alternate names:</i> Rongkong, Rongkong Kanandede, To Rongkong, Luwu, Toraja Timur, East Toraja, Sada, Toware, Sangangalla', Taeq, Tae' Tae'. <i>Dialects:</i> Rongkong, Northeast Luwu, South Luwu, Bua. Lexical similarity 92% among dialects, over 86% with the northern dialects, 80% with Toraja-Sa'dan. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Northern, Toraja-Sa'dan <a href="#">More information.</a>
Taje	[pee] 350 (2001 N. Himmelmann). Central Sulawesi, village of Tanampedagi in Ampibabo Subdistrict; also near Sipeso in Sindue Subdistrict. <i>Alternate names:</i> Petapa. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Tomini-Tolitoli, Tomini, Southern <a href="#">More information.</a>
Tajio	[tdj] 12,000 (2001 N. Himmelmann). Central Sulawesi; Ampibabo, Tinombo, and Sindue subdistricts; 21 villages, or parts of villages. <i>Alternate names:</i> Kasimbar, Tadjio, Ta'adjio, Adjio. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Tomini-Tolitoli, Tomini, Southern <a href="#">More information.</a>
Talaud	[tld] 60,000 (1981 UBS). North Sulawesi,

- Taloud Islands northeast of the Sangihe Islands. *Alternate names*: Talaut, Talodda. *Dialects*: Kaburuang, South Karakelong (Karakelong, Karakelang), Nenusu-Maingas, Essang, Arangka'a, Dapalan (Riung), Awit, Beo, Lirang (Salibabu, Salebabu). *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Sangiric, Southern [More information.](#)
- Taloki [tlk] 500 (1995 SIL). Southeast Sulawesi, northwest coast Buton Island, Wakorumba Subdistrict, Maligano village, and possibly some on south Buton Island, Kapontori Subdistrict, Wakalambe village. *Alternate names*: Taluki. *Dialects*: Lexical similarity 77% with Kulisusu; 75% with Koroni; 66% with Wawonii, Bungku, Tulambatu; 65% with Moronene. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Bungku-Tolaki, Eastern, East Coast, Kulisusu [More information.](#)
- Talondo' [tln] 500 (1986 SIL). Ethnic population: 500. Talondo and Pedasi villages, Mamuju District, Kalumpang Subdistrict, 1 village. *Dialects*: May be in the Seko subgroup. Lexical similarity 80% with Kalumpang. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Northern, Toraja-Sa'dan [More information.](#)
- Toala' [tlz] 30,000 (1983 SIL). South Sulawesi, Luwu District from Masamba to the southern tip of the district. Toala' dialect is from the foothills up to the divide. Palili' dialect is on a narrow coastal strip overlapping with Bugis Luwu. *Alternate names*: Toala, Toala-Palili, Luwu', Toraja Timur, East Toraja, Sada, Toware, Sangangalla'. *Dialects*: Toala', Palili'. Probably at least 4 dialects. Lexical similarity 74% with Toraja-Sa'dan. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Northern, Toraja-Sa'dan [More information.](#)
- Tolaki [lbw] 281,000 (1991 SIL). Population includes 230,000 Konawe, 50,000 Mekongga, 650 Asera, fewer than 100 Wiwirano, 200 Laiwui. Southeast Sulawesi, Kendari and Kolaka districts. Mekongga are in the Mekongga Mountains on the western edge of the group near Soroako. *Alternate names*: To'olaki, Lolaki, Lalaki, Laki, Kolaka, "Noie",

- "Noihe", "Nehina", "Nohina", "Nahina", "Akido".  
*Dialects*: Wiwirano, Asera, Konawe (Kendari), Mekongga (Bingkokak), Norio, Konio, Tamboki (Tambuuki), Laiwui (Kioki). Wiwirano has 88% lexical similarity with Asera, 84% with Konawe, 85% with Mekongga, 81% with Laiwui, 78% with Waru, 70% with Rahambuu and Kodeoha, 54% with the Mori and Bungku groups. Mekongga has 86% with Konawe, 80% with Laiwui. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Bungku-Tolaki, Western, West Coast  
[More information.](#)
- Tomadino [tdi] 600 (1991 SIL). Central Sulawesi, Bungku Tengah Subdistrict, Sakita village on the east coast, outskirts of Bungku town. *Dialects*: Lexical similarity 71% with Bahonsuai, 68% with Mori Atas, Mori Bawah, and Padoe. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Bungku-Tolaki, Western, Interior  
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- Tombelala [ttp] 1,100 (1995 SIL). Central Sulawesi, Bungku Tengah Subdistrict, 4 villages. *Dialects*: Lexical similarity 66% to 76% with Pamona varieties and 38% with Bungku. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Kaili-Pamona, Northern, Pamona  
[More information.](#)
- Tombulu [tom] 60,000 (1981 Wurm and Hattori). Northeastern Sulawesi, around Tanawangko and Tomohon. *Alternate names*: Tombulu', Tombula, Toumbulu, Tombalu, Minahasa, Minhasa. *Dialects*: Taratara, Tomohon. Closest to Toulour and Tonsea. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Minahasan, North, Northeast  
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- Tomini [txm] 30,000 (2001 N. Himmelmann). Central Sulawesi; Moutong, Tomini, Tinombo subdistricts along Tomini Bay; 42 villages. *Alternate names*: Tiadje, Tialo, Mouton. *Classification*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Tomini-Tolitoli, Tomini, Northern  
[More information.](#)
- Tondano [tdn] 80,000 in Indonesia (1991 Noorduyn). Northeastern Sulawesi around

	<p>Tondano and to the southeast coast of the northern peninsula, Toulour District. Also spoken in USA. <i>Alternate names:</i> Tondanou, Tolou, Tolour, Toulour. <i>Dialects:</i> Tondano, Kakas (Ka'kas), Remboken. Closest to Tombulu and Tonsea. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Minahasan, North, Northeast  <a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Tonsawang	<p>[tnw] 20,000 (1981 Wurm and Hattori). Northeastern Sulawesi around Tombatu. <i>Alternate names:</i> Tombatu. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Minahasan  <a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Tonsea	<p>[txs] 90,000 (1989). Northeastern tip of Sulawesi. <i>Alternate names:</i> Tonsea'. <i>Dialects:</i> Maumbi, Airmadidi, Likupang, Kauditan, Kalabat Atas. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Minahasan, North, Northeast  <a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Tontemboan	<p>[tnt] 150,000 (1990). Northeastern coast of Minahasa Peninsula from Sonder to around Motoling and Tompasobaru. <i>Alternate names:</i> Tompakewa, Tountemboan, Pakewa. <i>Dialects:</i> Langoan, Tompasso (Makelai, Makela'i-Maotow), Sonder (Matanai, Matana'i-Maore'). <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Minahasan, North  <a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Topoiyo	<p>[toy] 2,000 (1988 T. Laskowske). South Sulawesi, Budong-Budong Subdistrict in Mamuju District, inland along Budong-Budong River. <i>Dialects:</i> Lexical similarity 66% with Sarudu and Da'a, 56% with Ledo, 54% with the Parigi dialect of Kaili. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Kaili-Pamona, Northern, Kaili  <a href="#">More information.</a></p>
Toraja-Sa'dan	<p>[sda] 500,000 (1990 UBS). South Sulawesi, Tana Toraja District with large enclaves in Luwu District. Several thousand also in Ujung Pandang city. Also on west coast of southeast Sulawesi in Kolaka and Wundulako districts. <i>Alternate names:</i> Sa'dan, Sadan, Sadang, Toraja, Toradja, Tae', Ta'e, South Toraja, Sa'dansche. <i>Dialects:</i> Makale (Tallulembangna), Rantepao (Kesu'), Toraja</p>



	Barat (West Toraja, Mappa-Pana). Rantepao is prestige dialect. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Northern, Toraja-Sa'dan <a href="#">More information.</a>
Totoli	[txe] 25,000 (2001 N. Himmelmann). Central Sulawesi, Tolitoli Utara, Galang, Baolan, Dondo, subdistricts on the north coast; 29 villages, or parts of villages. <i>Alternate names:</i> Tontoli, Tolitoli, Gage. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Tomini-Tolitoli, Tolitoli <a href="#">More information.</a>
Tukang Besi North	[khc] 120,000 in Indonesia (1995 SIL). Population includes 60,000 in Maluku. Northern islands of Tukang Besi Archipelago, Kaledupa and Wanci, off Southeast Sulawesi; several hundreds in Singapore and Baubau city; on Bacan, Taliabu, Mongole, Buru, Sulabesi, Seram, and Ambon islands in Maluku; Papua; and Sumbawa. Most speakers in Nusa Tenggara and Maluku have a lot of movement and are mixed with Tukang Besi South. Also spoken in Singapore. <i>Alternate names:</i> Wakatobi, Buton. <i>Dialects:</i> Kaledupa (Kahedupa), Wanci (Wanji, Wantji, Wanje, Wangi- Wangi). Lexical similarity 80% between Kaledupa and Wanci; they may be separate languages. 70% to 75% with Tukang Besi South, 48% with Lasalimu, 47% with Cia-Cia, 40% with Kamaru, an average of 35% with other nearby languages. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Muna-Buton, Tukangbesi-Bonerate <a href="#">More information.</a>
Tukang Besi South	[bhq] 130,000 (1995 SIL). Population includes 100,000 in Maluku. Southern islands of Tukang Besi archipelago, (Binongko and Tomea islands) off Southeast Sulawesi; Taliabu, Mongole, Sulabesi, Buru, Seram, Ambon, and Alor islands in Maluku; Bonerate dialect in Bonerate, Madu, Kalaotoa, and Karompa islands in Selayar District, South Sulawesi; numerous settlements throughout western Papua. <i>Alternate names:</i> Tukang-Besi, Wakatobi, Buton. <i>Dialects:</i> Binongko, Tomea (Tomia). Lexical similarity 70% to 75% with Tukang Besi North, 48% with Cia-Cia, 49% with Lasalimu, average of 35% with other nearby languages. Lexical similarity 85% between

- Binongko and Tomea, 81% with Bonerate, 79% between Tomea and Bonerate. *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Muna-Buton, Tukangbesi-Bonerate  
[More information.](#)
- Ulumanda' [ulm] 30,000 (1986 SIL). Population includes 18,000 in Polmas and Majene. South Sulawesi, Majene, Mamuju, and Polewali-Mamasa districts. *Alternate names:* Ulumandak, Oeloemanda, Ulunda, Tubbi, Botteng-Tappalang, Awo-Sumakuyu, Kado. *Dialects:* Sondoang, Tappalang, Botteng. About 6 dialects. Lexical similarity 75% to 80% with dialects of Pitu Ulunna Salu, Aralle-Tabulahan, Pannei. *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Northern, Pitu Ulunna Salu  
[More information.](#)
- Uma [ppk] 20,000 (1990 SIL). Population includes 15,000 in the region, 5,000 outside (1990 M. Martens SIL), 500 in Benggaulu. The Uma homeland is Pipikoro, 'banks of the Koro', along the Lariang, 'Koro' River in central Sulawesi, Donggala District, southern half of Kulawi Subdistrict. 32 villages. Bana dialect is in South Sulawesi, enclave within the Seko Padang dialect area, Kabupaten Luwu. Benggaulu is in South Sulawesi, south Pasangkayu District, Mamuju Subdistrict. Other Uma have migrated to Gimpu and Palolo valleys, Palu and Pani'i, about 120 km north of Palu. *Alternate names:* Pipikoro, Oema. *Dialects:* Winatu (Northern Uma), Tobaku (Western Uma, Dompas, Ompa), Tolee' (Eastern Uma), Kantewu (Central Uma), Southern Uma (Aria), Benggaulu (Bingkolu), Bana. Literature is in Kantewu dialect, but many would prefer to read their own dialect. *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Kaili-Pamona, Southern  
[More information.](#)
- Waru [wru] 350 (1991 SIL). Southeast Sulawesi, Kendari District, Asera Subdistrict, Mopute village by the Lindu River. *Alternate names:* Mopute, Mapute. *Dialects:* Waru, Lalomerui. Waru dialect has 86% lexical similarity with Lalomerui, 79% with Tolaki dialects and Mekongga, 70% with Rahambuu and Kodeoha, 54% with the Mori and Bungku groups. *Classification:* Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Bungku-Tolaki, Western,

	West Coast <a href="#">More information.</a>
Wawonii	[wow] 22,000 (1991 SIL). Population includes 14,000 Wawonii, 7,500 Menui. Southeast Sulawesi, Wawonii and Menui islands near Kendari. <i>Alternate names:</i> Wowonii. <i>Dialects:</i> Wawonii, Menui. Lexical similarity 75% with Bungku and Tulambatu, 66% with Taloki, Kulisusu, and Koroni, 65% with Moronene. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Bungku-Tolaki, Eastern, East Coast <a href="#">More information.</a>
Wolio	[wlo] 34,529 in Indonesia (2000 WCD). Southwestern Buton Island in Bau-Bau, Southeast Sulawesi. Also spoken in Malaysia (Sabah). <i>Alternate names:</i> Baubau. <i>Dialects:</i> Lexical similarity 61% with Cia-Cia, 60% with Masiri and Lantoi. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Wotu-Wolio, Wolio-Kamaru <a href="#">More information.</a>
Wotu	[wtw] 5,000 (1987 SIL). South Sulawesi, town of Wotu, Wotu Subdistrict, Luwu District. <i>Dialects:</i> Lexical similarity 58% with Wolio, 53% with Barang-Barang (Laiyolo), average 43% with South Sulawesi Group, 43% with Kaili-Pamona Subgroup, 41% with Seko Padang, 39% with Tae' Luwu, 36% to 43% with Bungku-Tolaki Subgroup, 37% with Toraja-Sa'dan, 33% with Bugis, 31% with Rampi, 25% with Lemolang. <i>Classification:</i> Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Sulawesi, Wotu-Wolio <a href="#">More information.</a>

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