

AMBAI

Ambai, Randawaja I, Randawaja II, Mènawi, Aipuri,
Sumberbaba, Wonapei (?) (? zielen).

- Galis 1955-56:172.

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By this name I indicate the language spoken in the villages of Ambai, Rondepi, Kawipi, Menawi, Randawaya (I and II) and Sumberbaba. These villages each have their own dialect, except for Kawipi and Rondepi, where the same dialect is spoken as at Ambai. The differences between the dialects are very small.

Ambai speakers number more than 6500.

- Anceaux 1961:11.

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6500 + [speakers]

Dialects: There are four dialects, spoken in the following villages:

1. in Ambai, Rondepi, Kawipi;
2. in Menawi;
3. in Randawaya I and II;
4. in Sumberbaba.

- Voorhoeve 1975f:58.

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[Map]

Randawaya -- AMBAI

Sumberbaba -- AMBAI

- Wurm & Hattori 1981

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The language which we are calling Ambai (following Anceaux 1961) is spoken by approximately seven thousand people situated in villages along the south coast of Yapen Island east of Serui and on the island of Ambai ... The area encompassed by Ambai speakers extends from 136 degrees 19 minutes to 136 degrees 46 minutes east longitude and from 1 degree and 48 minutes to 1 degree and 58 minutes south latitude. Progressing from the west to the east along the south coast of Yapen, we note the following Ambai-speaking villages ...

Menawi/Borai ..., Wadapi Laut ..., Randawaya I (Warironi) ..., Randawaya II ..., Sumberbaba (Aisumbewawafi) ..., and Dawai ... Of these villages Wadapi Laut also contains Mora speakers (a Non-Austronesian language) and Dawai contains Wabo speakers (an AN language in the two-member Eastern Yapen subgroup). On the island of Ambai itself, again from west to east, we find Rondefi ..., Ambai ..., Kawifi ..., and Wamori (Rondawaiiaifi) ... All of the above villages are in the governmental district (kabupaten) of / Yapen-Waropen; all but Sumberbaba and Dawai are in the subdistrict (kecamatan) of South Yapen (Yapen Selatan). Ambai

speakers may also be found in the city of Serui and in other major cities of Irian Jaya including Jayapura where approximately two thousand Ambai people live although few people under twenty years of age speak Ambai outside of the Ambai villages.

- Silzer 1983:2-3.

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Ambai (Ambai-Menawi)

POP: 7,150

LOC: On Ambai Island south of Yapen Island, along south coast of Yapen island from 136.20 to 136.45 deg.

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VILLAGE(S)

Ambai -- 2000

Rondepi

Adiwipi

Randawaipi

Menawi -- 1806

Wadapi-Laut -- 300

Randawaya -- 1256

Warironi -- 1288

Sumberbaba -- 500

Dawai

- Silzer & Heikkinen 1984:99.

(Ambai-Menawi)

9,000-10,000

LOC: On Ambai Island south of Yapen island, along south coast of Yapen Island from 136.20 to 136.45°

- Silzer & Clouse 1991:37.

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Ambai: 7,150 speakers reported in 1980, on Ambai Island in Cenderawasih Bay, Irian Jaya. Also called Ambai-Menawi. ...

- Comrie 1992oo:50.

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- Grimes 1992:565.

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- Grimes 2000.

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(WADAPI-LAUT)

The language of this village (also indicated as Wadapi I) is also known by most of the inhabitants of Wadapi-Darat. It closely resembles Ambai, but must nevertheless be regarded as a separate language. The relationship between Ambai and Wadapi-Laut is approximately the same as that between Serui-Laut and Ambai, ... It is impossible to give the exact number of Wadapi-Laut speakers, but it probably does not amount to more than 150.
- Anceaux 1961:11.

+ 150 [speakers]
Village: Wadapi-Laut.
- Voorhoeve 1975f:58.

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| AMBAI | 6,500+ | Galis 1955-56 |
| AMBAI | | Galis 1960, Anceaux 1961, Capell |
| AMBAI | 6,500 | Geelvink Bay SG-AN |
| AMBAI | 7,000 | Silzer 1983 |
| AMBAI | 9-10,000 | Geelvink Bay S-G |
| AMBAI | 7,150 | Geelvink Bay S-G (Silzer & Heikkinen 1984, Grimes 1992) |
| AMBAI | | Smits & Voorhoeve 1992 |
| AMBAI | 7,150 (1980) | Comrie 1992oo |
| AMBAI | 7,100 | Geelvink Bay (Wurm 1994) |
| AMBAI | 9-10,000 | Cenderawasih Bay -- |
| Yapen, Central-Western | (Grimes 1996, 2000) | |
| AMBAI-MENAWI = AMBAI | | Silzer & Heikkinen 1984; Silzer & |
| JAPEN SÜDKÜSTE = SERUI/LAUT & AMBAI | | Salzner 1960 (cf S&C) |
| WADAPI-LAUT | 150 | Anceaux 1961 |
| WADAPI-LAUT | 150 | Geelvink Bay SG-AN (Wurm & Hattori 1981, Wurm |
| WADAPI-LAUT | | Smits & Voorhoeve 1992 |
| WADAPI-LAUT = AMBAI d of AMBAI | | Grimes 1992, 1996, 2000 |
| Adiwipi -- AMBAI | | Silzer & Heikkinen 1984 |
| Aipuri -- AMBAI | | Galis 1955-56 |
| Aisumbewawafi = Sumberbaba -- AMBAI | | Silzer 1983 |
| AMBAI -- d of AMBAI | | Wurm & Hattori 1981; Grimes 1992, |
| Ambai -- AMBAI | | de Clercq & Schmeltz 1893 (cf S&C), Galis 1955-56, Anceaux 1961, Heikkinen 1984 |
| Dawai -- AMBAI/WABO | | Silzer 1983 |
| Dawai -- AMBAI | | Silzer & Heikkinen 1984 |
| Kawifi -- AMBAI | | Silzer 1983 |
| Kawipi -- AMBAI | | Anceaux 1961, Voorhoeve 1975 |
| MANAWI -- d of AMBAI | | Grimes 1992, 1996, 2000 |
| Mènawi -- AMBAI | | Galis 1955-56 |
| Menawi -- AMBAI | | Anceaux 1961, Voorhoeve 1975, |
| Menawi/Borai -- AMBAI | | Silzer 1983 |

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| RANDAWAYA -- d AMBAI | Wurm & Hattori 1981, Grimes 2000 |
| RONDAWAYA -- d of AMBAI | Grimes 1992, 1996 |
| Randawaja -- AMBAI | Galis 1955-56 |
| Randawaya -- AMBAI | Anceaux 1961, Voorhoeve 1975, Wurm & Hattori 1981, Silzer 1983, Silzer & Heikkinen 1984 |
| Randawaipi -- AMBAI | Silzer & Heikkinen 1984 |
| Rondawaiiaifi = Wamori -- AMBAI | Silzer 1983 |
| Rondefi -- AMBAI | Silzer 1983 |
| Rondepi -- AMBAI | Anceaux 1961, Voorhoeve 1975, |
| SUMBERBABA -- d AMBAI | Wurm & Hattori 1981 |
| Sumberbaba -- AMBAI | Galis 1955-56, Anceaux 1961, Heikkinen 1984 |
| Wadapi -- AMBAI | Silzer & Clouse 1991 |
| Wadapi Laut -- WADAPI-LAUT | Anceaux 1961, Voorhoeve 1975, Smits & Voorhoeve 1992 |
| Wadapi Laut -- AMBAI/MORA | Silzer 1983 |
| Wadapi-Laut -- AMBAI | Silzer & Heikkinen 1984 |
| Wamori -- AMBAI | Silzer 1983 |
| Warironi = Randawaya -- AMBAI | Silzer 1983 |
| Warironi -- AMBAI | Silzer & Heikkinen 1984, Silzer & |
| Wonapei -- ? AMBAI | Galis 1955-56 |
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