KOMBAI

(KOMBAI)

Kombai (Komboy)
POP: 10,000?
LOC: South coast area east of Senggo around ZGK mission station of Boma

... VILLAGE(S):
Uni
Fifiro
Wanggemalo
Kharuwakhe
- Silzer & Heikkinen 1984:72.

Kombai (Kombay) is a member of the Awyu-Dumut language family. ... Avout 10,000 persons speak Kombai. The location of the language is in the government subdistrict of Kouh in the district of Merauke of South Irian Jaya ...

... The Kombai north of Vanggemalo still live the traditional life in tree-houses and have had no contact or very little contact with the outside world, ...

... Kombai is surrounded by other Awyu languages, viz. Awyu, Jair, Mandobo, Wambon and Tsakwambo. To the west, Kombai has a non-Awyu language as its neighbour, Citak, a language of the Asmat family.
- de Vries 1989:3.

... Kombai speakers number approximately 4000 ...
- de Vries 1989:3.

... Kombai has three main dialects, Central-Kombai, ... Wanggom and Tayan. Both languages [Wambon and Kombai] have an incredible dialectic variation. Between the Awyu family languages, there are transition areas in which transitional dialects are spoken. Native speakers simply name these transitional dialects by combining the language-names; thus Wambon-Mandobo denotes the transitional dialect between Wambon and Mandobo. ...

... Kombai is the Indonesianized version of a Kombai word khoba which means 'people'. ...

[Map 2]
Kouh -- KOMBAI
Kombai is a Papuan language spoken in southern Irian Jaya, Indonesia ... It is a member of the Awyu-Ndumut language family (Voorhoeve 1975:27, Silzer & Heikkinen 1984) which in turn is a member of the Trans New Guinea Phylum ...

Kombai is surrounded by other Awyu languages, namely, Awyu, Jair, Mandobo, Korowai, Wambon and Tsakwambo, except in the west where it abuts against Citak, a language of the Asmat family.

... Kombai speakers number about 4,000.
- de Vries 1993:1.

Kombai has three main dialects, Central-Kombai, described in this book, Wanggom and Tayan ... Between the Awyu family languages, there are transition areas in which transitional dialects are spoken. Native speakers simply name these transitional dialects by combining the language names; thus Wambon-Mandobo denotes the transitional dialect between Wambon and Mandobo. ... On the borders between languages, one always finds clans with marriage relations in both 'tribes', speaking transitional dialects. When asked what the name of their 'tribe' was, native speakers gave either the name of their clan or a general name meaning 'people'. Kombai is the Indonesianised version of a Kombai word khoba which means 'people'.
- de Vries 1993:1.

The Kombai language area (De Vries 1987, 1993) is surrounded by other Awyu languages, namely Awyu, Yair, Mandobo (= Kaeti), Wambon, Tsakwambo, and Korowai, except in the west, where it adjoins the area where Citak, a language of the Asmat family, is spoken. ... an airstrip in Wanggemalo, in the centre of the Kombai area. The speakers of Kombai total about 4,000.

... Yaniruma, a village with a mixed Kombai and Korowai population, was opened in 1980 by the first missionary in this area ...

... The boundaries of the Kombai people are the Digul and Kasuari
River in the east, the Ndeiram Kabur on the north and west. They live along the Kouh, Manggono, Ndeiram Hitam, and Murup/Kasuari Rivers. ...


(Komboy)
4,000
LOC: South coast area east of Senggo around Boma
DIALECTS: Central Kombai, Tayan, Wanggom (previously listed as a separate language)

Kombai: 10,000 speakers reported in 1987 in the south coast area around Boma, Irian Jaya. Also called Komboy.

Kombai: possibly 1,000 speakers reported in 1987, in the south coast area around Boma, Irian Jaya. Perhaps in Awyu family of Central and South New Guinea stock. Also called Komboy.

Kombai: South coast area east of Senggo around Boma. ... Closely related to Wanggom, Wambon, Kaeti. ...

KOMBAI (KOMBOY) ... 5,000 including 4,000 Kombai (1991 SIL), 1,000 Wanggom (1978 SIL). South coast area east of Senggo around Boma. ... Dialects: WANGGOM (WANGGO, WANGOM), CENTRAL KOMBAI, TAYAN. Closely related to Wambon, Kaeti. ...
- Grimes 1996.

KOMBAI (KOMBOY) ... 5,000 including 4,000 Kombai (1991 SIL), 1,000 Wanggom (1978 SIL). South coast area east of Senggo around Boma. Linguistic affiliation: Trans-New Guinea, Main Section, Central and Western, Central and South New Guinea-Kutubuan, Central and South New Guinea, Awyu-Dumut, Dumut. Dialects: WANGGOM (WANGGO, WANGOM), CENTRAL KOMBAI, TAYAN. Closely related to Wambon, Mandobo.

Kombai
Boma
Jemu
Tayan
- Konrad 1996:18-19 (map)
The Awyu-Dumut family of languages is a group of closely related languages extending over a large part of the lowlands of south-east Irian Jaya ... There are seven known member languages: Syiaxa/Yenimu, Axu, Pisa, Kaeti, Yonggom-Wambon, Digul-Wambon, and Kombai. ...

(WANGGOM)
De Wangom of Tanah-Merah-anim in het boven-Mandobo-gebied; deze zijn volgens hun eigen mededeeling oorspronkelijk bewoners geweest van Tanah-Merah en omstreken en zouden door de Mappi-anim verdreven zijn; de Wandom-anim in het Kaugebied ook wel KOWO (is kau)-anim, zoals ze zelf beweren; de Kapom- of Moejoe-anim in het Moejoegebied; de Katau- or Konijom-anim en de Morop-anim ten Noorden der Kapom-anim; de Potim-anim, bekend als onbetrouwbaar, in het bergland; de Jonggomm- of Kukaib-anim tusschen de Moejoe en de Alice river ...
- van Doorn 1930 Ts:7.

Bewoners linker Digoeloever tot Engelsche grens.
...
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...
- Tideman 1930 Ts:5.

[Boven-Digoel]
Het land tusschen Digoel en Mandobo wordt door de Wanggon-stam, dat tusschen Kaoh en Moejoe door de Kamindib, dat tusschen Moejoe et Flyrivier door de Kakaibstam bewoond.
- Schollen 1934 Ts:93.

De Mandobo-taal (talen) is nog niet onderzocht. Er zijn verschillende talen die waarschijnlijk onderling verwant zijn: De Wanggom-taal. In het gebied ten N-W van de waterscheiding Arimop;
...
- Stefels 1955 Ts:18.

... (cf. Kaeti) Andere noordelijke buren zijn de Wa_gom's, die ter hoogte van de Koreom wonen aan de Digul-zijde van de Erimop, welke de waterscheiding is tussen Digul en Ndumut. Onze zegslui
beweren dat ze hun dialect min of meer verstaan, maar het niet tot Areg-Gaeri rekenen.
- Drabbe 1959:4-5.

Wanggom is spoken to the west of Erimop and north of the Kaeti area.

W_agom is spoken by possibly 1,000 people living between the Digul River and Mt Koreom. ...  

+ 1000 [speakers]
Dialects: ?
Villages: Komanik, Tugunop, Beteyop, Nenop, Mitop, Gotopin, Ndainop, Wagariop, Wayop, Mainak.
Comments: The last five villages are near the border with Kaeti and Wambon and their affiliation is uncertain: Gotopin could be Wambon, the others Kaeti.
- Voorhoeve 1975f:27.

**Wanggom** (Wanggo; Wangom)
POP: +/- 200
LOC: South border area on Digul River, north of Kaeti language

VILLAGE(S):
Komanik
Tugunop
Beteyop
Nenop
Mitop
Gotopin
Ndainop
Wagariop
Wayop
Mainak
- Silzer & Heikkinen 1984:80.

**Wanggom:** 1,000 speakers reported in 1978, in the south border area of the Digul River, Irian Jaya. Also called Wango or Wangom.
- Comrie 1992e:238.
Healey included a third language, Wanggom, in this group on the basis of a reference to it in Drabbe (1959:5). Recent research by de Vries has identified Wanggom as a dialect of Kombai (de Vries 1989:4). In addition Healey used two word lists taken in Kwem village, a Kaeti speaking enclave across the border with Papua New Guinea. One of these was collected by the present author.


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KOMBAI Awyu Family (Gajdusek et al 1978)
KOMBAI Benfante 1980
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TANAH-MERAH-ANIM = WANGGON van Doorn 1930 Ts, Tideman 1930 Ts
Bamot -- WANGGON Boelaars 1970
Be'a -- KOMBAI Gajdusek et al 1978
Bea -- KOMBAI Benfante 1980
Beteyop -- WANGGOM Voorhoeve 1975, Silzer & Heikkinen 1984
Boma -- KOMBAI Grimes 1992, Konrad 1996 (cf S&C)
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