MOMUNA

(MOMUNA)

Momuna
POP: +/- 1,200
LOC: Lowlands 40 miles south of Wamena

VILLAGE(S):
Sumo -- 75
Dekai -- 200
Moruku
Indama
Tuwo
- Silzer & Heikkinen 1984:53.

(Somahai; Somage; Momina)
2,700
LOC: Lowlands 90 miles south of Wamena, south of main ranges extending from south of Silimo east to Kolff River
DIALECTS: Two major dialects: Momuna and Somahai. Momina-Samboka is possible a dialect.

Momuna, a Papuan (non-Austronesian) language, is spoken by approximately 1000 people who live between the Balim and Kolff River systems south of the central mountain range in Kabupaten Jayawijaya of the Indonesian province of Irian Jaya. Originally called 'Somahai', a Yali term meaning 'lowland people', Momuna is classified by Voorhoeve 1975) as a Family-Level isolate within the Trans-New Guinea Phylum.

Momuna: 2,700 speakers reported in 1987, in lowlands just south of the Jayawijaya Mountains, Irian Jaya. Also called Somahai, Somage, or Sumohai. ...
- Comrie 1992e:238.

Lowlands just south of main ranges extending from south of Silimo east to south of Una language. ... No bilinguals. ...

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Guinea, Main Section, Central and Western, Central and South New Guinea-Kutubuan, Central and South New Guinea, Momuna. No bilinguals. They have contact with Dani who are learning Momuna.


(MOMINA)

The Momina (also called Momuna in other literature) are a group of approximately 1000 people located 10 to 20 miles south of the central Irian Jaya mountain range in the lowlands between the Catalina River to the west and Steenboom River to the east.


MOMINA ... 200 (1998M. Donohue). Lowlands just south of main ranges extending from south of Silimo east to south of Una language, Samboka village. Linguistic affiliation: Trans-New Guinea, Main Section, Central and Western, Central and South New Guinea-Kutubuan, Central and South New Guinea, Momuna.

(SOMAHAI)

Somahai is the language spoken by the recently contacted Somahai tribe living in the Bim River area. The Bim is an eastern tributary of the Balim River in the foothills of the central ranges. The same language is also spoken on the upper reaches of the Catalina River.

? [speakers]

Comments: This language is spoken by recently contacted groups living on the Bim and Catalina Rivers. Two wordlists collected by the A.P.C.M. were available to the author. They show that the language is more closely related to the Awyu and Ok languages than to its southern neighbour Asmat.
- Voorhoeve 1975f:32.

Somahai (Somage)
POP: +/- 1,500
LOC: Lowlands just south of main ranges extending from south of Silimo east to south of Una language

NOTE: related to Momuna ...
- Silzer & Heikkinen 1984:79.
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