

MOMUNA

(MOMUNA)

Momuna

POP: +/- 1,200

LOC: Lowlands 40 miles south of Wamena

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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.

- Silzer & Clouse 1991:65.

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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.

- Reimer 1986:201, n. 1.

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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.

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

- Grimes 1992:578.

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- Grimes 1996.

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Lowlands just south of main ranges extending from south of Silimo east to south of Una language. Linguistic affiliation: Trans-New

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.

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- Grimes 2000.

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(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.

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- Henson 1988:17, n. 1.

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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.

- Grimes 2000.

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(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. ...

- Voorhoeve 1975b:398.

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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.

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Somahai (Somage)

POP: +/- 1,500

LOC: Lowlands just south of main ranges extending from south of Silimo east to south of Una language

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NOTE: related to Momuna ...

- Silzer & Heikkinen 1984:79.

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MOMUNA	1,200	Somahai (Silzer &
MOMUNA	1,000	ISO (Reimer 1986)
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MOMUNA	2,700	Momuna (Grimes 2000)
MOMINA	1,000	Henson 1988
MOMINA = MOMUNA		Silzer & Clouse 1991
MOMINA	200	Momuna (Grimes 2000)
MOMWINA TUOBIN		Louwerse 1988
SOMAGE = SOMAHAI		Silzer & Heikkinen 1984
SOMAGE = MOMUNA		Silzer & Clouse 1991; Comrie 1992e;
		Grimes 1992, 1996, 2000
SOMAHAI	500?	ISO (Wurm & Hattori 1981;
		Wurm 1982, 1994)
SOMAHAI	1,500	Somahai (Silzer &
SOMAHAI = MOMUNA (Yali		Reimer 1986
word)		Silzer & Clouse 1991; Comrie 1992e;
SOMAHAI = MOMUNA		Grimes 1992, 1996, 2000
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SUMO'		Louwerse 1988
SUMOHAI = MOMUNA		Comrie 1992e; Grimes 1992, 1996,
Brazza R -- MOMUNA		Silzer & Clouse 1991
Dekai -- MOMUNA		Silzer & Heikkinen 1984, Silzer &
Indama -- MOMUNA		Silzer & Heikkinen 1984
Kolff R -- MOMUNA		Silzer & Clouse 1991
MOMINA-SAMBOKA -- ? d of		
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Moruku -- MOMUNA		Silzer & Heikkinen 1984
Sumo -- SUMO'		Louwerse 1988
Sumo -- MOMUNA		Silzer & Heikkinen 1984, Silzer &
Tuwo -- MOMUNA		Silzer & Heikkinen 1984

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