

MPUR

The approximately 5000 Mpur speakers live in the Amberbaken and Kebar areas of the Manokwari Administrative District of the province of Irian Jaya ... About half of them live in the Amberbaken area along the north coast of the Bird's Head, and the other half live over the mountain ranges to the south (two days' walk away) in the Kebar valley. The Mpur language is a stock level isolate of the West Papuan phylum. It has previously been known in the literature by the names Amberbaken (Voorhoeve 1975) and Kebar (Kalmbacher 1983 unpublished). ...

- Kalmbacher 1991:107.

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(Amberbaken; Kebar; Dekwambre; Ekware)

5,000

LOC: North coast of Bird's Head, west of Manokwari and west of Meyah

DIALECTS: Sirir and Aciu

- Silzer & Clouse 1991:67.

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Mpur: 5,000 speakers reported in 1987, on the north coast of Bird's Head, Irian Jaya. Also called Kebar, Amberbaken, Ekware, or Dekwambre.

- Comrie 1992vv:240.

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North coast of Bird's Head, west of Manokwari. ...

- Grimes 1992:578.

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- Grimes 1996.

MPUR (KEBAR, AMBERBAKEN, EKWARE, DEKWAMBRE) ... 7,000 (1993 R. Doriot UFM). North coast of Bird's Head, west of Manokwari, and Kebar Valley. Linguistic affiliation: West Papuan, Kebar. Dialects: SIRIR, AJIW. ...

- Grimes 2000.

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Mpùr belongs to the West Papuan Phylum (WPP), Bird's Head Superstock, and has been classified as Amberbaken Stock-level isolate (Voorhoeve 1994:73ff.). It is spoken by approximately five thousand speakers in the Kebar valley, in its surrounding mountains, and, roughly speaking, on the north-east coast between Arfu in the east and Wau in the north ... In the literature, Mpùr is often referred to as Amberbaken or Kebar, which are geographical names for different parts of the area. Mpùr / is the name of the language as used by its speakers. Mpùr has two main dialects: S_rir (on the coast) and _jiw (in the mountains).

A list of about 2000 lexical items shows 10% difference between these two dialects. ...

- Odé 1996:61-62.

Mpur is a non-Austronesian tone language with ca. 5000 speakers in Kebar and Amberbaken (North-East Bird's Head of West Papua). These geographical names are sometimes used in the literature to indicate the Mpur language. ...

- Odé 2000:59.

Mpur is a Non-Austronesian language ... spoken by approximately 5,000 speakers in the north east Bird's Head area, Irian Jaya, Indonesia. In the literature Mpur is sometimes referred to as Kebar or Amberbaken, which are geographic names for the two regions where it is spoken.

Mpur is a phylum-level isolate with dialectal differences in at least lexicon and prosody between speakers in the Kebar Valley, in the mountains (East Kebar) and on the coast (Amberbaken), respectively. ...

Speakers of Mpur do not know the origin of the name Mpur. Coastal Mpur speakers refer to Mpur speakers in the Kebar Valley as ma-ye 'who are outside' ... that is, at the other side of the eastern Tamrau mountains. ...

- Odé 2002:47.

[villages mentioned:

Anjai (Kebar)

Saukorem (Amberbaken)

Jenderau (East Kebar)

Nekori

Arfu

Wau

- Odé 2002:48.

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[ARFOE]

[Arfoe's]

De Arfoe's of Arfoesi ... zijn een vrij uitgebreide stam van bergbewoners, hun verblijf houdende in / het binnenland achter de Kleine Geelvinkbaai en de baai van Boropen op de Noordkust van Nieuw-Guinea; alzoo in den omtrek van den zoogenaamden "Bijenkorf" van de zeekaarten, door de Papoea's "Smoufoni" en door de vreemdelingen "Goenoeng Blangan" genaamd. ...

- Moolenburgh 1902:163-164.

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AMBERBAKEN

Waibèm, Imbuan, Wekari, Arupi, Wesui, Arapi, Kasi, Andjai, Imbuanari, Inam, Wangkori, Asimi, Undini, Muhrani, Warsenembri (? zielen).

- Galis 1955-56:171.

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5000 + [speakers]

Dialects: There are at least two main dialects, Amberbaken and Kebar.

Villages: Waibem, Imbuan, Wekari, Arupi, Wesui, Arapi, Kasi, Anjai, Imbuanari, Wangkori, Inam, Asimi, Eundini, Mubrani, Warsenembri.

- Voorhoeve 1975f:49.

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[Map]

Saukorem -- AMBERBAKEN

Kebar -- AMBERBAKEN

- Wurm & Hattori 1981

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Amberbaken (Kebar; Dekwambre; Ekware)

POP: 5,000+

LOC: North coast of Bird's Head, west of Manokwari and west of Meyah

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VILLAGE(S):

Waibem

Imbuan

Wekari

Arupi

Wesui

Arapi

Kasi

Warsenembri

Anjai

Imbuanari

Inam

Wangkori

Asimi

Eundini

Mubrani

Around 20 villages divided among the Ekware and Dekwambera dialects

- Silzer & Heikinnen 1984:58.

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Kebar is one of the three main dialects of the Amberbaken language, the other two are Amberbaken and Arfu. More or less by exclusion of other dialects and languages Kebar is spoken in the central region in the villages of Atay, Anjai and Ibuanari. Most of their inhabitants came from the Anari area: the chain of mountains in the south along the river Anari ... As far as Anjai and Ibuanari are concerned part of their inhabitants moved in from the northern mountain slopes, where they used to live in close contact with more northward living mountain people who in the course of time settled in the Amberbaken area along the north coast. Some of the inhabitants of Anjai are of mixed Kebar-Amberbaken origin. Between them and the other inhabitants of Anjai we noted differences in pronunciation as well as differences in the application of kinship terms. In Anjai older people use the word Ekwari to indicate the locally spoken dialect

but this word is unfamiliar to the younger people. Besides Kebar as the principal dialect, Arfu is spoken in the north-eastern village of Inam. The Kebar people describe their own dialect as 'higher' than Arfu, meaning that their pronunciation is marked by greater intonational differences but this distinction is denied in East Kebar where people have close marriage connections with the inhabitants of the Arfu area, east of Amberbaken at the north coast. The Kebar and Arfu dialect together are called Pur, whereas the Kebar people call the Amberbaken dialect by the name Kwambra.

Regarding dialect borders, the so-called Jambuani part of the village of Anjai can be regarded as the most southern peak of the Amberbaken dialect, whereas the most southern peak of the Arfu dialect is found in Inam.

- Miedema & Welling 1985:30.

General Names used by local people to refer to themselves
name and surrounding (language) groups

	Karon	Kebar	Meax
Kebar	Mira	Mayé	Murumir
Arfu	Jimbab	Pur	
Amberbaken	Nasasu	Déwot (Kwambra)	Mosmukwar

- Miedema & Welling 1985:32.

[Map]

Akmuri -- KEBAR
Aniti -- KEBAR
Anjai -- KEBAR
Arapi -- KEBAR
Asiti 1 -- KEBAR
Atay -- KEBAR
Ibuanari -- KEBAR
Inam -- KEBAR
Jenderau -- KEBAR

- Miedema & Welling 1985:48.

As has already been established, the Kebar, the Amberbaken and the Arfu (map 1) form one linguistic group², but within this group there are, at least among the North Kebar, various dialects: the North Kebar speak Mpur with the Arfu, which the North Kebar themselves distinguish from the Déwot, spoken in the Amberbaken area. Indicating the term 'M(a)pur', the West Kebar from the villages of Arapi and Asiti (Asiti-I) are simply pointing to the centre of the plain ... But it does not stop there. The Karon Dori (Darfat) of the West Kebar (in the villages Senopi and Asiti-II) differentiate between the Amberbaken, Kebar and Arfu language (Nasasu, Mira, and Jimbab, respectively), while the Meax of the East Kebar (in the villages Akrin and Pubuan) also have separate terms for, on the one hand, the Kebar and // Arfu (Murumir) and for the Amberbaken (Mosmukwar) on the other (Miedema & Welling 1985).

- Miedema 1997:3,5.

² The Kebar language area stretches out from the north coast. The Kebar form one ethnolinguistic group with the Amberbaken and the Arfu ...

With referenece to the Amberbaken and Arfu, the Kebar regard themselves as an [sic] separate suku (tribal group). ...

- Miedema 1997:3, n. 2.

... Déwot in Kebar/Mpur (also) means 'coastal people' ..., whereas 'Miun', apart from being a designation for a group of people who recently migrated on to the Kebar plain from the southern mountainous areas, can also mean 'name for the Anason language' ...

- Miedema 1997:5.

... According [to] the main group of informants in the area of language and group designations, the origin of the name 'Kebar' has to do with: (i) a small river of the same name situated in the centre of the plain; (ii) a species of bamboo (Ke.: kep) which grows in abundance along the rivers which flow over or alongside the plain (Ke.: war = water/river); and (iii) the designation kebarya which the 'Doreri' -- Biak/Numforerse coastal dwellers -- use for '(people/the area) on the other side of the mountains'. This last explanation could indeed be the right one, but it still does not offer any / definitive solution to the origin of the name Kebar.

- Miedema 1997:5-6.

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It was a common practice for the Biak tribe to denote neighbouring tribes with derogatory names. The tribe to the east the Biaks referred to as the 'Amberbaken', literally the 'strange bodies'. These people, who live in the Kebar valley, refer to their language as 'Mpur'. ...

- Berry & Berry 1999:2.

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... Kebar (= one of the Mpur speaking groups) ...

- Reesink 2001 Ts:no p.

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MPUR 5,000 ISO (Kalmbacher 1991, Silzer & Clouse 1991, Grimes 1992, Odé 2002)
MPUR 5,000 (1987) Comrie 1992vv
MPUR (own name) 5,000 ISO (Odé 1996, 2000)
MPUR 7,000 ISO (Grimes 1996, 2000)
M(A)PUR -- d of **KEBAR** (**KEBAR** name) Miedema 1997
MPUR (own name) **Berry & Berry 1999**
MPUR **Reesink 2001 Ts**
PUR = ARFU AMBERBAKEN
(Kebars name) Miedema & Welling 1985

ADIWI = ? MPUR Salzner 1960 (cf S&C)

AMBERBAKEN **Cowan 1953, 1957; Galis 1955-56, 1960; Salzner 1960; Capell 1962; Wurm 1971, 1971fl; Miedema 1984**
AMBERBAKEN 5,000 ISO (Wurm & Hattori 1981; Wurm 1982, 1994; Silzer & Heikkinen 1984)
AMBERBAKEN = MPUR Kalmbacher 1991; Silzer & Clouse 1991; Comrie 1992vv; Grimes 1992, 1996, 2000; Odé 1996, 2000, 2002
AMBERBAKEN = KEBAR Miedema 1997
AMBERBAKEN -- DÉWOT d of **KEBAR** Miedema 1997
AMBERBAKEN **Smits & Voorhoeve 1998**
AMBERBAKEN = MPUR (BIAK name) **Berry & Berry 1999**

ANJAI = KEBAR Miedema 1984

ARFOE Moolenburgh 1902
ARFU -- d of **AMBERBAKEN** Miedema & Welling 1985
ARFU = KEBAR Miedema 1997
ARFU -- **M(A)PUR** d of **KEBAR** Miedema 1997

ARFOESI = ARFOE Moolenburgh 1902

DEKWAMBERA -- d of **AMBERBAKEN** Silzer & Heikinnen 1984
DEKWAMBRE = AMBERBAKEN Silzer & Heikinnen 1984
DEKWAMBRE = MPUR Silzer & Clouse 1991; Comrie 1992vv; Grimes 1992, 1996, 2000

DÉWOT = AMBERBAKEN (Kebars name) Miedema & Welling 1985
DÉWOT = 'coastal people' (KEBAR name) Miedema 1997
DÉWOT -- d of **KEBAR** Miedema 1997

EKWARE -- d of **AMBERBAKEN** Silzer & Heikinnen 1984
EKWARE = AMBERBAKEN Silzer & Heikinnen 1984
EKWARE = MPUR Silzer & Clouse 1991; Comrie

1992vv; Grimes 1992, 1996, 2000
EKWARI = AMBERBAKEN Miedema & Welling 1985

GOENOENG BLANGAN = ARFOE Moolenburgh 1902

JIMBAB = ARFU AMBERBAKEN
 (Karon name) Miedema & Welling 1985

JIMBAB = ARFU (KARON DORI
name) Miedema 1997

KARON DORI -- WEST KEBAR Miedema 1997

KEBAR -- d of AMBERBAKEN Voorhoeve 1975, Wurm & Hattori
 1981, Wurm 1982, Miedema & Welling
 1985

KEBAR **Miedema 1984, 1997**

KEBAR = AMBERBAKEN Silzer & Heikkinen 1984, Smits &
 Voorhoeve 1998, Berry & Berry 1999

KEBAR = MPUR Kalmbacher 1991; Silzer & Clouse
 1991; Comrie 1992vv; Grimes 1992,
 2000; Odé 1996, 2000, 2002

KEBAR -- MPUR Reesink 2001 Ts

KWAMBRA = AMBERBAKEN
 (Kebars name) Miedema & Welling 1985

MAYÉ = KEBAR AMBERBAKEN
 (Kebars name) Miedema & Welling 1985

MA-YE = Kebars MPUR (coastal
MPUR name) Odé 2002

MIRA = KEBAR AMBERBAKEN
 (Karon name) Miedema & Welling 1985

MIRA = KEBAR (KARON DORI
name) Miedema 1997

MO-ROEM = KEBAR Pouter 1958(1999) [Schultz]

MOSMUKWAR = AMBERBAKEN
 (Meax name) Miedema & Welling 1985

MOSMUKWAR = AMBERBAKEN
 (MEAX name) Miedema 1997

MURUMIR = KEBAR AMBERBAKEN
 (Meax name) Miedema & Welling 1985

MURUMIR = ARFU & KEBAR
 (MEAX name) Miedema 1997

NASASU = AMBERBAKEN (Karon
name) Miedema & Welling 1985

NASASU = AMBERBAKEN (KARON
DORI name) Miedema 1997

RUMBIAK = ? MPUR	Salzner 1960 (cf S&C)
SAUKOREM = AMBERBAKEN	Miedema 1984
SMOUFONI = ARFOE	Moolenburgh 1902
ACIU -- d of MPUR	Silzer & Clouse 1991
AJIW -- d of MPUR	Grimes 1996, 2000
AJ~W -- d of MPUR	Odé 1996
Akmuri -- KEBAR AMBERBAKEN	Miedema & Welling 1985
AMBERBAKEN -- d of AMBERBAKEN	Voorhoeve 1975, Wurm & Hattori 1981, Wurm 1982, Miedema & Welling 1985
Amberbaki -- AMBERBAKEN	Smits & Voorhoeve 1998
Anari -- AMBERBAKEN dist	Maurenbrecher 1953(1993)
Anari -- AMBERBAKEN	Miedema & Welling 1985
Andjai -- AMBERBAKEN dist	Maurenbrecher 1953(1993)
Andjai -- AMBERBAKEN	Galis 1955-56
Anjai -- AMBERBAKEN	Voorhoeve 1975, Silzer & Heikkinen 1984, Miedema & Welling 1985
Anjai -- MPUR	Silzer & Clouse 1991
Anjai -- Kebar MPUR	Odé 2002
Aniti -- KEBAR AMBERBAKEN	Miedema & Welling 1985
Arapi -- AMBERBAKEN dist	Maurenbrecher 1953(1993)
Arapi -- AMBERBAKEN	Galis 1955-56, Voorhoeve 1975, Silzer & Heikkinen 1984
Arapi -- KEBAR AMBERBAKEN	Miedema & Welling 1985
Arapi -- WEST KEBAR	Miedema 1997
Arfu -- MPUR	Odé 2002
Aroepi -- AMBERBAKEN dist	Maurenbrecher 1953(1993)
Arupi -- AMBERBAKEN	Galis 1955-56, Voorhoeve 1975, Silzer & Heikkinen 1984
Asim = Ajata -- AIFAT dist	Maurenbrecher 1953(1993)
Asimi -- AMBERBAKEN	Galis 1955-56, Voorhoeve 1975, Silzer & Heikkinen 1984
Asiti 1 -- KEBAR AMBERBAKEN	Miedema & Welling 1985
Asiti I -- WEST KEBAR	Miedema 1997
Atay -- KEBAR AMBERBAKEN	Miedema & Welling 1985
Eundini -- AMBERBAKEN	Voorhoeve 1975, Silzer & Heikkinen 1984

Iboeanari -- AMBERBAKEN dist Maurenbrecher 1953(1993)
 Ibuanari -- KEBAR AMBERBAKEN Miedema & Welling 1985
 Imbuanari -- AMBERBAKEN Galis 1955-56, Voorhoeve 1975,
 Silzer & Heikkinen 1984

Imboean -- AMBERBAKEN dist Maurenbrecher 1953(1993)
 Imbuan -- AMBERBAKEN Galis 1955-56, Voorhoeve 1975,
 Silzer & Heikkinen 1984

Inam -- AMBERBAKEN dist Maurenbrecher 1953(1993)
 Inam -- AMBERBAKEN Galis 1955-56, Voorhoeve 1975,
 Silzer & Heikkinen 1984
 Inam -- KEBAR AMBERBAKEN Miedema & Welling 1985

Djamboeani -- AMBERBAKEN dist Maurenbrecher 1953(1993)
 Jambuani -- AMBERBAKEN Miedema & Welling 1985

Jandurau -- MPUR Silzer & Clouse 1991
 Jenderau -- KEBAR AMBERBAKEN Miedema & Welling 1985
 Jenderau -- Kebar MPUR Odé 2002

Kasi -- AMBERBAKEN Galis 1955-56, Voorhoeve 1975,
 Silzer & Heikkinen 1984

Kebar -- AMBERBAKEN Wurm & Hattori 1981, Smits &
 Voorhoeve 1998

KEBAR, NORTH -- M(A)PUR d of
 KEBAR Miedema 1997

Mubrani -- AMBERBAKEN Galis 1955-56, Voorhoeve 1975,
 Silzer & Heikkinen 1984

Nekori -- MPUR Silzer & Clouse 1991, Odé 2002

Saukorem -- AMBERBAKEN dist Maurenbrecher 1953(1993)
 Saukorem -- MPUR Silzer & Clouse 1991
 Saukorem -- AMBERBAKEN Wurm & Hattori 1981, Smits &
 Voorhoeve 1998
 Saukorem -- Amberbaken MPUR Odé 2002
 Saoekorim de Clercq 1891

Senopi -- MPUR Silzer & Clouse 1991

SIRIR -- d of MPUR Silzer & Clouse 1991; Grimes 1996,
 2000
 SIR~R -- d of MPUR Odé 1996

Undini -- AMBERBAKEN Galis 1955-56

Waibèm -- AMBERBAKEN Galis 1955-56
 Waibem -- AMBERBAKEN Voorhoeve 1975, Silzer & Heikkinen
 1984

Wangkori -- AMBERBAKEN Galis 1955-56, Voorhoeve 1975,
 Silzer & Heikkinen 1984

Warsenembri -- AMBERBAKEN Galis 1955-56, Voorhoeve 1975,
 Silzer & Heikkinen 1984

Warsnembri -- AMBERBAKEN
 dist Maurenbrecher 1953(1993)

Wau -- MPUR Odé 2002

Wekari -- AMBERBAKEN dist Maurenbrecher 1953(1993)

Wekari -- AMBERBAKEN Galis 1955-56, Voorhoeve 1975,
 Silzer & Heikkinen 1984

Wesoei -- AMBERBAKEN dist Maurenbrecher 1953(1993)

Wesui -- AMBERBAKEN Galis 1955-56, Voorhoeve 1975,
 Silzer & Heikkinen 1984

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