

## SAWERU

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300

LOC: On an island south of Yapen Island near Serui

- Silzer & Clouse 1991:74.

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- Grimes 1996.

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- Grimes 2000.

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Saweru is one of two languages in the Yawa family, and is spoken by an aging population on the island of the same name just southeast of Serui, off the island of Yapen in Cenderawasih Bay

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- Donohue 2001a:340.

Saweru is one of two languages that form the Yawa language family, a non-Austronesian language group spoken by people living around central Yapen island, in West Papua ... Yawa ... is the larger language, spoken on mainland Yapen island by approximately / 6,000 people. Saweru is spoken by the older population of Saweru island, half an hour by boat east of Serui and south of mainland Yapen. Due perhaps to its proximity to the city, the language is not in a healthy state, and is not being acquired by younger speakers; there are approximately 150 speakers, out of an ethnic group of perhaps 300. Yawa and Saweru have not been demonstrated to be related to any other languages on mainland New Guinea, ...

- Donohue 2001b:296-297.

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SAWERU -- d of YAVA (MAY BE  
     SEPARATE LANGUAGE)           Anceaux 1961  
 SAWERU -- d of YAVA               Voorhoeve 1975, Wurm & Hattori  
                                     1981, Wurm 1982  
**SAWERU (perceived by YAWA**  
**as separate language)**       **Jones 1986**  
**SAWERU**                             **300 Yawa (?) (Silzer & Clouse**  
                                     **1991)**  
**SAWERU**                             **300           ISOLATE (Grimes 1996)**  
**SAWERU**                             **300           Yawa (Grimes 2000)**  
**SAWERU**                             **Yawa (Donohue 2001a)**  
**SAWERU**                             **150           Yawa (Donohue 2001b)**

Saweru -- TURU (2)                 Galís 1955-56  
 Saweru -- YAVA                     Anceaux 1961, Voorhoeve 1975  
 Saweru -- SAWERU                 Jones 1986, 1997  
 Saweru -- YAWA                     Smits & Voorhoeve 1998  
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