

## SOBEI

De kuststreek wordt bewoond door tot de volgende taalgroepen behorende stammen:

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4. Sobey-groep : kampongs Anoes, Podena, Jamna, Masi-2,  
Wakde-2, Liki, Serwar, Bagaiserwar,  
Sawar, Sarmi.

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- van Eek 1952 Ts:6.

In het benedenstroomgebied tussen de Waim en de Woske wordt de Saberi-taal gesproken, de streek tussen de kampongs Sarmi, Sawar en Bagaiserwar is het gebied van de Sobey-taal. Het gebied van deze taal loopt verder door tot aan Anoes, enclaves worden gevormd door de Kwesten-taal en de Mawes-taal. Ook de voor de kust liggende eilanden behoren tot het Sobey-taalgebied.

- van Eek 1952 Ts:21.

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[cf. van den Bergh 1940, Cowan, Laban, van Eek, Galis]

De situatie ligt in werkelijkheid zo, dat enerzijds de naam Sobei inderdaad uitsluitend betrekking op bevolking en taal van de vier gehuchten Sarmi, Sawar, Serwar en Bageiserwar, maar dat anderzijds het Sobei met de talen van de overige eilanden, zeer positief één taalfamilie uitmaakt.

- Leeden 1954 Ts:8.

De taal van Liki staat bijzonder dicht bij het Sobei. Op de talenkaart is het daarom in het Sobei-gebied getrokken. In Sobei-oren klint het Liki als een dialect van eigen taal.

- Leeden 1954 Ts:9.

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Sarmi, Sawar, Serwar, Bagaiserwar, Podena, Jarsun, Moar, Jamna, Liki-liki, Mâsi-mâsi, Wakdé-Tum, Kunamba-eil., Anus (?) (? zeilen).

- Galis 1955-56:173.

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### (SOBEI)

[no info on speakers]

Dialects: Different dialects are spoken on the Sarmi coast, and on the islands Liki, Wakde, Masimasi, Yamna, Podena, Yarsun, and Anus.

Villages: Sarmi, Sawar, Serwar, Bagaiserwar, Sau, Anus.

- Voorhoeve 1975f:59.

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- R. Sterner 1975:128.

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- J. Sterner 1975:146.

Sobei is an Austronesian language. Related languages are located on islands off the coast in the Sarmi District. From west to east these islands and languages are Liki, Wakde, Yamna, Masimasi, Podena, and Anus. Preliminary investigation indicates that vocabulary may be as high as 40% cognate among these related languages. ...

- J. Sterner 1975:147.

The Sobei language group is located on the north coast of Irian Jaya, Indonesia, and is composed of about 1,500 speakers. Three hundred of these live in the town of Sarmi, 500 live in the village of Sawar, and approximately 700 live in the adjoining village of Bagaiserwar. Sawar and Bagaiserwar are about one and one-half hours' walk east of Sarmi and all three communities are located on the ocean. ...

- J. Sterner 1981:1.

Sobei is an Austronesian language spoken by approximately 2,000 people in the Sarmi area on the north coast of Irian Jaya.

It is classified as one of the westernmost languages of the Oceanic Subgroup by Grace (1972). ...

- J. Sterner 1987:51, n. 1.

Map 2. Language Groups around the Sarmi Area of Irian Jaya [shows SOBEI as separate from LIKI, WAKDE, MASIMASI, YAMNA, PODENA, YARSUN, and ANUS]

- J. Sterner 1992:51.

On the north coast of Irian Jaya, Indonesia, approximately two hundred kilometers west of Jayapura, there is a town and government center named Sarmi. The original coastal dwellers there were the Sobei language group, who prefer to be known by the names of their three villages, i.e. a Sawar person, Bagaiserwar person or Sarmi person. About 2000 in number, these people are related by both language and kinship to those on the islands off the coast, Likiliki, Wakde, Yamna, Anos and Podena.

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- J. Sterner 1992:53.

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- J. Sterner 1997:3.

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- Sterner & Ross 2002:167.

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[Map]

Liki I -- SOBEI  
Niroemoar I -- SOBEI  
Koemamba Is -- SOBEI  
Wakde I -- SOBEI  
Masimasi I -- SOBEI  
Yamna I -- SOBEI  
Podena Is -- SOBEI  
Yarsun I -- SOBEI  
Anus I -- SOBEI  
Ahus -- SOBEI

- Wurm & Hattori 1981

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**Sobei** (Biga)

POP: +/- 1,850

LOC: North coast area east of Sarmi

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VILLAGE(S):

Sarmi -- 300

Sawar -- 500

Bageiserwar -- 700

- Silzer & Heikkinen 1984:43.

1,850

LOC: North coast area east of Sarmi

- Silzer & Clouse 1991:77.

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**Sobei**: 1,850 speakers reported in 1987, in the north coast

area east and west of Sarmi, Irian Jaya. Also called Anus, Biga, Liki, Imasi, Moar, Podena, Wakde, Yamna, or Yarsun. ...  
- Comrie 1992gg:374.

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- Grimes 1996.

**SOBEI (BIGA, IMASI)** ... 1,850 (1987 SIL). North coast area east of Sarmi, Jayapura Kabupaten, Sarmi Kecamatan. Linguistic affiliation: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Central-Eastern, Eastern Malayo-Polynesian, Oceanic, Western Oceanic, North New Guinea, Sarmi-Jayapura Bay, Sarmi. Reported to be the same as, or intelligible with, Liki. ...  
- Grimes 2000.

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[map]  
Sarmi -- SOBEI  
- de Vries & de Vries 1997:2.

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#### [Koemamba Is]

... Koemanba op Kimamba (Arimoa der kaarten) bekende eilanden aangedaan, door de inboorlingen zelven bij de afzonderlijke namen Liki, Lansoetoe en Armofin genoemd.  
- de Clercq 1891:165.

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#### (Moo)

The vocabulary, labelled 'Moo', appears to have been obtained from the inhabitants of the island Liki, the most easterly island of the Kumamba group. Though only a few words are available for comparison, it is very similar to the vocabulary from Wakde Island given by Galis (1956) and may be a dialect of the same language. ...  
- Laycock 1971:73, n. 2.

Vocabulary of 'Moo' (island of the Kumamba group, West Irian), recorded on the 1616 voyage of Le Maire and Schouten -- exact transcription from Dalrymple (1771) ...  
- Laycock 1971:76.

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#### (SARMI)

District Sarmi. De districthoofdplaats Sarmi is de meest westelijke van de onder bestuur staande nederzettingen aan de kust. ...  
De voornaamste kampongs aan de kust in het district zijn:

Sarmi, Sawar, Bagaiserwar, Toem, Keder, Masi-masi, Jamna en  
Betaf. ...

- Halie 1930(1955):36.

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District Beneden-Sarmi:

Sarmi-Papoea	197
Sawar	344
Bagaiserwar	398
Serwar	130

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- Wollrabe 1938 Ts:16-17.

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Zoo wordt de taal van de kampong Sarmi ook gesproken door de  
bewoners van de kampongs Sawar, Bagaiserwar en Serwar. De  
bewoners van Maffin Tor en Maffin Mol spreken weer dezelfde taal  
(makan) als d bewoners van Omte aan de Tor, behorende tot de  
Kwestenstam.

- van den Berg 1940 Ts:12.

... Zo wordt de taal van de kampong Sarmi ook gesproken door de  
bewoners van de kampong Sawar, Bagaiserwar en Serwar. ...

- van den Berg n.d. Ts:4.

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SOBEY	van Eek 1952 Ts
SOBEI	
SOBEI	Leeden 1954 Ts; Capell 1954, 1962
SOBEI	1,500 J. Sterner 1975, 1981
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SOBEI	2,000 J. Sterner 1982, 1987,
SOBEI	1,850 Sarmi S-G (Silzer &
	1996, 2000; Wurm 1992)
SOBEI	1,850 (1987) Comrie 1992gg
SOBEI	Smits & Voorhoeve 1992
SOBEI = ? LIKI	Grimes 2000
SOBEI	Sarmi/Jayapura (Lynch et al 2002)
ANUS = SOBEI	Comrie 1992gg
ARIMOA -- KOEMAMBA	Salzner 1960
BIGA = SOBEI	Silzer & Heikkinen 1984; Comrie
IMASI = SOBEI	Comrie 1992gg; Grimes 1992, 1996,
YAMNA = SOBEI	Comrie 1992gg
YARSUN = SOBEI	Comrie 1992gg
KOEMAMBA	<b>Salzner 1960</b>
LIKI -- d of SOBEI	Leeden 1954 Ts
LIKI = SOBEI	Comrie 1992gg
MOAR = SOBEI	Comrie 1992gg
MOO = ? SOBEI	Laycock 1971
PODNA = SOBEI	Comrie 1992gg
SARMI	Halie 1930(1955)
SARMI	van den Berg 1940 Ts, n.d. Ts
SARMI -- SOBEI	Galis 1960, Capell 1962
SARMI	Salzner 1960, Capell 1969
WAKDE = SOBEI	Comrie 1992gg
Anoes -- SOBEY	van Eek 1952 Ts
Arimoa = Koemanba	de Clercq 1891
Arimoa -- SOBEI	Ray 1912
Bagaiserwar -- SARMI	Halie 1930(1955); van den Berg 1940 Ts, n.d. Ts

Bagaiserwar -- Beneden Sarmi	Wollrabe 1938 Ts
Bagaiserwar -- SOBEY	van Eek 1952 Ts
Bagaiserwar -- SOBEI	Galis 1955-56
Bagaiserwar -- SOBEI	J. Sterner 1975, 1982, 1992, 1997; Voorhoeve 1975; Sterner & Ross 2002
Bageiserwar -- SOBEI	Leeden 1954 Ts, Silzer & Heikkinen 1984
Bagiserwar -- SOBEI	Grimes 1992
Jamna -- SOBEY	van Eek 1952 Ts
Kimamba = Koemanba	de Clercq 1891
Koemamba Is -- SOBEI	Wurm & Hattori 1981
Koemanba	de Clercq 1891
Kunamba I -- SOBEI	Galis 1955-56
Liki -- SOBEY	van Eek 1952 Ts
Masi (-Masi) -- SOBEY	van Eek 1952 Ts
Moar -- SOBEI	Galis 1955-56
NIROEMOAR -- d of SOBEI	Wurm & Hattori 1981
Niroemoar I -- SOBEI	Wurm & Hattori 1981
Podena -- SOBEY	van Eek 1952 Ts
Sarmi -- SARMI	Halie 1930(1955)
Sarmi -- SOBEY	van Eek 1952 Ts
Sarmi -- SOBEI	Leeden 1954 Ts; Galis 1955-56; J. Sterner 1975, 1992, 1997; Voorhoeve 1975; Wurm & Hattori 1981; Silzer & Heikkinen 1984; Silzer & Clouse 1991; Smits & Voorhoeve 1992; Grimes 1992; de Vries & de Vries 1997; Sterner & Ross 2002
Sarmi-Papoea	Wollrabe 1938 Ts
Sau -- SOBEI	Voorhoeve 1975
Sawar -- SARMI	Halie 1930(1955); van den Berg 1940 Ts, n.d. Ts
Sawar -- Beneden Sarmi	Wollrabe 1938 Ts
Sawar -- SOBEY	van Eek 1952 Ts
Sawar -- SOBEI	Leeden 1954 Ts; Galis 1955-56; J. Sterner 1975, 1981, 1992, 1997; Voorhoeve 1975; Silzer & Heikkinen 1984; Smits & Voorhoeve 1992; Grimes 1992; Sterner & Ross 2002
Serwar -- Beneden Sarmi	Wollrabe 1938 Ts
Serwar -- SARMI	van den Berg 1940 Ts, n.d. Ts
Serwar -- SOBEY	van Eek 1952 Ts

Serwar -- SOBEI	Leeden 1954 Ts, Galis 1955-56,
SOBEI -- d of SOBEI	Grimes 1992
Toem -- SARMI	Halie 1930(1955)
Wakde (-Wakde) -- SOBEY	van Eek 1952 Ts
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