

AN ATLAS OF NIGERIAN LANGUAGES



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Introduction

The present electronic document is a completely new edition of ‘An Index of Nigerian Languages’ by David Crozier and Roger Blench (1992), which in turn replaced Keir Hansford, John Bendor-Samuel and Ron Stanford (1976), a pioneering attempt to synthesise what was known at the time about the languages of Nigeria and their classification. It has been renamed the ‘Atlas’ to mark a radical revision of these documents. Since 1990, all new information was either collected in the field by Roger Blench or resulted from personal communications with him, hence his sole authorship of the present version. Many new categories of information have been added since the 1992 edition, largely resulting from technological and social change. The bibliography has been effectively created from scratch, covering a wide range of published and circulated material. A new print version will eventually be created, accompanied by a revised map. An interim map, published by SIL, is available, but it does not necessarily match everything found in this document.

Jos, March, 2019

I. Changes to the structure of the Atlas

1. Form of the Head-Entries

Hansford et al. (1976) established a basic structure for entries, which was updated in Crozier and Blench (1992). The desire to use a common orthography for head-entries has involved the making a series of choices which may not always turn out to be appropriate. The principles used are as follows;

- a. Where a community, through the agency of a literacy committee or a community development association has definitely selected a particular form for use as an ethnonym then that form is used.
- b. Where there is no agreed name, then the name a community uses to refer to itself is preferred.
- c. Where the name of the language and of the people are different, the name of the language is preferred. Thus Fulfulde for Fulbe. In: some cases, where the variation is through the use of different prefixes or suffixes, the convention for Bantu languages is adopted; the variable affix has been deleted and the remaining stem used for both people and language. Thus the Wom people are 'Pere', and the suffixes marking people and language are omitted.
- d. Where this would lead to confusion through a variety of communities using the same name, geographical or other markers are used to make the distinction. Thus in the case of Basa, region names, such as 'Basa-Benué' are used, even though the people themselves do not use these names. In: the case of Yungur, where various peoples call themselves by the same name, 'Bəna, the outsiders' names, Lala and Roba, are retained.
- e. An alternative situation is where undefined dialectal differentiation has led to a variety of different names for people and language within one language. Thus the Longuda have four different versions of their name. In: this case the usual name, 'Longuda', is retained.
- f. Where the community's own name is unknown the most common reference name is preferred, except where this is apparently pejorative.
- g. Where a reference name has been adopted from a community's own name, it is usually cited without tone marks or other diacritics. Subdots are so widely accepted in Nigeria that they constitute an exception.
- h. Phonetic symbols such as schwa 'ə' and eng 'ŋ' are not generally used in head-entries although the implosives and ejectives such as ɓ, ɗ, and ƙ are acceptable. The exception is where the correct name is known but the community has made no decision about the form to adopt. Thus the Kotoko name Afadē (Afadə) has been used until an alternative is accepted.

The consequence of this is that reference names will continue to be in a state of flux.

2. Changes in the Language Map

The language map accompanying the Index has inevitably changed substantially since the first edition and it is worth tabulating the types of changes that have occurred;

2.1 From Numbers to Names

The map accompanying the first edition had numbers assigned to individual languages. This has the advantage of taking up less space on the map but it was extremely difficult to actually find the less well-known languages. In the present version, language names have been placed on the map. No significance should be attached to the point size in which the names are printed which is usually the largest that will fit in the space available. The use of names makes for easier cross referencing between the index and the map and this has helped in the elimination of certain inconsistencies in the first map.

- a) detailed maps of complex regions
- b) maps to show the migrations of pastoral groups
- c) maps of the distribution of major *linguae francae*, and other important socio-linguistic features.

2.2 Addition of new languages

Since the second edition of the Index, approximately thirty previously unreported languages have been recorded and in some cases, dialects or dialect clusters have been split into their component members following more detailed research.

2.3 Addition and correction of topographic and institutional features

The outline of Nigeria used in the first edition of the map was schematic and so did not include water-bodies such as the lagoon region of Lagos, for example. Also Lake Chad was noted but no open water marked. Since the 1970s, a large number of dams and barrages have been built, especially in Northern Nigeria and the lakes formed by backing up now cover sizeable land areas. These have been traced from Landsat imagery. It is generally assumed that no language is spoken 'on' a water body, although this is clearly not the case on Lake Kainji, where Sarkawa and Reshe fishermen inhabit islands within the Lake. Lake Chad, by contrast, has virtually disappeared and almost all the land area within Nigeria is inhabited, and is so represented.

The first edition of the map did show some of the main National Parks. The present version of the map adds some more National Parks and also a number of significant Forest Reserves. Ordinance Survey maps show a very large number of Forest Reserves, but many of them are inhabited and are thus for language mapping purposes treated as absent.

Another addition has been the inclusion of urban areas where these are sufficiently large as to constitute a significant region of the map and are known to be polyglot and cannot therefore be assigned to a particular language. The most important of these are Lagos and Kaduna urban areas. Other large urban areas, such as Enugu, Ibadan and Kano are considered to be sufficiently homogeneous linguistically as to not require special treatment.

3. New fields

3.1 New Media

Since the earlier editions, much has changed in the technology of language dissemination; no reference was made even to radio and television in previous syntheses. Now both the internet and SMS text-messaging have to be considered. Indeed, text-messaging and the possibilities of transmitting texts in particular languages may turn out to be crucial to their acceptance among the next generation of speakers.

- The last decade has seen a major expansion in the numbers of languages broadcast on radio and television, partly because of the growth of private stations.
- Benue State, for example, broadcasts on the radio in eight languages
- However, there is no single source to refer to for information on this, although it clearly affects language vitality and dialect choice
- Since 2005, social media now affects how Nigerians communicate.
- Texting and contributions on Facebook, Twitter etc. have become popular and informal solutions to orthographic problems develop which are at variance with the established orthography
- New 'apps' such as the ability to see a text scroll by on smartphone and hear it read simultaneously are working for Mwaghavul and other languages, with enormous potential for electronic dictionaries, for example. Such dictionaries are now in circulation and are listed in the Index, where these are known
- Larger languages, such as Hausa, Yoruba etc. have a thriving film industry, which support dedicated television channels
- Generally speaking, the Atlas now documents languages in new ways appropriate to the 21st century

Categories for media other than print: such as radio, television, cassettes, film and video have become more important and they are becoming significant in the promotion or otherwise of individual languages. Data on the use of these media would be valuable.

3.2 Literacy and printed materials

Printed materials in Nigerian languages go back to the nineteenth century (Hair 1965). Originally almost all publications were religious in intent, and literacy materials were intended to assist in reading the bible. Secular material first appeared in Yoruba and later in other southern languages. The first attempt to develop a policy on secular orthographies (and to introduce modern linguistics into their design) was in the early 1950s, when the Government of Northern Nigeria hired Hans Wolff to develop minority writing systems. The outcome was

Wolff (1954) which established the orthography for some ten northern languages. Unfortunately, there is very little research on the impact of this material in schools, but at least some of the vernacular education in languages like Mwaghavul dates from this era.

Even today, religious publication remains predominant. The culture of primers for reading has almost disappeared and it may be competence in many minority languages has declined. However, languages such as Yoruba are commonly written and increasingly tone-marked (Photo 1).

Photo 1. Inscription on Alafin's palace



Source: Author photo

There is little reliable information on the incidence and competence of literates in different communities. To know that there is printed material in a language is not to have information on whether literacy is actually a significant feature of a language.

There has, however, been a significant upsurge in interest in minority languages since around 2012, driven largely by the communities and their aspirations. New Reading and Writing books are now being published without the missionary input that was previously essential. Organisations like CONAECDA are pressing state governments to re-introduce vernacular languages in the school system.

Trudell (2018) is a significant overview of language in education in Nigeria. Although its focus is above all on English teaching, it reviews in part the literature on vernacular programmes and in particular Nigerian Government policy in this area. The Federal Government first promulgates a National Policy on Education in 1977 and it has since been revised many times. In particular Trudell (2018) focuses on the contrasts between the 2004 and 2013 versions. Still in 2004, the policy was that all schoolchildren should learn one of the three major languages, Hausa, Yoruba and Igbo. This was never fully implemented and was dropped in 2013, presumably under pressure from other large minorities. An interesting provision is for all children to be taught in the 'language of the immediate community' for the first four years. This would have been impossible to implement in practice, but even the expression of the aspiration represents an important step in the development of minority curricula. Similar policies have long been in place in Cameroun, which has a well-developed pattern of minority curricula compared with Nigeria.

3.3 Scripts

Earlier editions of the Index had little to say about indigenous (i.e. pre-European) scripts. The most well-known script falling into this category is the use of adapted Arabic script to write Hausa and other northern languages. Although far behind the use of the Roman alphabet, Islamic revivalism has led to a renewed interest in Arabic script, something also encouraged, ironically, by the Arabic Script initiative supported by Christian organisations. Currently, the following languages are written in Arabic script (**Table 1**);

Table 1. Nigerian languages written in Arabic script

Language	Name	Current	Comment
Arabic	Arabic	Yes	
Hausa	Ajami	Yes	
Fulfulde		Yes	
Kanuri		Yes	
Nupe	Ajami	No	

Warren (2012) is a valuable overview of Arabic script use in Northern Nigeria. The main indigenous script is Arabic, mostly in the form of Ajami. This is quite widespread for Hausa, and is certainly used for Fulfulde and Kanuri. There are poorly catalogued collections of manuscripts in Arabic script which may represent other Nigerian languages. It was used for Nupe and other minority languages, but seems to have died out. There are also ‘dream-scripts’ among the Hausa which have had short-lived followings. Symbolic systems such as the Nsibidi among the Ejagham which have sometimes been described as writing. Apart from this, there are a number of other scripts, all of twentieth century origin, invented by inspired individuals, which have had more or less currency. These are principally for Hausa, but there is also the intriguing Ibibio script (Dalby ref).

3.4 Deaf and sign languages

Another area which has been poorly documented until recently are sign languages, spoken typically by deaf communities but in some case also by hearing individuals. There is a Nigerian sign language, taught in deaf schools, but this derives from American Sign Language (ASL). Information about numbers of users and their competence is extremely sparse. At least one indigenous sign language has been documented, that used by the Bura people in NE Nigeria (Blench 2004 and Photo 3). However, by virtue of sheer numbers, there must be many more waiting to be recorded. Among the Hausa people there is an indigenous sign language which has been documented by Constanze Schmaling (2000 and ff.). A continuing project to create a dictionary of this language has seen eight folios published.

Photo 2. NASFAT sign, Gusau



Source: Courtesy Andy Warren

Photo 3. Three members of the Bura deaf community



Source: courtesy Andy Warren

3.5 Language Status

Language status is a highly controversial area, and much subject to politicisation. In reality, there have been few studies of language viability in recent years, so claims in this area are often either very old, or not very reliable. Restudies usually indicate the status of languages is quite different from previous assertions. The EGIDS scale, used in the Ethnologue is reasonably practical, if good sociolinguistic data exists, but in many cases, languages may be assigned a number on the scale based on nothing but assumed population figures. The statuses in this document have been either verified by the author, or other reliable published source. In cases where there is no data, this is noted.

3.6 Second language use

First and second language use are controversial topics and there are few up-to-date sociolinguistic surveys which provide this type of information. What other languages are commonly spoken by the speakers of particular lects? Where this is known, it is stated under the entry.

3.7 Extinct languages

Nigeria has seen a number of languages go extinct in the twentieth century. Other languages are presumed extinct, in cases where only two aged speakers were alive when a survey was undertaken. Currently, the known extinct languages are given in **Table 2** together with their presumed affiliation;

Table 2. Extinct Nigerian languages

Name	Presumed affiliation
Aja	Chadic
Akpondu	Plateau
Auyokawa	Chadic
Basa-Gumna	Plateau
Basa-Kontagora	Plateau
Cen Tuum	Isolate
Kwacika	Plateau
Damakawa	Kainji
Lere cluster	Kainji
Nigbo	Plateau
Kere-Ziriya	Kainji
Sambuga	Kainji
Shira	Chadic
Sorko	Mande
Teshena	Chadic
Zeem-Tule	Chadic

3.8 Documentation status

Many languages have been classified with no reference to actual documentation. Where I can find no data all, then I have said so. It may be that a previous researcher had access to data, but if so no trace remains.

3.9 References

The References (Refs) section includes references to documents on the language, usually published or otherwise available. I have divided the references into a number of subcategories;

- Wordlist
- Grammar
- Dictionary
- Survey
- Ethnographic

The references should either be published or should be available for download on the internet.

4. Queries

4.1 Resolving Queries

The first edition of the Index of Nigerian Languages listed the following languages as extinct;

Ashaganna	Fali of Baissa	Shirawa
Auyokawa	Kpati	Taura
Bassa-Kontagora	Lufu	

Further investigations have established the status of some of these languages:

Ashaganna	no further data
Auyokawa	definitely extinct
Bassa-Kontagora	10 speakers alive in 1987, almost certainly now extinct
Fali of Baissa	Spoken by a few individuals on the Falinga Plateau in southern Taraba State. A fragmentary wordlist was recorded by Robert Koops in the early 1970s, suggesting that the language is clearly Benue-Congo, but its further affiliation is uncertain.
Kpati	no further data
Lufu	not extinct, see entry
Shirawa	extinct but a manuscript wordlist shows that it was a dialect of Bade
Taura	still extant: see entry and Shimizu (1982)

The following languages appear to have become extinct:

- Ajanci, a north Bauchi language, reported by Skinner (1977) (=Ajawa in the first edition)
- Akpondu, a language related to Alumu
- Basa-Gumna, a Basa lect, no competent speakers in 1987
- Buta-Ningi, an East Kainji language, Speakers were contacted by Ian Maddieson in 1975 but enquiries in 1990 revealed no remaining speakers
- Holma, a relative of Njanya, with 4 aged speakers in 1987

4.2 Unresolved Queries

Notes on Unresolved Queries in Editions 1 and 2.

Agalawa	A Hausa clan no distinct linguistic element
Ambo	Tivoid
Bakarawa	possibly a-Koor (see Kag cluster)
Bellawa	Now known from Schuh (1978) (see entry)
Buru	Bantoid language of the Baissa region
Cineni	A distinct language closely related to Gava-Guduf (Kraft 1981) now given an entry
Dazawa	Daza: a Chadic language of the Bole-Tangale group (Schuh 1978)
Ganawa	Northern Jos language (Shimizu 1982)
Jilbu	Fali of Jilvu
Jiriya	Ziriya (Shimizu 1982). Now extinct
Jubawa	=Jibawa, i.e. Jibu
Kofa	Language spoken near Sorau in Adamawa State related to Bata
Kolbila	Spoken only in Cameroun
Laka	=Kamuku Laka, Hausa-speaking Kamuku
Oruma	Inland Ijo. Listed as part of a cluster in earlier editions, but now treated as a separate language.
Purra	A cover term for the northern clans of the Yungur
Roma	A village in the Zuru area referred to in Rowlands (1962), whose inhabitants are the Adoma. Although the language spoken there today is Lela, the original language was presumably related to Gwamhi-Wuri (Regnier, p.c.)
Rumada	Generic term for former serfs of the Fulbe, no distinct linguistic identity
Shau	Northern Jos language (Shimizu 1982)
Subku	=Subtuu, a Yungur clan
Teshenawa	An extinct Chadic language
Wudufu	=Kariya Wudufu, i.e. Mburku
Wushishi	Probably Basa-Gumna
Yan	=Yang (town name), i.e. Lala
Yingilim	Not spoken in Nigeria
Yumu	Town name. Kambari spoken in the region

5. Data quality

One of the most problematic aspects of seeking out the literature on Nigerian languages is the poor quality of much of the work. It is extremely frustrating to eventually find an obscure document and then discover the data is so badly transcribed as to be effectively useless. There are rather extreme cases, such as the thesis on Lopa (ref) where the data appears to have been entirely invented. It is sometimes tempting to place a mark on a reference similar to those made clandestinely by doctors - 'Not to be resuscitated'. I have eschewed this temptation. The references for minor languages are as complete as possible, but it should not be considered that they are in any way endorsed by this publication. A particularly frustrating case is the publisher LINCOM Europa which publishes any manuscript submitted (apparently) without apparent quality control. Since its publications are quite expensive, the wary reader is encouraged to seek them out before ordering them for a library.

II. Understanding the data

1. Definition of a Language

The preparation of a listing of Nigerian languages inevitably begs the question of the definition of a language. The terms 'language' and 'dialect' have rather different meanings in informal speech from the more rigorous definitions that must be attempted by linguists. Dialect, in particular, is a somewhat pejorative term suggesting it is merely a local variant of a 'central' language. In linguistic terms, however, dialect is merely a regional, social or occupational variant of another speech-form. There is no presupposition about its importance or otherwise. Because of these problems, the more neutral term 'lect' is coming into increasing use to describe any type of distinctive speech-form.

However, the Index inevitably must have head entries and this involves selecting some terms from the thousands of names recorded and using them to cover a particular linguistic nucleus. In general, the choice of a particular lect name as a head-entry should ideally be made solely on linguistic grounds. In the first edition of the Index of Nigerian languages it was suggested that in the absence of absolute recognised criteria, mutual intelligibility, lexicostatistics and sociolinguistic factors would be needed to determine appropriate groupings of lects as languages and dialects.

As recognised then, the information about many of the languages listed in this index is too limited to actually make these sorts of judgment in a scientific way. Linguists have long recognised that lexicostatistical counts made 'cold', i.e. in the absence of information about the phonology of a language group, will inevitably be lower than those made by someone who has studied the sound correspondences. The idea that an arbitrary lexical cognate level of 80 per cent alone determines the boundary between language and dialect was not espoused. Other factors must be taken into consideration. Moreover, it has become clearer that lects can have high cognacy counts and still differ substantially. For example, the languages in the Yungur cluster have cognacy counts well above 80 per cent. However, a syntactic process that has caused some of them to switch from noun-class suffixes to prefix systems has had profound implications for sentence structure. As a result, to call these languages 'the same language' would be to stretch the usual meaning of these words to breaking point.

The choice of many of the head-entries must therefore rest on the judgment of individual linguists or the viewpoint of the speech communities and will not necessarily conform to a unitary standard. This should not be taken as a charter to give any lect the status of an individual language. One of the problems of a developing sense of ethnicity is that there is a tendency to over-emphasise (or deny) linguistic differences for political or administrative reasons. A linguistic atlas should as far as possible refrain from becoming entangled in local and regional politics and stay with the language data. Nonetheless, it should also be recognised that there is an element of self-fulfilling prophecy. A group of people that retains a strong sense of apartness must inevitably develop an image of this in their language, especially in cultural vocabulary.

One of the features of the first edition of the Index developed to characterise situations where there are groups of related languages was the 'language cluster' and 'dialect cluster'. Language cluster was defined as where together with sociolinguistic factors and the issue of mutual intelligibility 'the percentage of related words is not less than 70 per cent' and the figure of 80 per cent was adopted for dialect cluster. As suggested above, 'hard'

figures like this can be problematic, but the principle of not giving primacy to a particular speech-form is practical and also tactful. For the present version of the Index, the number of cluster members has been substantially expanded, and many lects, previously listed as dialects, have been reclassified as equal members of a cluster.

2. Language and ethnicity

Linguists trying to develop language classifications always warn about the dangers of confusing language and ethnic group distributions. These warnings are routinely disregarded by non-linguists since the language maps produced handily illustrate the distribution of ethnic groups. Indeed, it would be disingenuous to claim that there are no general correspondences between language and ethnic distribution, especially in the case of minority groups. However, it must be emphasized that the social definition of an ethnic group has many aspects, of which language is just one. The following examples illustrate the wide range of variation that can occur;

1. Fulbe /Fulani. The Fulbe people presumably originally came to Nigeria as pastoral nomads and many of them still pursue this occupation today. The language of the Fulbe is Fulfulde (Pulaar in regions west of Nigeria) although not all Fulbe still speak this language. They are divided into a complex nexus of inter-related clans, *leyŷi*, which are kinship-based units. Speakers usually claim that the clan of a speaker can be known from the way they speak, but this is only true when the speaker is also resident in the same geographical area. Broadly speaking, Fulfulde has developed regional dialects, notably in Sokoto and Adamawa. However, these have no distinct boundaries, as would be expected from mobile populations; populations entering a new geographical region must accommodate regional peculiarities with the speech of their 'home' clan. Nonetheless, the differences at extreme ends of the dialect chain are enough to make western Sokoto speech incomprehensible to Fulbe from Adamawa.

Distinctions are equally strong between urban and pastoral Fulbe, between the Fulbe wuro and the Fulbe na'i. An urban speech lect has developed among the town Fulbe in Yola and adjacent centres in Cameroun, which is syntactically and lexically distinct from rural speech forms. In this case, there is an asymmetric relationship between the town and country, as urban Fulbe have difficulty understanding rural Fulbe speaking among themselves, but the rural groups are fluent in the speech of the towns.

Apart from these distinctions, many Fulbe no longer speak Fulfulde. For at least two centuries, Fulbe have been settling in both the towns and rural regions of Hausaland and other parts of Northern Nigeria. Their gradual assimilation into the local community has led them to drop Fulfulde in favour of Hausa and to adopt external features of Hausa society in terms of dress and other customs. However, they retain the ethnic label 'Fulani' and social distinctions are still made between individuals on this basis, regardless of the linguistic homogeneity.

3. Reclassification of Languages

3.1 Overview

Language classification in Nigerian Niger-Congo languages remains in flux. The second edition of the Index (Crozier & Blench 1992) used the classification in 'The Niger-Congo languages' (Bendor-Samuel 1989) which meant that 'Eastern Kwa' (i.e. languages such as Yoruba and Igbo) were merged into (New) Benue-Congo. In crude terms, the 'red' areas of the first map were now simply considered part of the blue. Kwa is retained for the former Western Kwa and the only languages that fall into this category are Gun and Aja. Ijò and its related single language Defaka, have been excluded from either group and are now recognised to constitute a distinct branch of Niger-Congo. 'New' Benue-Congo has now been effectively dropped and the division proposed by Greenberg re-instated. However, the unity of Kwa is questioned by many and it seems most likely that the 'Eastern Kwa' of Nigeria forms a branch of Niger-Congo, together with the Gbe languages (i.e. Ewe, Gun). All these languages have undergone major reeduction of the nominal affix systems and appear to form a coherent group. This group is provisionally named 'Volta-Niger'. Much more is known about minority languages such as Akpes, Akokoid and Ahan, but their position is still uncertain. They are presently treated as independent branches of Volta-Niger.

Nigeria then encompasses three of Africa's four language phyla, Niger-Congo, Afroasiatic and Nilo-Saharan. The branches presently include;

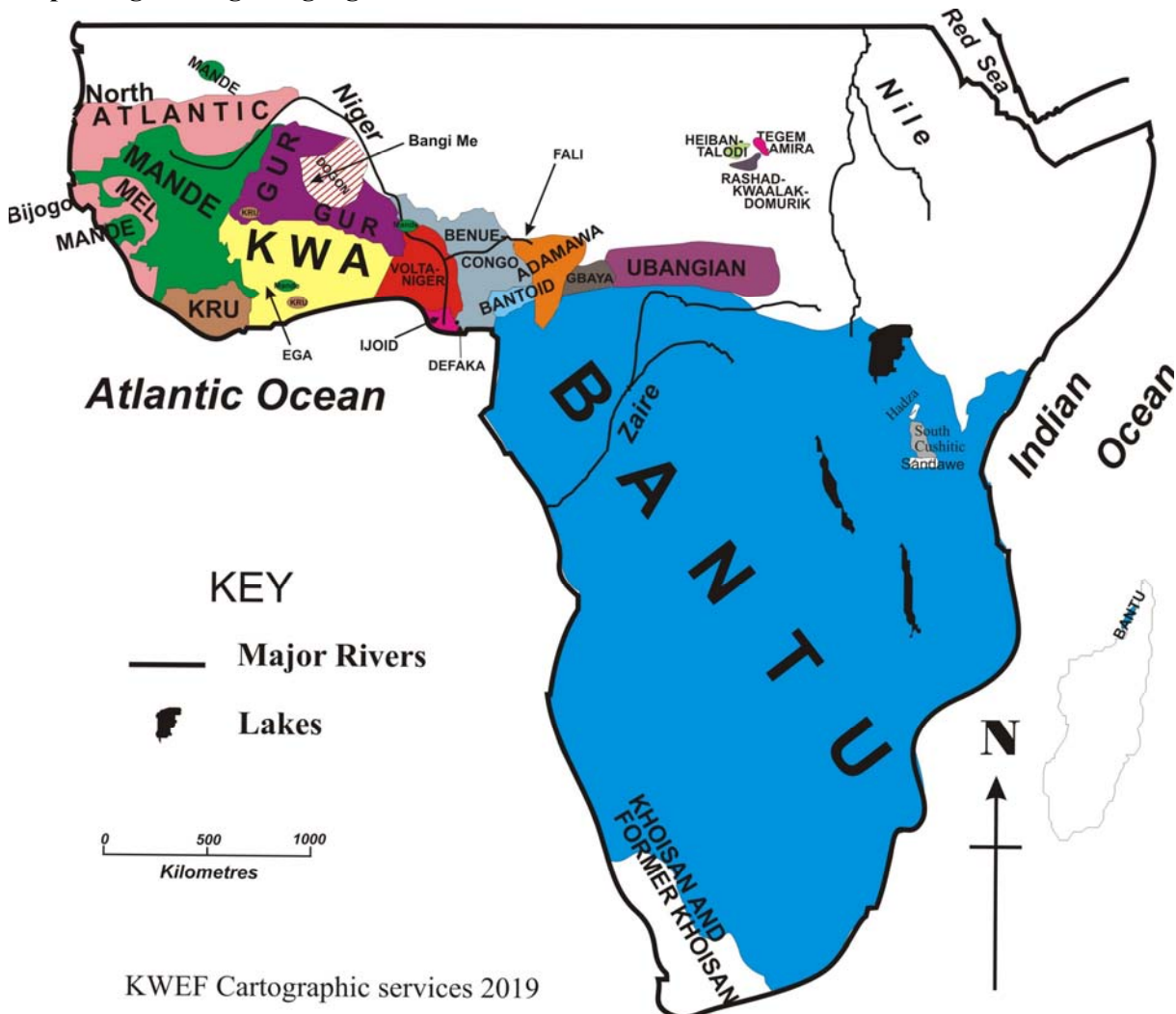
Niger-Congo	Mande, Atlantic, Ijoid, Gur, Adamawa, Gbaya, Volta-Niger, Benue-Congo
Afroasiatic	Semitic, Berber, Chadic
Nilo-Saharan	Songhay, Saharan

One of Africa’s rare isolates, the moribund Jala, is also found in Nigeria. Nigeria thus represents a remarkable crossroads of African languages. The following sections are intended to summarise the classification of individual branches.

3.2 Niger-Congo

Niger-Congo has more languages than any other in the world and it occupies a greater land area than any other African phylum. It includes the well-known Bantu languages, which spread over nearly all of Eastern and Southern Africa, although they are only a sub-branch of Niger-Congo. Map 1 shows the present-day distribution of Niger-Congo languages. If compared with Nilo-Saharan, one difference is immediately apparent. Niger-Congo languages form large territorial blocks with much less of the fragmentation and geographical isolation characteristic of Nilo-Saharan. Typically, this suggests both more recent expansions and the gradual spread of more sedentary populations colonising areally rather than moving rapidly along line features such as waterways. Nonetheless, Niger-Congo has its own perplexing problems; why should Bantu have covered such a large area and how is it that the Kordofanian languages are isolated from the remainder by a large stretch of Nilo-Saharan speakers?

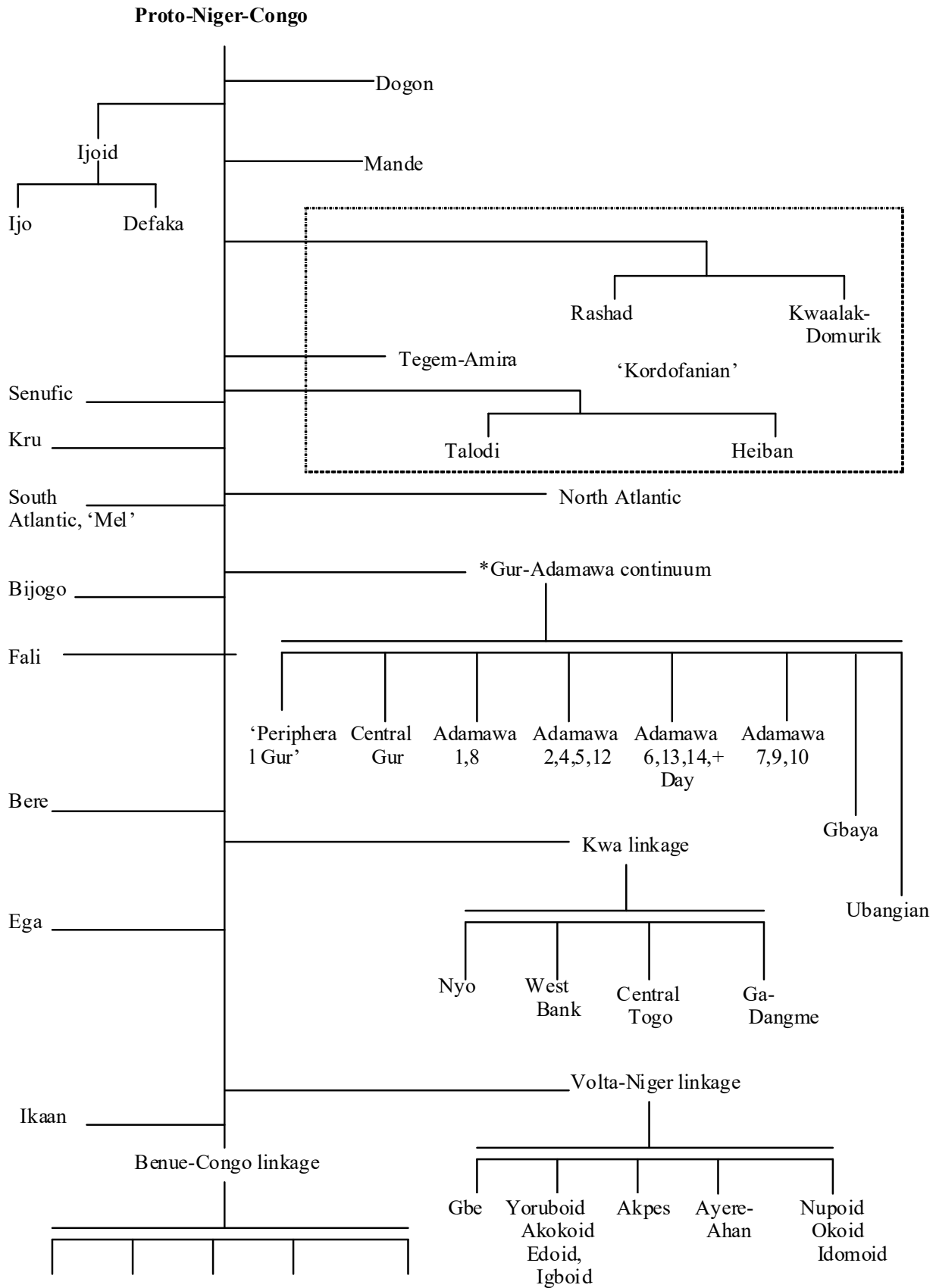
Map 1. Niger-Congo languages



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Making a tree of Niger-Congo is no simple task; Niger-Congo has the largest number of languages of any phylum in the world and is far more internally diverse than Austronesian, its nearest counterpart. Formerly accepted groups such as Kordofanian, Kwa and Atlantic have been split into individual branches, which may be independent. There are also clearly isolates, which have no place with established families. No branches of Niger-Congo have a set of generally accepted reconstructions, with even Bantu under attack. Under these circumstances, any tree is likely to be controversial. Nonetheless, it is essential to understanding early Niger-Congo that we model its internal structure, and with suitable caveats, this is presented in Figure 1.

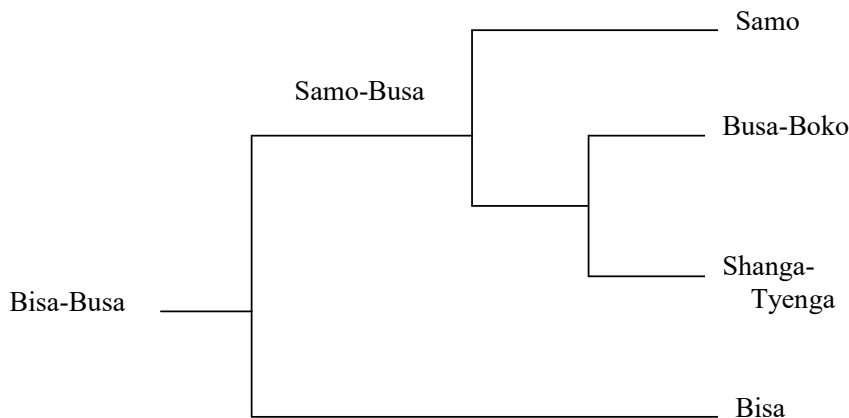
Figure 1. Niger-Congo restructured



3.2.1 Mande

The Mande languages in Nigeria are all part of the Southeastern Branch. The core areas of Mande are much further west, so this is the extreme eastern branch. Its nearest relatives are the Samo languages and Bisa, found in Burkina Faso. Figure 2 shows the place of Nigerian Mande languages in the larger Mande family.

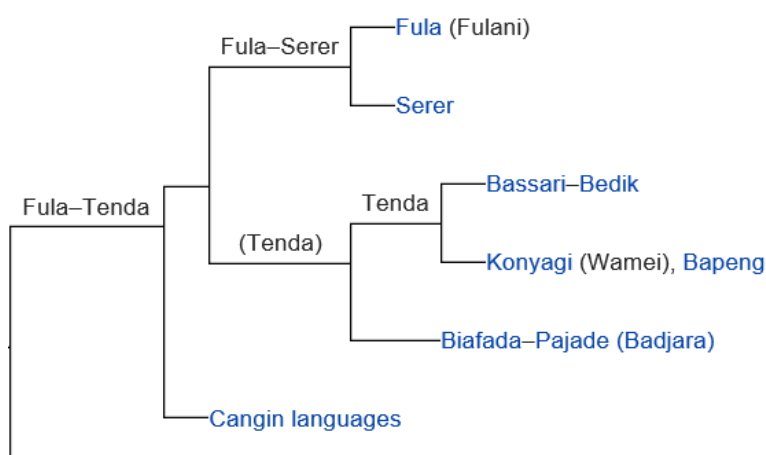
Figure 2. Place of Nigerian Mande languages



3.2.2 Atlantic

The only Atlantic language in Nigeria is Fulfulde, the language of the mobile pastoralists, the Fulbe. The nearest relatives of Fulfulde are Sereer and Wolof, in Senegambia. More generally, Fulfulde is part of North Atlantic. Many doubts have been raised about the unity of Atlantic languages in recent years, but North Atlantic or Senegambian is likely to be a coherent group. Figure 3 shows one possible model of the place of Fulfulde, which has it closest to the Tenda languages.

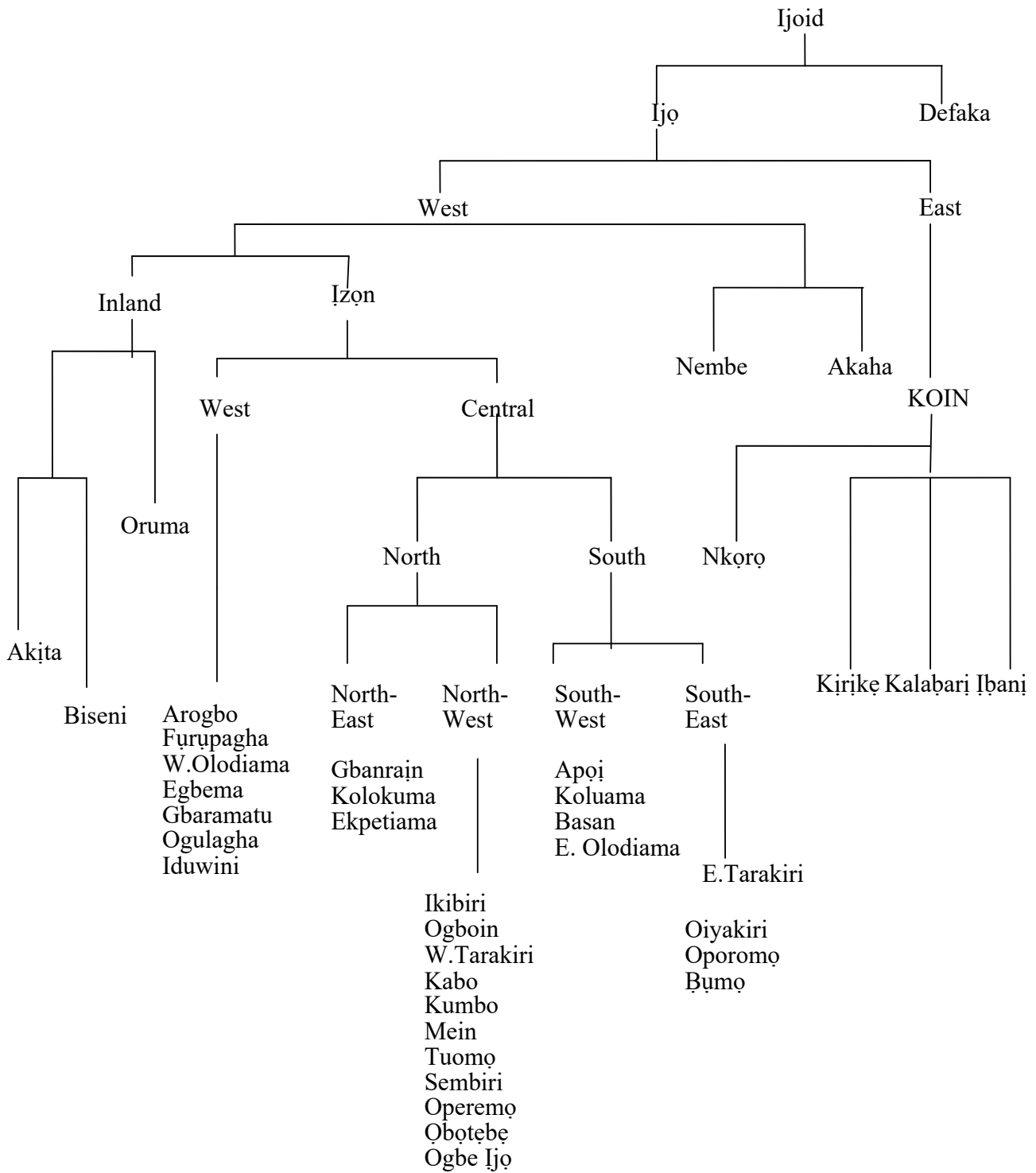
Figure 3. Place of Nigerian Fulfulde within Atlantic



3.2.3 Ijoid

The Ijò languages are now definitely considered a high-level branch of Niger-Congo, quite distinct from the languages that surround them. Ijoid is used to denote Ijò plus Defaka, a highly endangered language spoken in the eastern Delta. Ijoid is spoken entirely within Nigeria. The most recent tree is shown in Figure 4;

Figure 4. Revised genetic tree for Ijọ



3.2.4 Gur

Nigeria is extremely marginal to the Gur-speaking area, with only the Baatonun language spoken within its boundaries. Baatonun is an outlier in Gur, not closely affiliated to core families such as Oti-Volta and Gurunsi.

3.2.5 Adamawa

The Adamawa languages of Nigeria show considerable similarities to Eastern Gur and Kleinwillinghöfer has argued there is no linguistic boundary between the two families. The Adamawa website has a valuable summary

as well as maps of much of the existing information about Adamawa in Nigeria. There is virtually no structure to the Adamawa languages, which consist of a large number of independent branches. The easternmost families are split between Nigeria and Cameroun.

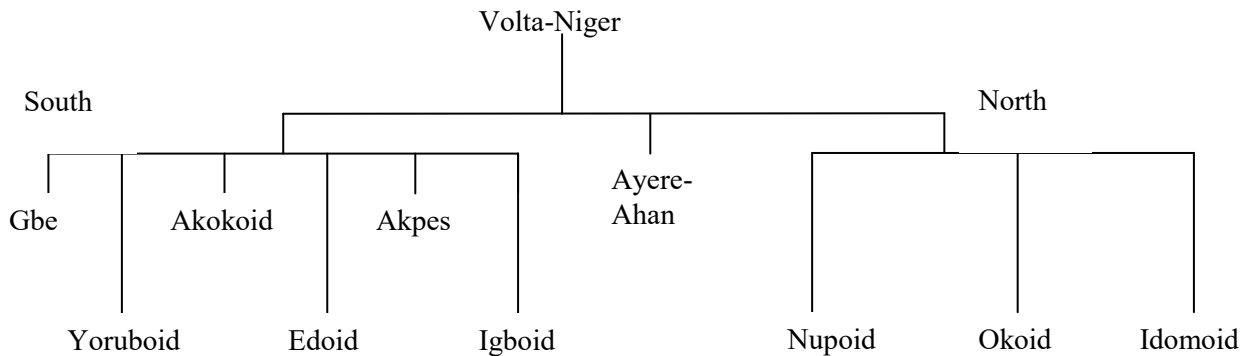
3.2.6 Gbaya

Gbaya has formerly been treated as part of Ubangian, following Greenberg (Moñino 1988). However, the arguments for this are weak, and it is more likely that it constitutes part of an array which includes both Gur-Adamawa and the other Ubangian languages, as shown on the Niger-Congo tree (Figure 1). Gbaya is only represented very marginally in Nigeria and its main body of speakers are found in Cameroun and RCA.

3.2.7 Volta-Niger

The Volta-Niger languages are the newly named ‘Eastern Kwa’ plus the Gbe cluster. They constitute virtually all the languages of SW Nigeria and are probably broadly equal to Chadic in numerical terms. Figure 5 shows the ‘tree’ for Volta-Niger, although at present, all language subgroups are on an equal basis, with no obvious nesting.

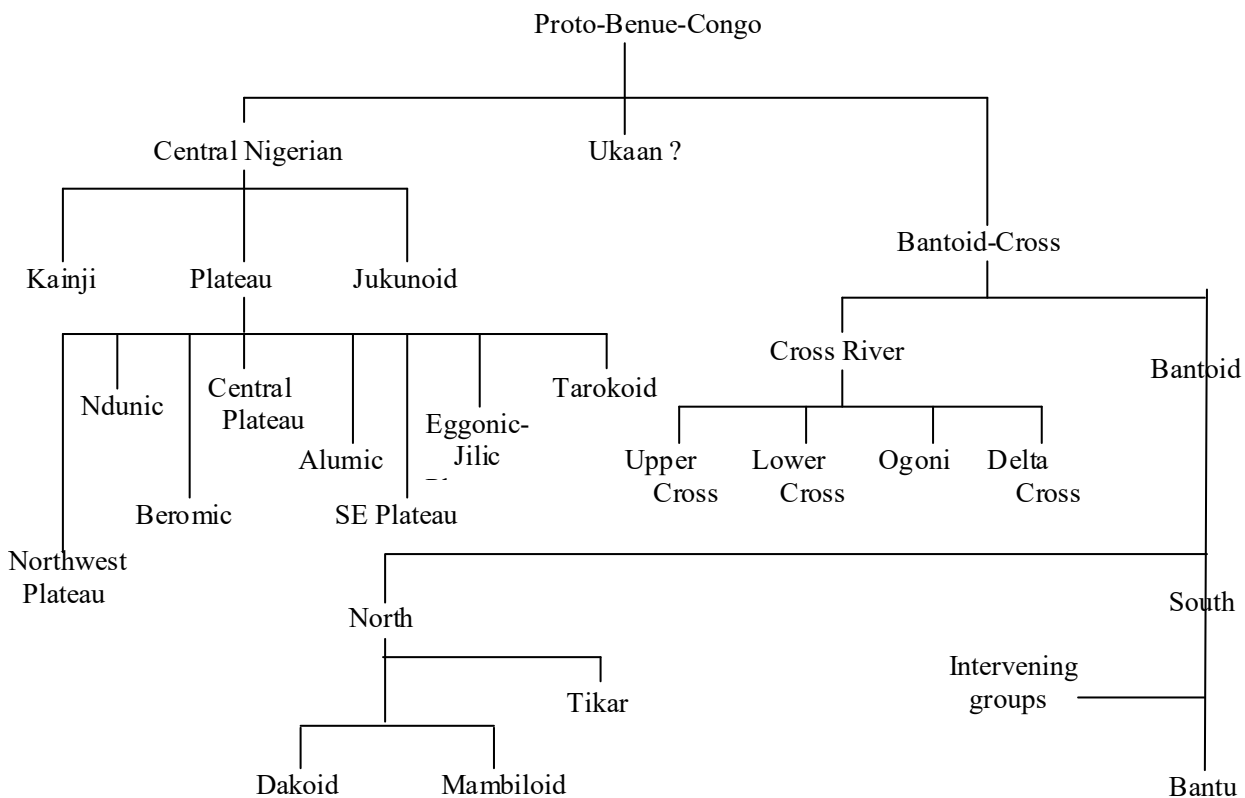
Figure 5 . The Volta-Niger languages



3.2.8 Benue-Congo

Bantoid and Bantu represent nested subsets of Benue-Congo, a large and complex group of languages, whose exact membership remains disputed. Originating with Westermann’s (1927) *Benue-Cross-Fluss*, it took shape in Greenberg (1963), Williamson (1971) and De Wolf (1971). Benue-Congo was introduced by Greenberg (1963) and Ukaan, a small cluster of languages spoken southwest of the Niger-Benue Confluence may be part of it. Figure 6 provides a revised subclassification of Benue-Congo languages;

Figure 6. Revised subclassification of Benue-Congo languages



Bendi, previously considered part of Cross River, has been shifted to Bantoid, a change of affiliation proposed by Blench (2010).

Benue-Congo is of considerable importance for the understanding of Bantoid, because some languages exhibit features which resurface in Bantu, but which are only attested in fragmentary form or not all in Bantoid. However, the Kainji languages in northwest Nigeria show striking evidence for Bantu-like systems (or more accurately, Bantu retains Kainji-like systems). The conclusion must be that these have to be reconstructed back to this level, and that therefore they must have been present in early Bantoid.

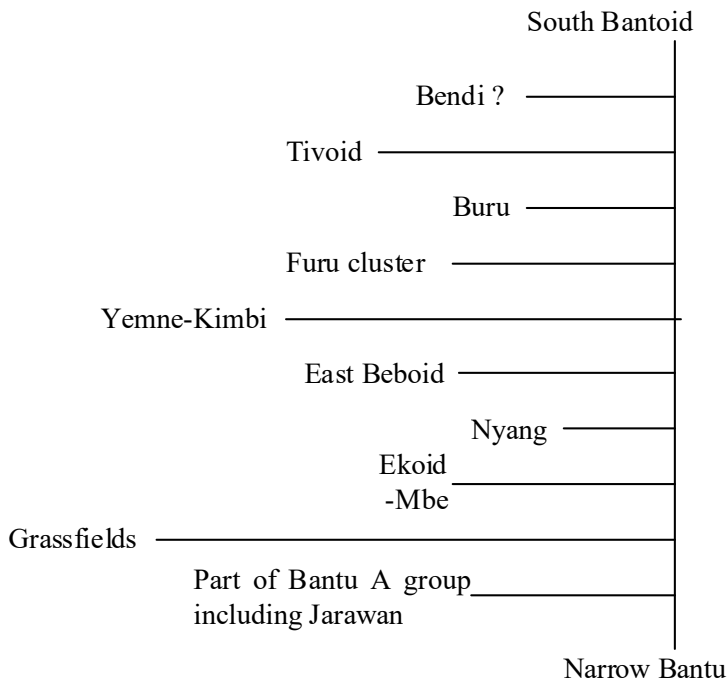
Similarly with noun-classes, Kainji languages show more complete systems than elsewhere in Benue-Congo. These languages have alternating prefixes with alliterative concord and semantic correlates, although no languages show quite the baroque complexity of Bantu. Evidence for many Bantoid languages suggests that noun-classes can be radically restructured, to the point where the correspondences with Bantu are difficult to discern (e.g. Tikar). The likely conclusion is that early Bantoid had a noun-class system, but that it was relatively simple, and that it has gradually evolved through re-analysis and class-splitting to the complex systems found in Bantu today. Languages with no traces of such a system, *must* have lost it, despite a lack of segmental evidence for this.

Within Benue-Congo the most distinctive feature has been the ramification of sub-groups. The now standard view (Williamson 1989) divides Benue-Congo into twelve branches without proposing higher-order linkages. Blench (1989) constitutes one proposal for the internal classification of Benue-Congo but it is clear that much work remains to be done before the situation is clarified.

Figure 6 shows the subgroups that ‘stand between’ Eastern Benue-Congo and Narrow Bantu. The languages represented are very numerous (>200) and also highly diverse morphologically. It seems likely that new languages are yet to be discovered and more work in historical reconstruction will improve our understanding of how these languages relate to one another. In the absence of more extensive historical linguistics it is assumed individual groups split away from a common stem, and developed their own characteristics. The order

in which this took place remains controversial, and will take considerable further work to resolve in a satisfying manner. A proposal is presented in Figure 7;

Figure 7. Proposal for the divergence of Bantoid languages

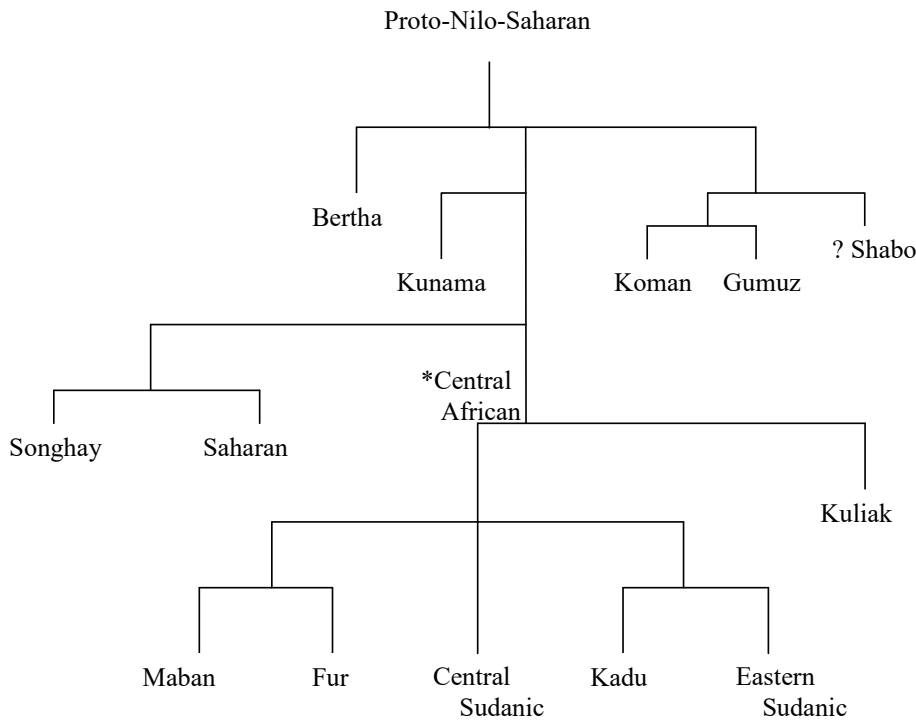


Blench (2019)

3.3 Nilo-Saharan

Nilo-Saharan may well be the most ancient of the large African language phyla and it is one of the most controversial, with membership of particular branches questioned in different sources (e.g. Dimmendaal 2011). However, on the assumption that it is a coherent phylum, Figure 8 shows a tentative model of its internal structure.

Figure 8. A proposal for the structure of Nilo-Saharan

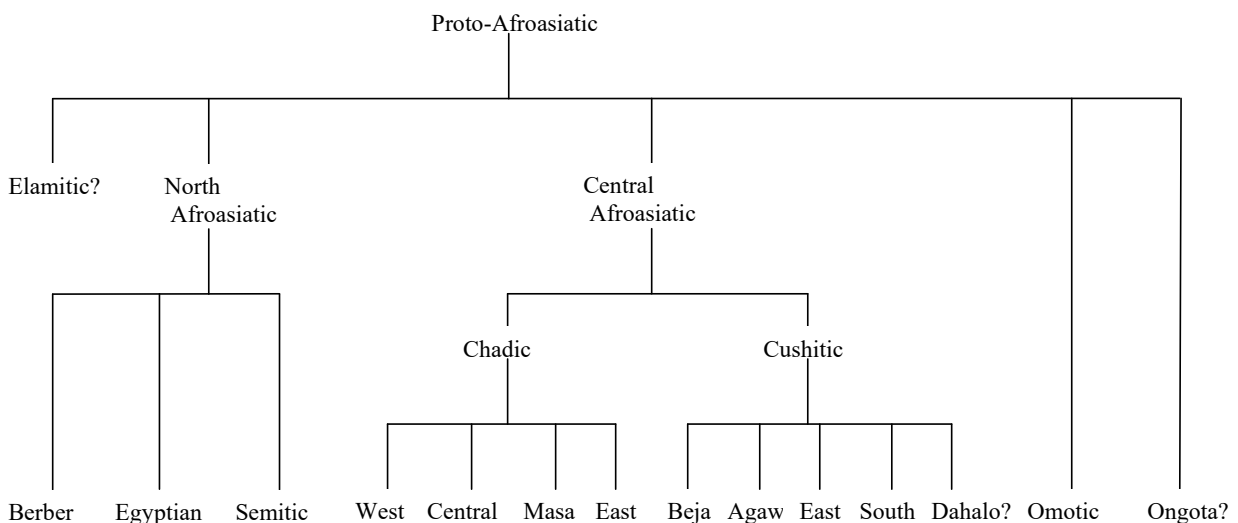


Only the Songhay and Saharan branches have substantial representation in Nigeria, although the recent discovery of a small community of Central Sudanic speakers (related to Kaba, a Sara language) represents a third branch.

3.4 Afroasiatic

The Afroasiatic languages are one of the major phyla globally, largely due to the extension of Arabic. Within Nigeria, the main representatives of Afroasiatic are the West and Central Chadic languages. However, the presence of Arabic and Berber-speaking Tuareg means that Semitic and Berber are also represented. The internal structure of Afroasiatic is controversial, but a compromise ‘tree’ is shown in Figure 9.

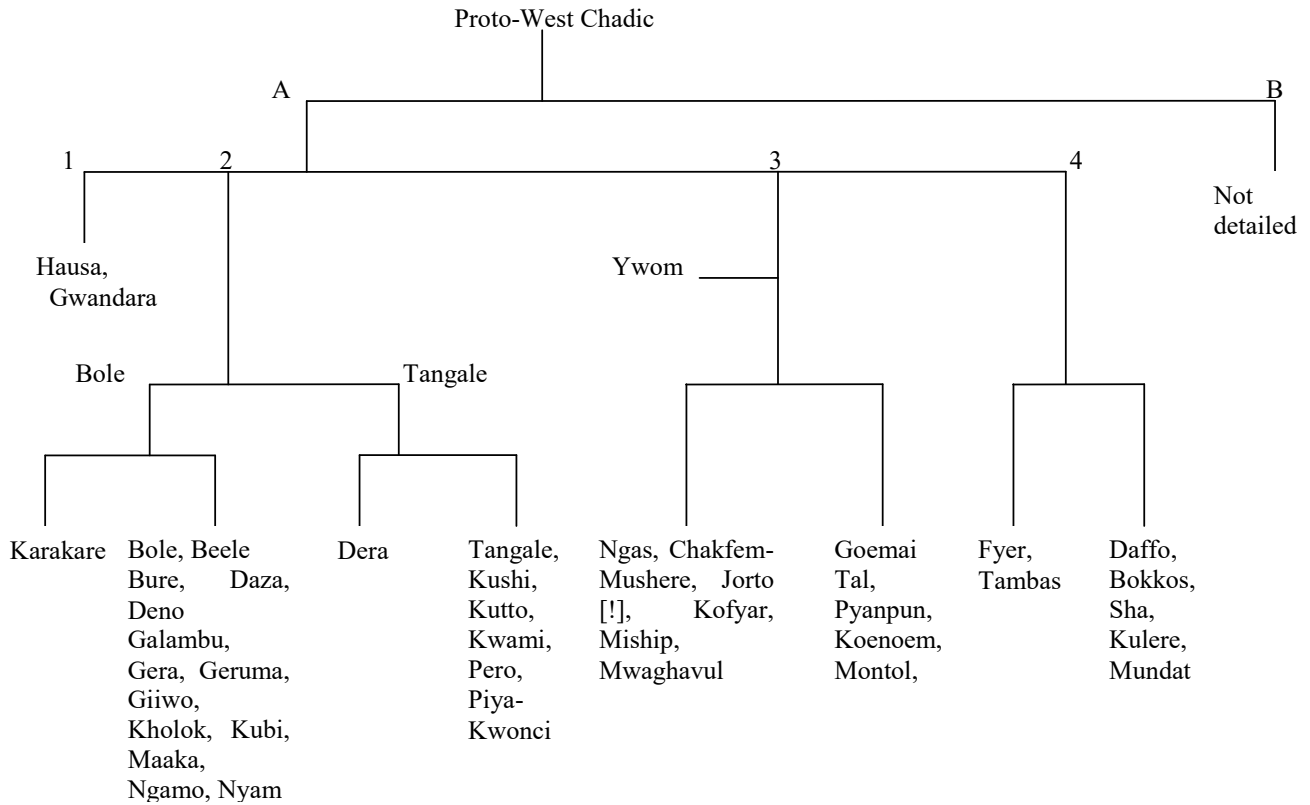
Figure 9. A proposed internal structure for Afroasiatic languages



Source: Blench (2006)

Nigeria could be said to be the home of Chadic, where the majority of its languages are spoken. The internal structure of Chadic is usually considered to be as in . Classification of Chadic goes back to Newman (1977); although this has been questioned over the years, no convincing alternative model has yet been proposed. West Chadic is confined to Nigeria, with the exception of Hausa outliers, and Central Chadic is split between Nigeria and Cameroon. The structure attributed to West Chadic is as shown in Figure 10;

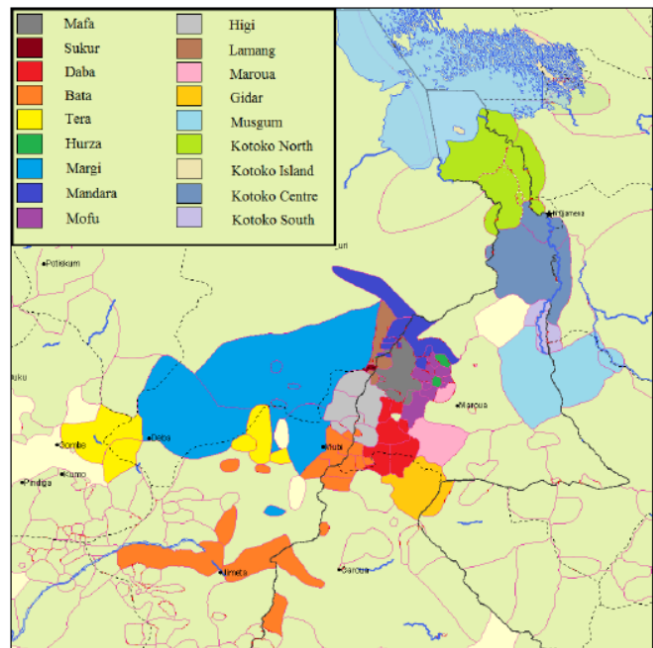
Figure 10. Classification of the West Chadic languages: received view



Source: Updated from Newman (1977)

Central Chadic has been studied in some detail by Gravina (2015) and the model he presents of its internal structure is as in Figure 11. Map 2 shows the distribution of Central Chadic languages.

Map 2. Central Chadic languages



Source: Gravina (2015)

Figure 11. Classification of Central Chadic

Sub-branch	Major Group	Group	Subgroup	Language	
South	(Mafa-Sukur-Daba)	Mafa		Mafa, Mefeke, Cuvok	
		Sukur		Sukur	
		Daba	Daba	Daba	Daba, Maza gway Hidi
			Mina		Mina, Mbudum
			Euwal		Euwal, Gavar
	Bata	Bata Proper	Bata	Bachama, Bata, Fali, Gude, Gudu, Holma, Jimi, Ngwaba, Nzanyi, Sharwa	
		Tsuwan		Tsuwan, Zizilivakan	
	Tera	East		Boga, Ga'anda, Hwana Jara, Tera	
	Hurza		Hurza	Vame, Mbuko	
	North	Margi-Mandara-Mofu	Margi	Eura	Eura, Cibak, Kofa, Futai, Nggwahyi
Margi				Kilba, Margi South, Margi	
Mandara			Wandala	Mandara, (Malgwa)	
			Glavda	Cineni, D ghwede, Guduf, Gava, Glavda, Gvoko	
			Podoko	Podoko, Matal	
Mofu			Tokombere	Ouldeme, Mada, Muyang, Moloko	
			Meri	Zulgo, (Gemzek), Merey, Dugwor	
		Mofu	Mofu North, Mofu-Gudur		
Higi			Bana, Hya, P sikye, Kamwe		
Lamang			Lamang, Hdi, Mabas		
Maroua			Giziga North, Giziga South, Mbazla		
Gidar			Gidar		
Musgum-North Kotoko		Musgum		Musgum, Mbara, Muskum	
		Kotoko North		Mpade, Afade, Malgbe, Maltam	
		Kotoko Island		Buduma	
	Kotoko Centre		Lagwan, Mser		
	Kotoko South		Zina, Mazera		

Source: Gravina (2015)

3.5 Isolates

Nigeria has only known isolate (i.e. a language with no known relatives) which is Jalaa or Cen Tuum, spoken among the Dijim in Gombe State. The only information on this language is from the work of Ulrich Keinwillinghöfer (200x). Recent research suggests that this language is now moribund or extinct.

3.6 Naming of subgroups

As the pattern of previously little-known language groups gradually becomes clearer, new names will be proposed and some adopted. The author has been particularly active in the area of Plateau and is responsible for the first records of many languages, or else for extended wordlists. As subgroups have become delineated, so names that reflect their linguistic features or other aspects become appropriate. Following a series of publications, the following names have been adopted.

Beromic	Plateau 2
Ninzic	Plateau 4

A number of subgroups whose membership has at best been uncertain are now given names to reflect this. For example, the 'Jaba cluster' is now renamed Hyamic, and the various languages falling under the label Koro are now renamed the Koro cluster. No doubt not all of these will survive, but classification is an ongoing process and affected by political and social considerations.

4. Changes in Language Distribution

Languages are spoken by people and in a developing society such as Nigeria change is a constant feature of human populations. The most common source of change is migration.

4.1 Rural-Rural Migration and language distribution

One result of the increasing human population of Nigeria is pressure on farmland and the consequent urge to migrate to less densely populated regions. This process has probably always occurred but it has been boosted by the ready availability of roads, transport and other communications. As a result, farmers can assess other regions of the country for their agricultural potential and may move their villages wholesale. The Zarma populations southeast of Lake Kainji resulted from a transplanting of Zarma villages in the northwest to the region north of Mokwa in the early 1980s.

4.2 Rural-Urban Migration and language distribution

Cities by their very nature attract polyglot mixtures of ethnic groups. Even in the pre-colonial era, major cities such as Kano and Lagos had quarters for non-indigenous peoples such as the Nupe. However, the growth of cities during the twentieth century has accentuated this trend dramatically and the oil-wealth of Nigeria has permitted an urban expansion hardly paralleled elsewhere in Africa.

4.3 Languages spoken by refugees

Nigeria is perhaps not usually considered a country as a recipient of refugees, but the situation has changed in the light of the crisis in Western Cameroun. Since the crackdown on insurgent groups and the rise of the 'Ambazonia' movement, there have been significant numbers of communities fleeing the Grassfields region. These have been coming as far as Benue State in Nigeria, as well as in the Cross River area. What languages may be spoken by these refugees, and whether their change of location is permanent is so far unknown.

4.4 Languages spoken by pastoralists

One of the most problematic aspects of representing languages on maps with fixed boundaries is the case of pastoral societies. Pastoralists move with their herds, carrying their language with them and interpenetrate settled communities. The most well known are the Fulbe but there are many other groups, especially in northeastern Nigeria, such as the Jetko, Koyam, Teda, Shuwa and Yedina. Some nomadic pastoralists, such as the Uled Suliman and the Twareg, only enter Nigeria in the dry season, returning to the Republic of Niger during the rains. Obviously the movements of such peoples cannot be captured on a single map and sketches to show the migratory circuits of some pastoral groups have been added. It should be noted, however, that these are at best schematic. Pastoral peoples are by the nature of their life-style, flexible and liable to change their movements. They could therefore expand into new regions or withdraw from them very rapidly. The maps therefore only represent the situation recorded in 1990 and should be regarded as subject to change.

Civil insecurity in Northeast Nigeria has radically changed the distribution of pastoralists in this region. Since 2009, when the Boko Haram insurgency took off, FulBe, Shuwa and Koyam have all been driven out of the region. Those whose herds were stolen have often ended up in the refugee camps outside Maiduguri. We know

that many FulBe have fled south and west into the Nigerian Middle Belt. Shuwa who have escaped are now largely in Chad. Little is known about the secretive Koyam. Peace and security may be a long time coming to this region and it likely the language distribution will be significantly different from the previous situation.

4.5 Regions of mixed population

One of the most problematic aspects of representing languages is regions of mixed population. Populations often form linguistically homogeneous zones, especially with the more widespread languages. Elsewhere, communities develop networks of interdependence that create interlocking communities and thus intertwined languages. A notable example of this is the region immediately northeast of the Niger-Benue confluence, where Gbari, Epira and Basa villages co-exist. Many large settlements have wards representing the three major groups. These are marked as together in single polygon, but an approximate border is shown where one group begins to dominate. This cartographic convention should be taken as only a schematic representation of reality.

4.6 Distribution of second languages

The use of second languages for communication and in administration was well-established in pre-colonial Nigeria and has further expanded as the diversity of migrations has required the development of *linguae francae*. The most notable languages used in this way are English, Pidgin, Hausa, Kanuri, Fulfulde, Yoruba, Igbo and Efik. Some of these are expanding, such as Hausa and Yoruba and others are in decline, notably Kanuri and Efik.

4.7 Language endangerment and death

Since this enterprise began, interest in language endangerment has become a highly significant topic, although this has not necessarily led to significantly more documentary work being undertaken on endangered languages in Nigeria. Nonetheless, a category of degree of endangerment has been introduced and information provided where recent sociolinguistic data is available. The following data compares Nigeria with the other countries of West Africa.

‘Declining’ and ‘moribund’ are categories to try and capture languages that are apparently in decline despite having a viable number of speakers. The assumption is that there are many more languages of this type. The availability of information is extremely uneven, so the data was further analysed by country, as shown in Table 3. This illustrates yet again Nigeria’s exceptional situation; its languages are less-known than any other country even in percentage terms.

Table 3. Distribution of languages with no status data by country

Country	Total languages	No Data	% No data
Niger	11	0	0.0
Togo	39	0	0.0
Sierra Leone	21	1	4.8
Mali	26	2	7.7
Senegal	35	4	11.4
Guinea-Bissau	21	3	14.3
Ghana	66	10	15.2
Liberia	32	5	15.6
Mauretania	5	1	20.0
Burkina Faso	68	16	23.5
Côte d’Ivoire	76	18	23.7
Gambia	19	5	26.3
Guinea	27	8	29.6
Benin	50	16	32.0
Nigeria	550	231	42.0
Total and Mean	1050	320	30.5

The explanation for this is actually quite simple; all other West African countries have had a fairly active programme of language survey conducted either by the French research establishment or by the SIL. In Nigeria, since the virtual cessation of SIL activities in 1976, very limited further survey work was conducted.

4.8 Pattern of language endangerment

In general, West African languages are in a healthy state. Compared to Eastern and Southern Africa, only a few languages are disappearing. The clear contrast with East Africa which almost certainly reflects the dominance of smallholder farming systems. A lack of mobility and a relative inflexibility in reinventing subsistence strategies tends to conserve language and maintain classic patterns of diversification such as areal spread and dialect chains. Language endangerment in West Africa generally through language shift, which usually reflects the rise of a dominant culture, formerly military, but often nowadays commercial or religious. This is particularly the case with Islam; conversion to Islam was historically associated with the rise of highly militarised cultures and indeed the slave trade. Thus, Hausa, Arabic, Mandinka, Bambara, Fulfulde and Kanuri have all been associated with aggressive expansionism and the forcible conversion of enslaved peoples. In the colonial era, the convenience of these languages was such that they were frequently adopted as secondary languages of communication. Promoted by the administration they became ever more the vehicle of assimilatory forces pressing on minority languages.

Box 1 illustrates the case of Yangkam, a language of Central Nigeria that is severely endangered because the association of its people with Islamic expansion during the nineteenth century.

Box 1. The case of Yangkam

The Yangkam people live in a region west of Bashar town, on the Amper-Bashar road, in Plateau State, Central Nigeria. They are known as 'Bashar' or 'Basherawa' (the Hausaised name for the people) in almost all the literature (Greenberg 1963; Crozier & Blench 1992). The correct name of the Bashar language and people is Yàṅkàm, plural aYàṅkam. Crozier and Blench 1992) give a figure of 20,000 speakers of the language located in and around Bashar town, some 50 km east of Amper on the Muri road. This estimate turned out to be entirely erroneous. The Yangkam people were heavily affected by nineteenth century slave raids, perhaps by the Jukun as well as the Hausa. They converted to Islam and a relatively powerful centre was established at Bashar. At the same time they began to switch to speaking Hausa, while still retaining strongly their Bashar identity. In the region of Bashar town in 1997, there were just two old men who remain reasonably fluent in the language, in the village of Yuli, some 15 km northwest of Bashar. However, it turns out that at the time of the raids, the population split into two and another group sought refuge in Tukur. Yangkam is spoken in some four villages, Tukur, Bayar, Pyaksam and Kiram. However, even here Yangkam is only spoken by people over fifty and all the young people speak Hausa. There seems to be no likelihood that Yangkam will be maintained as speakers are quite content with the switch to Hausa. The local estimate of the number of fluent speakers is 400, and falling every year. There are many hamlets around Bashar town in Wase local Government whose populations are ethnically Yangkam but who no longer speak the language.

Yangkam is something of a paradox; members of the ethnic group are very proud of their history and identity, but do not associate that with retention of the language. Hausa is not spoken as a first language by any populations nearby and Bashar is today well-off major routes for long-distance trade. A typescript of the history of Bashar circulates in the district, larded with non-Hausa names and words but Yangkam do not draw the conclusion that there is any link between this identity and the language they formerly spoke. Although Yangkam has nearly disappeared as a language, the populations who formerly spoke it are likely to retain Basherawa and Basheranci as their name for the people and language as long as they retain a separate identity.

Source: Author's unpublished fieldwork

Not all large vehicular languages were the products of Islamisation; Moore, Yoruba, Efik/Ibibio, Akan and Wolof seem to have expanded, often in a military context, but prior to or unrelated to Islam. Interestingly, these languages have been less successful in the post-colonial phase of cultural expansion, suggesting that the transition to a trade language was less successful than, say, Hausa or Bambara. Islam, as also Christianity, has always had long-distance trade as a second arrow in its quiver, when the impetus for military conquest was exhausted. This made languages with a prior embedded trade vocabulary highly suitable to the colonial administrators. Less commerce-oriented languages made more limited inroads in an era of relative peace.

Interestingly, the apparent preconditions for language death set up negative expectations that turn out to be unnecessarily pessimistic. Surveys of Plateau languages 1993-1999 showed that in almost every case, even languages with relatively small numbers of speakers appeared to be flourishing, rather against expectation. Box 2 gives an example of two related languages from the Mambiloid family which might appear prime candidates for endangerment which appear to be thriving.

Box 2. Mvanip and Ndunda

Meek (1931) gives a short wordlist of a language he calls Magu, spoken at Zongo Ajiya in the northwest of the Mambila Plateau in southeastern Nigeria. While undoubtedly a Mambiloid language, it seems to be distinct from Mambila proper. In: Crozier & Blench 1992) the population is given as 'less than 10,000' and called 'Mvano'. Following a field visit in 1999 we ascertained how incorrect this information was. The Mvanip people are only 100 (chief's estimate) consisting of a few households in one quarter of Zongo Ajiya. Almost all individuals seemed to be fluent in the other languages of Zongo Ajiya, Fulfulde, Mambila and Ndoro. Despite this, the language seems to be alive –the Jauro assured us that all the children still speak it, and we observed this to be true. A long wordlist was taped and there is no doubt this is the same language given in Meek as Magu.

When we asked for the language closest to Mvanip, to our surprise, we were given the name of the Ndunda people. Ndunda is a village some 5km. from Yerimaru, past Kakara on the tea estate road south of Zongo Ajiya. And indeed, there are a people and language of this name whose existence seems so far to have entirely eluded the reference books. Their language resembles Mvanip but the two are sufficiently distinct as to be regarded as separate languages. There are probably 3-400 speakers of Ndunda. The language is also alive and well although the Ndunda settlement is much more ethnically homogeneous than Zongo Ajiya.

Mvanip and Ndunda would appear to be prime candidates for language loss. Their numbers are very small, and the populations live in close proximity to prestigious and numerically dominant languages associated with Islam. However, they seem to have developed a situation of stable multilingualism and religious synthesis that allows them to conserve their traditions without seeming anomalous to outsiders. In: contrast to the Yangkam (see Box 1) the Mambila Plateau is off major trade routes and remains highly inaccessible even in modern Nigeria.

Blench & Connell, survey notes 1999

Acknowledgments

An enterprise such as the Atlas of Nigerian Languages is above all a co-operative enterprise. It depends on scholars making available advance copies of field materials and local enthusiasts willing to assist in the plotting of language distribution and discussion of dialect and intelligibility issues.

Table 4 below may be said to constitute major acknowledgments, that is scholars who have contributed substantially to improved knowledge of language distribution in unpublished communications. The acknowledgments given in the introduction to the first edition are not repeated here, but the author would like to thank those earlier contributors for their work. New maps of published materials are included in the bibliography and are therefore not referred to here.

Table 4. Individuals contributing information on particular languages

Name	Region or Language(s)
Apollos Agamalafiya	Reshe
Katy Barnwell	Various languages in Gombe and Bauchi States
Jacob Bess	Mwaghavul
Michael Bulkaam	Tal cluster, Gera
Bernard Caron	South Bauchi languages
Anja Choon	Uwu
David Crozier	Numerous languages
Deme Dang	Aten
Barnabas Dusu (†)	Berom
Mark Gaddis	Ashe, Idū and Nyankpa
Ben Gimba	Baushi cluster
Daniel Gya	Rigwe, Alago
Harald Hammarstrom	Corrections to various entries, bibliography
David Heath	tHun, ut-Ma'in
Luther Hon	Language survey
Barau Kato (†)	Plateau, Adamawa languages, survey
Selbut Longtau	Various languages
Alex Maikarfi	Kadara cluster languages
Stuart McGill	West Kainji languages
James McDonell	Rin
Anthony Ndemsai	Kirya-Konzəl
Gareth Mort	Kamuku languages
Katherine Mort	Kamuku languages
John Muniru	Language survey
John Nengel	East Kainji languages
Faith Okeke	Gera
Ali Robinson	Bibliography of Scriptures
Mike Rueck	Various languages
Sophie Salffner	Ikaann
Anne Storch	Jukunoid languages
Musa Tula	Tula
Mark van der Velde	Bəna
Andy Warren	Berom, Bura and Arabic script
Mohammed bin Yauri	Hungwəryə
Zachariah Yoder	Language survey

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Below these numbered heads is a category Sources. This refers to information collected either by direct visits or from personal communications. So Blench (2006) would mean that the present author was responsible for the information, usually due to a field visit in the year in question

A.

aBaangi = Baangi: a dialect of Kambari I
 Abacha = Basa-Benue
 Abadi = Avadi: a dialect of Kambari I
 Abak – a dialect of Anaang
 Abakan = Kpan
 Abakpa = Ekin: see the Ejagham cluster
 Abakwariga = Hausa – (from Jukun)
 Abanliku = Obanliku
 Abanyom = Bakor
 Abanyum = Bakor
 Abaro = Boro–Abaro
 Abatsa = Basa Benue
 Abawa – Gupa–Abawa
 Abayongo – member of the Agwagwune cluster
 Abbi – dialect of Ụkwuanị: see Ụkwuanị–Aboh–Ndonị
 Abewa = Asu
 Abini – member of the Agwagwune cluster
 Abinsi – member of the Kororofa cluster
 Abiri = Abini: see the Agwagwune cluster
 Abisi = Piti
 Abo – dialect of Bokyi
 Aboh – a member of Ụkwuanị–Aboh–Ndonị cluster
 Abokpna – a dialect of Gbari
 Abong = Abon

1. Abon

1.A Abong
 1.B Abō
 1.C Abō
 2.A Abon
 2.C Ba’ban
 3. Taraba State, Sardauna LGA, Abong town (east of Baissa)
 4. Only spoken in Abong town
 5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Tivoid
Source(s) Blench (1990)

Refs.

Wordlist: MEEK (1931: II:562)
 Comparative: W&B (1952: 113); Shimizu (1980a: 22)

Aboro = Nincut
 Abu = Jidda–Abu cluster

2. Abua

1.B Abuan
 1.C Abua
 3. Rivers State, Ahoada LGA
 4. 11,000 (1963): estimated 25,000 (Faraclas 1989)
 5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Central Delta
 6. Central Abuan, Ẹmughan, Ọtabha (Ọtapha), Okpeḍen
 7. Reading and Writing Book 1966; Primer 1 1971; Primer 2 1973; 3 post–primer books 1972, 73;

8. New Testament 1976; Scripture portions from 1967; Selections from Psalms, 1990;

11. Vigorous

Refs.

Overview: Wolff (1959);
 Phonology: Elugbe & Williamson (1984)
Dictionary: Gardner (1980)
Ethnographic: Talbot (1926: I:14, II.2)

Abuan = Abua

3. Abureni

1.C Mini
 2.C Mini
 3. Rivers State, Brass LGA
 4. 3 villages
 5. **No data.** Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Central Delta group
Source(s) Williamson (2002)

Aḃeele = Bele

Àḃéelé = Bele

Ache = Koron Ache = Begbere, see the Tinor-Myamya cluster

Abuloma = Obulom

Achipo = next

Achipo = Sagamuk

Achiro – mentioned in Shimizu (1971)

Acipa = Sagamuk

Ada = Kuturmi

Adamawa – dialect group of Fulfulde

Adara = Kadara

Adarawa – a Hausa subgroup

Ade – unknown except for a reference by Temple (1922: Kabba Province)

Adere = Dzodzinka

Āḃḃḃka = Madaka: dialect of Bauchi

Aḃibom – dialect of Oḃual

Adikummu Sukur = Sakun

Adim – member of the Agwagwune cluster

Adiri = Dzodinka

Adoma = Kar: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Adong = Idun

Adū = Idun

Aduge = Ọkpamheri

Adun = Idun

Adun – dialect of Mbembe

Adyaktye = Kakanda

Afa = Paá

Afa – member of Arigidi cluster

Afade = Afade

Afadee = Afade

4. Afadã

- 1.A Afade, Affade, Afadee
- 1.B Afadã
- 2.A Kotoko, Mogari
3. Borno State, Ngala LGA; and in Cameroon
4. Twelve villages in Nigeria, estimate less than 20,000 (1990)
5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara B: Mandage group

Source(s) Blench 1990);

Refs.

Wordlist: Barth (1858: 759); Olderogge (1952)

Grammar: Seetzen (1810); Lukas (1936); Tourneux (1997); Mahamat (2005); Allison (2012)

Afakani = Defaka

Afal: Mbe Afal = Obe cluster

Afango = Berom

Afao = Eloyi

Afawa = Paá

Afenmai = Etsako = Yekhee

Aferikpe = Afrike: see the Obe cluster

Affa – member of the Arigidi cluster

Affade = Afade

Afi = Batu Afi: a member of the Batu cluster

Afikpo – dialect of Igbo

Afizarek = next

Afizere = Izere

Afkabiye = Guduf: Guduf–Gava cluster

Afo = Eloyi

Afo – dialect of Yoruba

Afrike – member of the Afrike-Irungene cluster

5. Afrike-Irungene cluster

5. Bantoid: Bendi

*Afrike

- 1.A Aferikpe

3. Cross River State, Ogoja LGA

4. 3,500 (1953)

*Irungene

3. Cross River State, Ogoja LGA

Refs.

Survey: Otronyi et al. (2009)

Afu = Eloyi

Afudu – dialect of Tangale

Afunatam = Nta: see the Bakor cluster

Afungwa = Fungwa

Afusare = Izere

Agadĩ – dialect of Kambari I

Agalawa – Hausa subgroup in Katsina State

Agaraíwa = Nwanci: see the Kambari II cluster

Agari = Gbiri: see the Gbiri–Niragu cluster

Agari = Gura: see the Lame cluster

Agatu – dialect of Idoma North

Agaushi – dialect of Kambari II

Agbaragba = Bakor

Agbarho – dialect of Urhobo

Agbari = Gbari

Agbawi = Kwange: see Gbari

Agbiri = Gbiri: see the Gbiri–Niragu cluster

Agbiri = Gura: see the Lame cluster

Agbo = Legbo

Agbor = Ika

Agfa misprint for Affa (1st edition) = Afa: see the

Arigidi cluster

Agholo = Kolo: see Kolo cluster

Agoi = Agoi

6. Agoi

- 1.A Agoi

- 1.C WaGoi

- 2.A Ibami

- 2.B Ro Bambami

- 2.C Wa Bambami

3. Cross River State, Obubra LGA, Agoi–Ekpo,

Ekom–Agoi, Agoi–Ibami and Itu–Agoi towns

4. 3,650 (1953); estimated 12,000 (Faraclas 1989)

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper

Cross

Refs.

Wordlist: Cook (1976)

Agolok = Kagoro: see the Katab cluster

Agoma = Kagoma

Agudiana – a dialect of Epie

Aguro = Kagoro: see the Katab cluster

7. Agwagwune cluster

- 1.A Agwa–Gwune

3. Cross River State, Akamkpa LGA

4. 20,000 (SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper

Cross: North–South group

Refs.

Overview: Williamson (1971: 275)

7.a*Agwagwune

- 1.B Gwune

- 1.C Agwagwune

- 2.A Akunakuna (not recommended), Akurakura (of Koelle)

3. Cross River State, Akamkpa LGA, Egup–Ipa Development Area

8. Luke 1894

Source(s)

Refs.

Wordlist: Koelle (1854); BCCWL 2

Ethnographic: Talbot (1926: II.422)

7.b*Erei

- 1.C Ezei

- 2.B Enna

3. Cross River State, Akamkpa LGA, Erei Development Area

Refs.

7.c *Abini

1.A Bini, Abiri

1.B Obini

3. Cross River State, Akamkpa LGA, Egup–Ipa Development Area

Refs.

Ethnographic: Talbot (1926: IV.195)

7.d *Adim

1.A Arəm, Dim

1.B Odim

2.B Orum

3. Cross River State, Akamkpa LGA, Egup–Ipa Development Area

Refs.

Wordlist: Cook (1969b)

7.e *Abayongo

1.A Bayono, Bayino

3. Cross River State, Akamkpa LGA, Egup–Ipa Development Area

7.f *Etono II

1.C Etuno

3. Cross River State, Akamkpa LGA, Ubaghara Development Area

Agwara = Nwanci – dialect of Kambari II

Agwatashi – dialect of Alago

Agwe = Koro Agwe: see the Tinor-Myamia cluster

Agwere = Begbere–Ejar

Agwolok – next

Agwot = Kagoro: see the Katab cluster

8. Ahan

1.C Àhàn

3. Ondo State, Ekiti LGA, Ajowa, Igashi, and Omou towns

5. Volta-Niger: Ayere-Ahan

Source(s)

Refs.

Aike = Ake

Aho = Eloyi

Aholio = Sholio: see the Katab cluster

Ahwai = Nandu-Nyeng-Shakara cluster

Aika = Ukaan

Aja – part of the Gbe cluster

Ajami = Hausa Arabic script

9. Aja [†]

1A Ajanci

4. Extinct: formerly spoken at Kworko, Bauchi State

5. **No data.** Chadic: West: North Bauchi

Refs:

Comparative: Skinner (1977)

Ethnographic: Thomas (1914); Temple (1922); Thomas in Meek (1925); Gunn (1953)

Ajanji = Janji

Ajawa = Aja

10. Ajiya

1.A Ajuli

1.B Ajiya

1.C Ajiya

2.A Idon, Idong, Idon-Doka-Makyali

3. Kaduna State, Kachia LGA

4. Three towns

5. East Benue–Congo: Plateau: Northwestern group

Sources:

Refs.

Survey: Hon *et al.* (2011)

11. Ajuwa-Ajegha

1.B Ajuwa

1.C Ajuwa

3. Kaduna State, Kajuru LGA

4. Towns; Kalla, Afogo, Iburu, Idon, Makyali

5. East Benue–Congo: Plateau: Northwestern group

Sources: Maikarfi (2007)

Aje – a member of the Arigidi cluster

Ajure = Kajuru: see Kadara

Akajuk = Ekajuk

Akam – dialect of Mbembe

Akamkpa = Ejagham

Akanda = Kakanda: see the Nupe cluster

Akasa = next

Akassa = Akaha: member of KOIN: Ijo cluster

Äkäyöñ = Kiõng

12. Ake

1.A Akye, Aike

3. Nassarawa State, Lafia LGA

4. 354 (Meek 1925); 3000 (Blench 1999)

5. Benue-Congo: Plateau: Southern; Eggonic

Source: Blench (1999); Kato (2006)

Refs.

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Ethnographic: Temple (1922: 6); Meek (1925: II.185);

Akənfai – a dialect of Epie

Ákátsəkpó = Ashuku: see Mbembe (Tigong)

Akimba a dialect of Kambari II

Akīta – member of Inland Ijo cluster: Ijo

Ákizà – dialect of Ninzam

Ako – dialect of Èkpeye

Akoiyang = Kiõng

Akoko - a term used for the Arigidi cluster, Ahan, Ayere and Oka

Akono – dialect of Yoruba
Akonto = Mbembe (Tigong) cluster
aKoor = Koor: Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–
Zuksun cluster
Akpa-Yace – see Akpa and Yace

13. Akpa

2.B Akweya
3. Benue State, Otukpo LGA
4. 5,500 (1952 RGA)
5. Volta-Niger: Idomoid

Refs.

Comparative: Armstrong (1979)
Phonology: Armstrong (1983)

Akpambe = Nkum–Akpambe: a dialect of Yala
Akpanzhi = Kpan
Akparabong = Ekparabong: see the Ndoe cluster

14. Akpes cluster

3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA
5. Benue–Congo: Akpes

Refs.

Overview: Ibrahim–Arirabiyi (1989)

14.a *Akpes

1.B Akpes
2.A Akunnu
3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, Akunnu and
Ajowa towns

Refs.

Daramola (1984)

14.b *Asẹ

3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, Asẹ town
*Daja
1.B Daja
1.C Daja
3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, Ajowa town
4. 5,000

Refs.

Phonology: Ayoola (1986)

14.c *Efifa

3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, Ajowa town
(N.B. This may not exist, as the only wordlist
collected is Yoruba – doubtful status at least)

14.d *Esuku

1.A Echuku
3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, Ajowa town

14.e *Gedegede

3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, Gedegede town

14.f *Ibaram

3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, Ibaram town

14.g *Ikorom

1.A Ikaram
2.B Ikeram, Ikaramu
3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, Ikaram town
4. 5,000–8,000 (1986)

Refs. Raji (1986)

14.h *Iyani

Akpet–Ehom = the Ukpēt–Ehom cluster

15. Akpondu [†]

1.B Akpondu
3. Plateau State
4. 1 (2005). The last speaker was only a remember
and can only recall fragmentary vocabulary
5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Alomic
10. Ninzo
11. Moribund or extinct

Source: Blench & Kato (2005)

Akpoto = Idoma
Akpo–Mgbu–Tolu – dialect of Ikwere
Ákúćūkúpú = Ashuku see Mbembe (Tigong)
Akuku = Okpe–Idesa–Akuku

16. Akum

1.C Anyar
3. Taraba State, ca. 6°50N, 9°50E
4. 3 villages in Nigeria; 600 in Cameroun (1976)
5. Benue–Congo: Jukunoid

Refs.

Survey:

Akunakuna = Agwagwune
Akunnu = Akpes
Akurakura = Agwagwune: see the Agwagwune
cluster
Akurumi = Kurama
Akusa = Yoruba
Akuut = Berom
Akwa = Rin
Akweya = Akpa
Akye = Ake
Ala = Koron Ala: see Ashe
Alada – dialect of Gbe

17. Alago

1.A Arago
1.C Idoma Nokwu
3. Nasarawa State, Awe and Lafia LGAs
4. 15,000 (1953 RGA); at least 100,000 (Blench
2017)
5. Benue–Congo: Idomoid: group b
6. Agwatashi, Assaikio, Doma, Keana in towns of
these names
8. Mark 1929

Source(s) Gya (2012)

Comparative: Armstrong (1979)

Alataghwa = Zaladva: see the Lamang cluster

18. Alege

- 3. Cross River State, Obudu LGA
- 5. Benue–Congo: Unclassified: Bendi i.

Refs.

Wordlist: BCCL

Alifokpa – dialect of Yace

19. Alumu-Təsu cluster

- 1.A Arum–Chessu
- 3. Nasarawa State, Akwanga LGA
- 5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Alumic

19.a *Alumu

- 1.A Arum
- 1.B Alumu
- 4. Seven villages. ca. 5000 (Blench 1999)

19.b *Təsu

- 1. Chessu
- 4. Two villages. ca. 1000 (Blench 1999)

Source(s) Blench (1999), Kato (2003)

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Alū – dialect of Ikwere

Am Pikkà = Bole

Amala = Mala

Amana = Emane

Amanda = Batu Amanda: see the Batu cluster

Amar = Amar Randa, Amar Tita – dialects of Ninzam

Amap = Amo

20. Ambo

- 3. Taraba State, Sardauna LGA
- 4. A single village east of Baissa
- 5*. **No data.** Benue–Congo; South Bantoid; Tivoid?

Source(s) Blench (1987)

Amegi = Biseni: member of Inland Ijo

Amo = Map

Amon = Umon

Among = Amo

Ampeyi = Nupe

Ampika = Bole

Amtul = Tal

Amusigbo – a dialect of Yoruba

Àmzírív = Zizilivəkən

21. Anaang

- 1.A Annang, Anang, Anaŋ
- 3. Akwa–Ibom State, Ikot Ekpene, Essien Udim, Abak, Ukanafun and Oruk–Anam LGAs
- 4. 246,000 (F&J 1944-5): estimated 1,000,000 (1990)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross: Central group
- 6. Abak, Ikot Ekpene, Ukanafun

Refs.

Comparative: Connell (1991)

Grammar: Santos (2007)

Anabeze = Buji: see the Jere cluster

Anafejanzi = Janji

Anaguta = Iguta

Anang = Anaang

Anaŋ = Anaang

Ànarubùnu = Ribina: see Jere

Anazele = Jere: see the Jera cluster

Ancha – dialect of Ninzam

Andombo = Batu Andombo – a dialect of Batu

Andoni = Obolo

Anegorom = Gurrum – dialect of Ribina: see the Jera cluster

Anemoro = Lemoro

Anep = Balep: member of the Ndoe cluster

Angan = Kamantan

Angbe = Angwe: see the Batu cluster

Aniakawa – only referred to in Temple (1922: 17) who lists 220 in Bauchi Division:

Anibau = Gusu: see the Jera cluster

22. Anib

1.A Kanufi

1.B Anib

1.C Aninib

2.B Karshi

3. Kaduna State, Jema’a LGA. Anib is spoken in two villages about 5 km. west of Gimi, the junction on the Akwanga road which leads towards Kafanchan. Kanufi I is locally called Ákpúrkpòd, Kanufi II, Ákob.

4. 2000 (est. 2006)

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Ninzic

Source(s): Kato (2006)

Refs.

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Anika = Bole

Aniocha = next

Anīcha – dialect of Igbo

Anirago = Niragu: see Gbiri–Niragu

Aniragu = Niragu: see Gbiri–Niragu

Ankulu = Ikulu

Ánkpa – dialect of Igala

Ankwa = Iku, Gora

Ankwe = Goemai

Ankwai = Goemai

Annang = Anaang

Anorubuna = Ribina: see the Jera cluster

Anosangobari = Gusu: see the Jera cluster

Anowuru = Lemoro

Anpika = Bole

Anufawa = Nupe

Anupe = Nupe

Anupecwayi = Nupe

Anuperi = Nupe

Anyama – member of Kolo cluster

Anyaran = Ukaan

Anyeb = Balep: member of the Ndoe cluster

Ànyigbá – dialect of Igala
Anyima = Lenyima
Aṅma = Aṅma Asanga: see Sanga
Apa – dialect of Kpan
Apanj – dialect of Ikwere
Apiapum – dialect of Mbembe
Apoi = Apoi – a south central dialect of Iẓon: Ijọ cluster
Apoi – a south central dialect of Iẓon: Ijọ cluster
Appa – dialect of Kpan
Appa = Tarok
Aqua = Ekin: see the Ejagham cluster

23. Arabic cluster

- 1.A Arabic
- 1.B Arabiyye
3. Borno and Yobe States
5. Afroasiatic: Semitic

23.a *Shuwa

- 1.A Choa, Chiwa, Schoa, Shooa, Shuge, Sôougé, Shua
 - 2.A Shuwa Arabic: Shuwa is regarded as pejorative in Chad at least
 3. Borno State: Dikwa, Konduga, Ngala and Bama LGAs can be regarded as residential areas, but Shuwa range widely across Borno and Yobe States on transhumance. Also in Cameroun, Chad and Niger. In: Cameroun & Chad it has *lingua franca* status.
 4. Over 1.7 million total: 1.56 million in Chad (1986); 63,600 in Cameroon (1982 SIL); approximately 100,000 in Nigeria (1973 SIL). Fluctuating population as many Shuwa migrate to neighbouring countries. Boko Haram insurgency has caused many Shuwa Arabs to leave Nigeria and their villages have been devastated.
 8. New Testament 1967
- Source(s)** Blench (1990)

Refs.

Overview: Kaye (1976), Owens (1985, 1993, 2004), Jullien de Pommerol (2006), Owens & Hassan (2009)

Phonology: Djibrine Moussa (2001)

Grammars: Kampffmeyer (1899), Lethem (1920), Hagège (1973), Roth (1979), Abu-Absi (1995), Jullien de Pommerol (1999b)

Dictionaries: Roth (1969-1972), Kaye (1986), Jullien de Pommerol (1999a)

Texts: Howard (1921)

Pedagogic: Carbou (1913), Abu-Absi & Sinaud (1968), Jullien de Pommerol (1999c)

23.b *Uled Suliman

- 1.A Libyan Arabic
- 1.B Arabiyye
- 1.C Uled Suliman
- 2.C Ouled Suliman
3. Borno State, Geidam, Mober, Yunusari LGAs. Also in Chad and Niger.

4. The Uled Suliman were formerly seasonal migrants to Nigeria, but now are based in NE Borno. their migratory loops are now extending far southwards into Yobe and Jigawa states in the Hadejia-Nguru wetlands. There are probably as many as 20,000 regularly transhuming in Nigeria. The impact of the Boko Haram insurgency remains unknown.

5. **No specific data on Nigerian variety.**

Source(s) Blench (1990, 2003)

23.c *Baggara

- 1.A Sudanese Arabic
 - 1.B Arabiyye
 - 1.C Baggara
 3. Yobe State. Also in Chad, Sudan. The impact of the Boko Haram insurgency remains unknown.
 5. **No specific data on Nigerian variety.**
- Source(s)** Blench (1990)

Arabiyye = Arabic: see Arabic cluster

Aragba – dialect of Mbe West: see the Mbe cluster

Arago = Alago

Aregwe = Irigwe

Arek – Kaduna State, Jema’ a LGA. South of the Rumada, east of Gwandara, north of Mada and east of Numana. Shown on map of Gunn (1956).

Arewa – subgroup of Hausa

Arəm = Adim: see the Agwagwune cluster

Arhe – a member of the Ivbie North–Okpela–Arhe cluster

Arĩ = Rin

24. Arigidi cluster

3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA; Kwara State, Kogi LGA
 5. Benue–Congo: Defoid: Akokoid
- Refs.** Capo (1989)

24.a *Afa

1.B Ọwòṅ Àfá

1.C Àfá

2.A Oke–Agbe

3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, Oke–Agbe town, Affa section

24.b *Arigidi

1.C Arigidí

3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, Arigidi town

24.c *Eruṣu

1.A Erusu, Erushu

1.C Erúṣú

3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, Eruṣu town

Refs.

Ajiboye (1986)

24.d *Ese

1.B Ọwòṅ Èsé

1.C Èsé

2.A Aje, Oke–Agbe

3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, Oke–Agbe town, Ese section

24.e *Igāṣi

- 1.A Igashi, Igasi
- 1.B Ọwọ̀n Ịgāṣi
- 1.C Ịgāshí
3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, Igāṣi town
4. 45,000 (1986)

Refs.

Fakoyo (1986)

24.f *Oge

- 1.B Ọwọ̀ Ọgè
- 1.C Ọge
- 2.A Oke–Agbe
3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, Oke–Agbe town, Oge section

24.g *Ojọ

3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, Ajọwa town

24.h *Oyin

3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, Oyin–Akoko town

24.i *Udo

- 1.A Ido
- 1.B Ọwọ̀n Ụ̀dò
- 2.A Oke–Agbe
3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, Oke–Agbe town, Udo section

24.j *Uro

3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, Uro–Ajọwa town
4. 3,000 (1986)

Refs.

Phonology: Ayọdele (1986)

aRor = Ror. Member of the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Arogbo – south western dialect of Ịzọn: Ijọ cluster

Arokwa = Ẹrụwa

Arringeu = Rin

Arughaunya – dialect of Oḍual

Arum–Chessu = Alumu–Tesu

Arumaruma = Ruma

Aruo – only known from Ballard (1971) Map H14 Jos Division area

Asanga = Gusu: see the Jera cluster

Asanga = Sanga

Ase – member of the Akpes cluster

Asebi = Rin

Asennize = Sheni

Aséntó – dialect of Gbe

asFer = Fer: a member of the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Ashaganna – Benue–Congo: Kainji, extinct

Ashaku = Ashuku: see the Mbembe (Tigong) cluster

25. Ashe

- 1.A Ache
- 1.B únér ịzè sg. Bèzè pl.
- 1.C Ịzè
- 2.A The Ashe share a common ethnonym with the Tinor-Myamia (q.v.) which is Uzar pl. Bazar for the

people and Ịzar for the language. This name is the origin of the term Ejar.

2.C Koron Ache

3. Kaduna State, Kagarko LGA, Nasarawa State, Karu LGA

4. 35,000 including Tinor-Myamia (Barrett 1972). 8 villages (2008) between Katugal and Kubacha.

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Koro

7. Literacy programme in progress

Source(s) Blench (1982, 2008); Rueck (2016)

Refs.

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Orthography: Goro (2000)

Ashinginai = Cishingini: see the Kambari I cluster

Ashingini – member of Kambari I cluster

Asholio = Sholio: see the Katab cluster

Ashuku – dialect of the Mbembe (Tigong) cluster

Asiga = Leyigha

Asolio = Sholio: see the Katab cluster

Assaikio – dialect of Alago

26. Asu

1.B Asu

1.C Asu

2.A Abewa

2.B Ebe

3. Niger State: Mariga LGA: several villages south of Kontagora on the Mokwa road

4. 5000 (Blench 1987)

5. Benue–Congo: Nupoid: Nupe group

Source(s) Blench (1987)

Asumbo = Iyive

As-Us = Us: a member of the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Ataba – dialect of Obolo

Atak = Jiru

Atakar – member of the Katab cluster

Atakat = Atakar: a member of the Katab cluster

Atala = Degema

Atam – Efik cover term for Kohumono, Loka, Legbo and other languages in the Cross River area

Atam = Nta: see the Bakor cluster

Ate = next

Ate = Arhe: see the Ivbie North–Okpela–Arhe cluster

27. Aten

- 1.B Ten, Etien
 - 1.C sg Atèn, pl. Nìtèn
 - 2.B Ganawuri, Jal
 - 3. Plateau State, Barkin Ladi LGA; Kaduna State, Jema'a LGA
 - 4. 6,710 (1963 Census): est. 40,000 (Kjenstad 1988); est. 40,000 (Blench 2003)
 - 5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Beromic
 - 7. Literacy programme in progress
 - 8. Mark 1940, New Testament
- Source(s):** Kjenstad (1988); Dang (2012); Blench (2016)

Refs.

- Wordlist: Bouquiaux (1964);
Grammar: Hoffmann (n.d.); Bouquiaux (1967)
Dictionary: Blench & Dang (2016)
Ethnographic: Berthoud (1965, 1966, 1969, 1974, 1975)

Aticherak = Kacicere: see the Katab cluster
Atissa = Epie–Atissa: see Epie

28. Atsam

- 1.C sg. Tsam, pl. Atsam
- 2.C Chawai, Chawe, Chawi
- 3. Kaduna State, Kachia LGA
- 4. 10,200 (1931 Gunn); 30,000 (1972 Barrett)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: East Kainji: group A
- 8. John 1923, Mark and John 1932

Refs.

- Ethnographic:** Temple (1922: 86) Meek (1931a: II,145)
Survey: ?

Atsipawa = Səgəmək
Attaka = next
Attakar = Atakar: see Katab
Atte = Ate: see the Ivie North–Okpela–Ate cluster
Atyab = next
Atyap = Katab: see the Katab cluster
Auchi – dialect of Etsako = Yekhee
Auga – dialect of Ukaan
Auna – see Agaushi and Akimba – dialects of Kambari II
aUs = Us: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

29. Auyokawa [†]

- 4. Jigawa State, Keffin Hausa LGA, Auyo
- 5. Chadic: West branch B: Bade group
- 11. Extinct

Refs.

- Classification: Schuh (2001)

Avafi – dialect of the Kambari I cluster
Avande = Evant
Avbianwu – dialect of Etsako = Yekhee

Avbiele – dialect of Etsako = Yekhee
Avianwu – a dialect of Etsako = Yekhee
Aviara – dialect of Isoko
Avəno = Vono
Awain = Esan with Ora–Iuleha–Emai
Awak = Yebu
Awəgə – dialect of Rin
Awok = Awak
Awori – dialect of Yoruba
Aworo – dialect of Yoruba
Awulenga –unidentified group north of Bajoga, Bauchi State (Adelberger)
Aya = Ayu
Aya = Ya: member of the Vaghat cluster
Ayiga = Leyigha
Ayikiben = Yukuben

30. Ayu

- 1.A Ayu
 - 3. Kaduna State, Jema'a LGA
 - 4. 2,642 (Ames 1934)
 - 5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Ninzic [?]
- Sources:** Blench & Kato (2009)

Refs.

- Wordlist: Blench (2016)
Classification: Gerhardt (2005, 2006)

Azaghvana = Dghwedè
Azbinawa = Tamajej
Azelle = Jere: see the Jera cluster
Azhiga = Rin
Azora = Zora
aZuksun = Zuksun: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

B.

Ba = Amo
Ba Giiwo = Giiwo
Ba–Kuk = Tiyal: see Cinda-Regi-Rogo-Kuki cluster

31. Baa

- 1.B nyaa Baa
 - 1.C raBaa sg, Baa pl.
 - 2.A Kwa
 - 3. Adamawa State, Numan LGA, Gyakan and Kwa towns, after Munga
 - 4. 1,000 (1973 SIL)
 - 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Kwa group
- Source(s)** Blench (1987); Kleinewillinghöfer (1992); Møller (2016)

32. Baan

- 2.A Ban–Ogoi
- 2.B Goi, Ogoi
3. Rivers State, Gokana–Tai–Eleme LGA, Ban–Ogoi plus villages
4. Less than 5,000 (1990)
5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Ogonoid
6. Ka-Ban, Kesari

Refs.

Wordlist: Nakagawa (ref)

Overview: Bond & Anderson (2006)

Baangi – a dialect of the Kambari I cluster

Baatonu = Baatonun

33. Baatonun

- 1.A Batonu, Baatonun
- 1.B Bàngú pl. Barba
- 1.C Baatonu, Batonu
- 2.B Bariba, Barba, Berba
- 2.C Bartomba, Burgu, Borgu, Borgawa, Bogung, Zana, U-zo pl., Ba-zo sg. (from Reshe)
3. Kwara State; mainly in Benin Republic
4. 62,634 in Nigeria (1963); 220,000 total (1987 UBS)
5. Gur: South-Central: Isolate
7. Monthly newsletter published in Benin Republic
8. Complete Bible (1996)
- 9.

Refs:

Classification: Manessy (1993)

Dictionary:

Grammar: Westermann (1922); Welmers (1952); Grossenbacher (1974); Schottman (1983); Dindi (1984); Winkelmann (2007)

Texts: Soutar & Pike (1982)

Ba'ban = Abõn

Babal = Margi babal – dialect of Margi

Babir = Bura–Pabir

Babur = Bura–Pabir

Bacama – member of the Bata cluster

Bachama = Bacama: see the Bata cluster

Bache = Che

Bacheve – member of the Iceve cluster

Bachit – dialect of Berom

Bada – member of the Jar cluster

Badara = Duguri of Badara – member of the Jar cluster

Badawa = Bada: Jar cluster

Badawai – dialect of Kanuri: Kanuri–Kanembu

34. Bade

- 1.A Bedde
- 2.B Gidgid
3. Borno State, Bade LGA; Jigawa State, Hadejia LGA
4. 31,933 (1952 W&B) includes Duwai and Ngizim; 100,000 (1973 SIL)
5. Chadic: West branch B: Bade/Warji major group: Bade group
6. Western Bade (Magwaram, Maagwaram), Southern Bade (Bade k-Ado), Gashua Bade (Mazgarwa)
7. Folktales, 1975

Refs.

Grammar: Schuh (1972, 1975, 1978, 1982b, 2007); Ziegelmeyer (2013, 2014a,b, 2015)

Dictionary: Dagona (2004); Tarbutu (2004)

Dialects: Schuh (1972b)

Sociolinguistics: Schuh (2003)

Bade k-Ado – a dialect of Bade

Badni = Vodni, part of Mwaghavul

Bada – member of Jar cluster

Bagba = Geji

Baggara – member of the Arabic cluster

Bagira = Bween

Bagura = Gura: see the Lame cluster

Bagwama = Kurama; and Ruma

Baho = Berom

Bahuli = Huli: see the Fali cluster

Bahumono = Kohumono

Baissa – Fali of Baissa extinct

Bajama = Gnoore: see Mumuye

Bajara – unidentified group near Muri (Adelberger)

Bajingala – Dibo? in Federal Capital Territory, Kwali LGA, North of Dangara

Bajju = next

Baju = Jju

Bakarawa – Kebbi State, Yauri LGA; Possibly inter-married Reshe and Kambari: Harris (1939); Bertho (1952); Gunn and Conant (1960)

Bakele = Kukele

35. Bakor cluster

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Ekoid Bantu

35.a *Abanyom

- 2.A Abanyom, Abanyum
- 2.B Befun, Bofon, Mbofon
3. Cross River State, Ikom LGA, main village Abangkang
4. 12,500 (1986)

35.b *Efutop

- 1.A Ofutop
- 2.A Agbaragba
3. Cross River State, Ikom LGA
4. 8,740 (1953), 10,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Ekoid Bantu

Refs.

35.c *Ekajuk

1.A Akajuk

3. Cross River State, Ogoja LGA, Bansara, Nwang, Ntara 1,2 and 3, and Ebanibim towns

4. more than 10,000 (Crabb 1965); 30,000 (1986 Asinya)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Ekoid Bantu

7. Reading and Writing Book 1967, 3 Primers 1969, various post-primer books, proverbs

8. New Testament 1971, Scripture portions from 1969, 16 books of Old Testament stories 1969

Refs.

Wordlist: Crabb (1965)

Phonology: Kleiner & Kleiner (1976)

35.d *Nde–Nsele–Nta cluster

3. Cross River State, Ikom LGA

4. 10,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Ekoid Bantu

Refs.

Phonology: Asinya (1985)

35.e *Nde

2.B Ekamtulufu, Mbenkpe, Udom, Mbofon, Befon

4. 4,000 (1953); est. 12,000 (Asinya 1987)

Refs.

Phonology: Asinya (1985)

35.f *Nsele

1.A Nselle

4. 1,000 (1953); est. 3,000 (Asinya 1987)

35.g *Nta

1.C Atam, Afunatam

4. est. 4,500 (Asinya 1987)

Refs.

Phonology: Asinya (1985)

35.h *Nkem–Nkum cluster

3. Cross River State, Ogoja LGA

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Ekoid Bantu

35.i *Nkem

1.A Nkim

2.A Ogoja

2.B Ishibori

4. 11,000 (1953); est 18,000 (Asinya 1987)

6. Nkim, Ogoja, Ishibori, Isibiri, Ogboja

8. Ishibori catechism, Catholic hymnbook

Refs

Grammar: Sibomana (1986)

35.j *Nkum

4. 5,700 (1953); est. 16,500 (Asinya 1987)

Refs.

Phonology: Asinya (1985)

35.k *Nnam

2.B Ndem

3. Cross River State, Ikom and Ogoja LGAs

4. 1,230 (1953); est. 3,000 (Asinya 1987)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Ekoid Bantu

Source(s) BCCW

Refs.

Wordlist: Koelle (1854: 11); Thomas (1914: 8);

Winston (1964: 77); Crabb (1965: 7);

Comparative: Asinya (1987);

Survey: Yoder et al (2008)

36. Bakpinka

1.C Iyongiyong, Iyoniyong

2.A Uwet

2.C Begbungba

3. Cross River State, Akamkpa LGA

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper

Cross: East–West group

11. Said to be dying out

Source(s)

Refs.

Wordlist: Sterk (n.d.)

Bakulung = Kulung

Balar = Kir–Balar

Balaabe = Yukuben

Balagete = Evant

Balep – member of the Ndoe cluster

37. Bali

1.B Ìbáalí

1.C Balo, Máyá

3. Taraba State, Numan LGA, at Bali, a single village south of Jalingo

4. 1,000 (SIL)

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Mumuye–Yendang group: Yendang subgroup

Refs

Wordlist: Meek (1931)

Ethnographic: Meek (1931)

Bali Holma = Holma

Balleri – a dialect of Dadiya

Baltap = Montol

Bambami – see Agoi

Bambara = next

Bambaro = Mbárù: see the Lame cluster

Bambuka = Kyak

Bambur = Kulung

Bamburo = Mbárù: see the Lame cluster

Ban = Baan
 Banda = Shoo: see the Shoo–Minda–Nye cluster
 Bandas = Durr–Baraza: see the Das cluster
 Bandawa = Shoo: see the Shoo–Minda–Nye cluster
 Bang – a dialect of Nor
 Banga – member of the Mboi cluster
 Banga, Banganci, Bangawa = Baangi: a member of Kambari I cluster
 Banga, Banganci, Bangawa = Gwamhi–Wuri
 Bangunji = Bangwinji

38. Bangjinge

1.A Bangunji, Bangunje, Bangwinji
 1.B B́ánjìjè sg. B́ánjìjèb pl.
 1.C nyii B́ánjòn
 3. Gombe State, Shongom LGA
 4. 8000 CAPRO (1995a). 25 villages (2008)
 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Waja group i.
 6. Nabang, Kaloh [orthography based on Nabang]
 7. Reading and Writing Book (2007)
 8. Gospel of Luke
 10. Hausa, Dadiya, Burak
 11. Cassettes of Gospel of Luke
Source(s) Kleinewillinghöfer (1992); Blench (2008)

Refs.

Ethnographic: CAPRO (1995a)

B́ánjìjè = Bangwinji
 B́ánjìjèb = Bangwinji
 Banjiram – dialect of Longuda
 B́ánjùn (nii B́ánjùn) = Bangjinge
 Bankal = Zhàr: see the Jar cluster
 Bankala = Zhàr: see the Jar cluster
 Bankalanci = Zhàr: see the Jar cluster
 Bankalawa = Zhàr: see the Jar cluster
 Bara – dialect of Bole
 Baram – member of the Polci cluster
 Baranci = Zhàr: see the Jar cluster (not to be confused with Barawa)
 Barang = Baram: see the Polci cluster
 Baraza = Durr–Baraza: see the Das cluster
 Barba = Baatɔnun
 Bare = Bwazza: see the Mbula–Bwazza cluster
 Baredawa – Small community in Bauchi Emirate Temple (1922: 39)
 Bareshe = Reshe
 Bargu = Baatɔnun
 Bari = Nyamnyam
 Bariba = Baatɔnun
 Barke = next
 Barko = Mburku
 Barkul = Mabo–Barkul
 Barma = Zul: the Polci cluster
 Baron – dialect of Bokkos: see Ron cluster
 Bartomba = Baatɔnun
 Barukul = Barkul: Mabo–Barkul
 Basa = Kuda–Camo

Basa (Gwandara Basa) = Nimbia: a dialect of Gwandara
 Basa – reference name for a cluster of languages tentatively subgrouped as
 Basa-Gurara – Basa-Benue – Basa-Makurdi, Basa-Gumna –
 Basa-Kontagora and Basa-Gurmana

39. Basa-Gumna–Basa-Kontagora cluster [?†]

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Kamuku–Basa group

*Basa-Gumna [†]

2.B Gwadara-Basa, Basa Kuta, Basa-Kaduna
 3. Niger State, Chanchaga LGA
 4. Only 2 known semi-speakers in 1987. The population known as Basawa speaks only Hausa. Probably now extinct

Source(s) Blench (1987)

*Basa-Kontagora [†]

3. Niger State, Mariga LGA, N.E. of Kontagora
 4. less than 10 speakers in 1987. Probably now extinct

Source(s) Blench (1987)

40. Basa-Gurara–Basa-Benue–Basa-Makurdi

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Kamuku–Basa group

40.a*Basa-Gurara

2.A Basa-Kwali
 3. Federal Capital Territory, Yaba and Kwali LGAs, along the Gurara river

Source(s) Blench (1981)

Refs.

Wordlist: Sterk (1977)

40.b*Basa-Benue

1.A Basa
 1.B RuBasa
 1.C TuBasa
 2.B Abacha, Abatsa
 2.C Basa-Komo, Basa-Kwomu (not recommended)
 3. Kogi State, Bassa, and Ankpa LGAs, Nasarawa State, Nassarawa LGA
 4. 30,000 (1944-50 HDG); 100,000 (1973 SIL)
 7. Literature being produced

8. Pilgrim's Progress (s.d.), Scripture portions from 1946, New Testament 1972, Complete Bible 2009, Hymnbooks

Source(s) Blench (1992)

Refs.

Dictionary: Blench (n.d.)

Grammar: Imoh (20xx)

40.c*Basa-Makurdi

3. Benue State, Makurdi LGA, several villages on the north bank of the Benue, northwest of Makurdi

5. **No data**

Source(s) Blench (1992)

41. Basa-Gurmana

1.B Kərɔmba

3. Niger State, border of Rafi and Chanchaga LGAs, Kafin Gurmana

4. more than 2,000 speakers (1987)

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Kamuku–Basa group

Source(s) Blench (1987)

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Basa-Kaduna = Basa-Gumna

Basa-Komo = Basa-Benue

Basa Kuta = Basa-Gumna

Basa-Kwomo = Basa-Benue

Basa-Kwomu = Basa-Benue

Basa Nge = Nupe Tako: see the Nupe cluster

Basan – South–Central dialect of Iẓon: Ijò cluster

Basang – member of the Obanliku cluster

Basanga = Doko–Uyanga

Bàsáú = Basang: see the Obanliku cluster

Basharawa = Yangkam

Bashiri = Yangkam

Bashua – dialect of Bokyi

Bassa = Basa

Bassan – a South–Central dialect of Iẓon: Ijò cluster

Basua – dialect of Bokyi

Báswó – dialect of Bokyi

Bat = Bada: see the Jar cluster

42. Bata cluster

5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara A: Bata group: Bata cluster

42.a *Bwatye

1.A Gboare, Bwatiye

1.B Kwaa–Bwaare

1.C Bwaare

2.C Bachama

3. Adamawa State, Numan and Guyuk LGAs, Kaduna State, north east of Kaduna town. Bacama fishermen migrate long distances down the Benue with camps as far as the confluence.

4. 11,250 (1952) 20,000 (1963)

6. Mulyen (Mwulyin), Dong, Opalo, Wa-Duku

7. Orthography (1987)

8. Mark 1915

Source(s)

Refs.

Grammar: Carnochan (1970)

Orthography: Pweddson (1986)

Dictionary: Pweddson (2001)

42.b *Bata

1.A Batta, Gbwata

3. Adamawa State, Numan, Song, Fufore and Mubi LGAs; also in Cameroon

4. 26,400 (1952), est. 2,000 in Cameroon; 39,000 total (1971 Welmers)

6. Koboci, Kobotschi (Kobocĩ, Wadi, Zumu (Jimo), Malabu, Bata of Ribaw, Bata of Demsa, Bata of Garoua, Jirai

Refs.

Phonology: Boyd (2001)

Ethnographic: Meek (1931)

Batonu = Baatɔnun

Batta = Bata

43. Batu cluster

3. Taraba State, Sardauna LGA, several villages east of Baissa, below the Mambila escarpment

4. 25,000 (SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Tivoid

Source(s) Koops (1971); Blench (1990)

*Amanda–Afi cluster

3. Taraba State, Sardauna LGA, Batu Amanda and Batu Afi villages

*Angwe

3. Taraba State, Sardauna LGA, Batu Angwe village

*Kamino

3. Taraba State, Sardauna LGA, Batu Kamino village

Sources: Koops (1978)

Refs.

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Ethnographic: Meek (1931b: II.398ff)

Batura = Daffo–Butura: see Ron

Bauci = Baushi

Baushi *see* Min, Wāyā, Ndəkə, Samburu, Rubu, Hipina (cf. Blench 1987; Regnier 1992)

Baule – dialect of Tula

Baya = Gbaya

Bayak: 4,025 in Bauchi Emirate: Temple (1922: 58)

No further data

Bayino = Abayongo – member of Agwagwune cluster

Bayobiri – member of the Ukpe–Bayobiri cluster

Bayono = Abayongo: see the Agwagwune cluster

Bazo = Baatɔnun

Bazza = Dakwa: see Kamwe

Bebi – member of the Obanliku cluster

Becheve = Baceve: see Iceve cluster

Bedde = Bade cluster

Befon = Nde: see the Bakor cluster

Befun = Bakor

Begbere-Ejar = Tinor-Myamya

Begbungba = Bakpinka

Bekulu = Ikulu

44. Bekwarra

1.A Bekwara, Bekworra

2.B Yakoro

3. Cross River State, Ogoja LGA

4. 27,500 (1953), 34,000 (1963), 60,000 (1985 SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Unclassified: Bendi

7. Reading and Writing book 1965; Sounds and Syllables 1969; Picture book 1970; 6 Post-Primer books 1970–1975; Primers 1–4 1975; Literacy programme in progress

8. 11 Bible Story leaflets 1966–71; Mark 1976; Questions on Mark 1970; Come and Listen 1972; Ephesians, Philippians 1975; New Testament 1983

Refs.

Grammar: Stanford (1967)

Dictionary: Stanford (n.d.)

Bekworra = Bekwarra

Bele = Beele

Bellawa = Beele

Belegete = Evant

Bendeghe – member of the Ejagham cluster

Bendi = Bete–Bendi

Bengkpé = Mbe West: see the Mbe cluster

Benin = Edo (Biní)

Benkpe – dialect of Mbe West: see the Mbe cluster

Berba = Baatonun

Bere = Bwazza: see the Mbula–Bwazza cluster

Beriberi – dialect of Kanuri, and alternative name

45. Berom

1.A Birom, Berum

1.B Cèn Bèrom

1.C sg. Wòrom, pl. Berom, Birom (Du dialect)

2.B Afango, Akuut, Baho, Gbang, Kibbo, Kibo, Kibbun, Kibyen, Sine

2.C Shosho, Shaushau (not recommended)

3. Plateau State, Jos and Barkin Ladi LGAs; Kaduna State, Jema'a LGA

4. 54,500 (HDG), 200,000 (1985 SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Beromic

6. Gyel–Kuru–Vwang; Fan–Foron–Heikpang; Bachit–Gashish; Du–Ropp–Rim–Riyom; Hoss (?). Nincut is treated as a separate language.

7. Folk Stories 1975, Trial primer in 3 parts, Literacy programme in progress; Official Orthography (Kuhn & Dusu 1985).

8. Scripture portions from 1916, Hymnbook, New Testament 1984, Complete Bible (2009)

Sources: Dusu (2003)

Refs.

Orthography: Kuhn & Dusu (1985)

Grammar: Wolff (1963), Bouquiaux (1970) [Du]

Texts: Bristow (1953); Bouquiaux (1970) [Du]

Dictionaries: Bouquiaux (2001), Blench et al (2016)

Ethnographic: Davies (1942-9); Baker (1954);

Sassoon (1962, 1964); Bouquiaux (1962, 1971);

Gwom (1992); Jacobs (1995)

Berum = Berom

46. Bete

3. Taraba State, Wukari LGA, Bete town

4. Language dying out.

5. **no data.** Jukunoid

47. Bete–Bendi

1.A Bette–Bendi

2.B Dama

3. Cross River State, Obudu LGA

4. 17,250 (1952), 36,800 (1963)

5. Benue–Congo: Bendi

6. Bete, Bendi

7. Primers 1–3, literacy programme in progress

8. Portions of Scripture 1977, New Testament 1984

Source(s)

Refs

Grammar: Briggs (1972), Oha (2012)

Bə̀lə = Buli: see the Polci cluster

Bə̀rbou – dialect of Tsobo

Biakpan – member of the Ubaghara cluster

Bibot = Boto: see the Zari cluster

Bijim – member of the Vaghat cluster

Bilanci = Bile

Bili = Buli: the Polci cluster

Bili = Bile

Biliri = Tangale

Bille = Bile

Billiri – dialect of Tangale

48. Bin

1A. Bina

1B. tiBin

1C. biBin pl. áBin

2.B Bogana

2.C Binawa

3. Kaduna State, Saminaka LGA. About 15 km west of Mariri, along the Geshere road.

4. 220 (NAT 1949), 2,000 (1973 SIL). Four villages (2016) ca. 3-4000 (est.)

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: Kauru subgroup

9. None but Bin-Hausa primer said to have been prepared for circulation.

10. Vori, Kurmi spoken as second languages and said to interfere with tiBin-speaking. Hausa, English as LWCs.

11. Vigorous. Days to speak tiBin instituted by the Binawa Pressure Group (BPG)

Source(s) Blench (2016)

Refs.

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Bina = Bin

Binawa = Bina Bindege = next

Bindiga = Bendeghe: see the Ejagham cluster

Bini = Edo

Binna = Bena

Biotu = the Ijọ name for Isoko

Bira = Igu: see Ebirá

Biri = Igu: see Ebirá

Birom = Berom

Bisá = Bisi: member of the Busa cluster

Biseni – member of the Inland Ijò cluster: see Ijò

Bishiri – member of the Obanliku cluster

49. Bishi

1.A Abisi, Bisi

1.B

1.C xx pl. Abishi

2.B Pitti

3. Kaduna State, Saminaka LGA

4. 1,600 (NAT 1950); Live in at least twenty-six villages (Ajaegbu et al. 2013)

5. **no data.** Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: group A

6. Riban (Ngmgbang) was formerly listed as a dialect, but is clearly a distinct language

Refs

Survey: Ajaegbu et al (2013)

Bisi = Bishi

Bissaula – dialect of Kpan

Bisu – member of the Obanliku cluster

50. Bitare

2.B Njwande, Yukutare

3. Taraba State; Sardauna LGA, near Baissa; and in Cameroon

4. 3,700 in Cameroon (1987 SIL); 3,000 in Nigeria (1973 SIL)

5. Benue–Congo; Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Tivoid

Refs.

Wordlist: Shimizu (1981)

51. Bo-Rukul

1.A Mabo–Barkul

2.A Mabol, Barukul

2.B Kulere; Kaleri (erroneous)

3. Plateau State, Mangu LGA, Richa district

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Southeastern group

Source(s) Blench 1998)

Survey:

Wordlist: Nettle (200x); Blench (2016)

Bobar – member of the Jar cluster

Bo Dera = Dera

Bofon = Nde: see the Bakor cluster

Bofon = Bakor

52. Boga

1.A Boka

3. Adamawa State, Gombi LGA

5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara branch A: Tera group: Eastern Cluster

Source(s)

Refs.

Wordlists: Newman (1964 fn.4); Kraft (1981)

Bogana = Binawa

Bogghom = Boghom

53. Boghom

1.A Burom, Burrum, Burma, Borrom, Boghorom, Bogghom, Bohom, Bokiyim

2.C Burumawa

3. Plateau State, Kanam LGA

4. 9,500 (1952 W&B), 50,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Chadic: West branch B: Zaar group: Boghom subgroup

7. Reading & Writing Book (2018)

8. Portions of Scripture from 1955

Source(s)

Refs.

Wordlist: Shimizu (1975)

Boghorom = Boghom

Bogung = Baatonun

Bòhé ábéélé = 'Beele

Bohom = Boghom

Boi = Ya: member of the Vaghat cluster

Boje – dialect of Bokyi

Boka = Boga

Boki = Bokyi

Bokiyim = Boghom

Bokkos – dialect of Ron

54. Boko

1.B Boo

1.C Boko

3. Niger State, Borgu LGA. Nikki–Kande area, Benin Republic.

4. 120,000 all populations (2004 est.)

5. Mande: Southeast: Busa cluster

7. 2 trial primers and 1 post–primer 1970, 1972 in Bokobaru; literacy programmes in progress in Bokobaru and Boko in Benin Republic

8. Mark, Titus 1970 in Bokobaru, hymnbook 1972, New Testament 1984

Refs:

Overview: Jones (1998)

Dictionary: Jones (2004)

Grammar: Struck (1911), Jaquinot & Prost (1958), Prost (1976)

55. Bokobaru

1.C sg. Busa, pl. Busano

2.B Kaama, Zogbme, Zugweya, Zogbeya

2.C Kaiama

3. Kwara State. Kaiama town and surrounding villages

4. 30-40,000 (est. 2004)

5. Mande: Southeast: Busa cluster

8. Mark, Titus 1970 in Bokobaru, hymnbook 1972,

Refs:

Overview: Jones (1998)

Dictionary: Jones (2004)

Bokos = Bokkos: see Ron

Bokwa – dialect of Glavda?

56. Bokyi

1.A Boki

2.B Nki, Okii, Uki

2.C Nfua

3. Cross River State, Ikom, Ogoja and Obudu LGAs; and in Cameroon

4. 43,000 (1963); 50,000 in Nigeria (1987 UBS), 3,700 in Cameroon (SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Bendi [formerly classified with Cross River but this is now not usually accepted]

6. By clans: Abo, Bashua, Boje, East Boki, Irruan, Osokum, Basua/Bashua, Wula: Báswó, Okúndi, Kecwan

7. 6 Readers, tests for the Readers, Teachers' Manual 1972, Post–Primer books 1972–1975, dictionary 1975, literacy programme in progress

8. Scripture portions from 1972, New Testament 1978, Complete Bible 1985

Source(s)

Wordlist: Jungrathmayr (1975)

Dictionary: Bruns (1975)

Pedagogic: Tawu-Ásu (1977)

Bolanci = Bole

57. Bole

1.B Bòò Pikkà, Bopika

1.C Am Pikkà, Ampika

2.A Fika, Piika

2.B Bolanci

2.C Anika, Bolewa

3. Bauchi State, Dukku, Alkaleri, and Darazo LGAs; Borno State, Fika LGA

4. 32,000 (1952 W&B); est. >100,000 (1990)

5. Chadic: West branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole group

6. Bara, Fika (Fiyankayen, Anpika)

7. Pamphlets; Reading and Writing Book (2006)

8. NT extracts (2007)

Source(s) Lukas (1952–3); Schuh p.c.; Newman p.c.; Leger (1990); Blench (2007)

Refs.

Survey: Gimba (1990), Ibrizimow & Gimba (1994)

Grammars: Lukas (1970–71), Gimba (2000); Schuh et al. (2010)

Dictionaries: Gimba & Schuh (2015)

Texts: Lukas (1966)

Ethnographic: Merrick (1905)

Boleri = Dadiya

Bolu – member of the Geji cluster

Boma = Bùmọ: a dialect of Iẓọn: see the Ijọ cluster

Bomawa – small clan in Bauchi Emirate: Temple (1922: 69,427)

Bombaro = next

Bomborawa = Bambaro: see the Lame cluster

Bonny = Iḅani: member of the KOIN cluster: see Ijọ cluster

Bonny = Bonny & Apobo: dialect of Igbo

Boo = Boko: see Busa

Bòò Pikkà = Bole

Boodlə = Zumbul: see the Das cluster

Boot = Boto: see the Zari cluster

Bopika = Bole

Borgu = Baatɔnɔn

Boritsu = Yukuben

Borno – dialect of Kanuri and alternative name

Bornu – dialect of Kanuri and alternative name

Boro–Aboro = Aboro: see Nincut

Borrom = Boghom

Botai – dialect of Gbari

Boto – member of the Zari cluster

Boúe – dialect of Kana

Bourrah = Bura

Boussa = Busa

Bozo = Sorko (not recommended)

Brass = Nembe–Akaha: see Ijọ cluster

Bu Giiwo = Giiwo

BuBure = Bure

Bucepo = Sagamuk

Bucinda = Cinda: see the Cinda-Regi-Rogo-Kuki cluster

Buduma = Yedina

Bugaje = Tamajej

Bugel = Buijiyel, Gusu: see the Jere cluster

Buhungwɔrɔ = Hungwɔryə

Bujel = Buijiyel, Gusu: see the Jere cluster

Buji – member of the Jere cluster

Bujial = Buijiyel – dialect of Gusu: see the Jere cluster

Buijiyel – dialect of Gusu: see the Jere cluster

58. Bu-Ningkada cluster

1.A Jidda, Ibut

2.B Nakare

3. Nasarawa State, Akwanga LGA

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Ninzic

6. Jida, Abu, Raga (dialect of Abu)

Source(s) Blench (1980, 1999)

58.a Bu

58.b Ningkada

59. Bukwen

3. Taraba State, near Takum

5. Benue–Congo: South Bantoid: Beboid

Source(s) Koops (1971), Blench (1992)

Bukuma = Ogbrɔnuagum

Buli – member of the Polci cluster

60. Bumaji

3. Cross River State, Obudu LGA
5. Benue–Congo: Bendi

Refs.

Wordlist: BCCL

Bumọ – South–Central dialect of Iẓọn: Ijọ cluster
Bunborawa = Bambaro: see the Lame cluster
Bungnu = Mbongno
Bunu = Mbongno
Bunu = Ribina: see the Jera cluster
Bunu = dialect of Yoruba
Bununu (Jarawan) = Gingwak: see the Jar cluster
Bura – see Bura–Pabir

61. Bura–Pabir

- 1.A Bourrah, Burra, Babir, Babur
 - 1.B Mya Bura
 - 1.C Two peoples with one language: the Bura and the Pabir
 - 2.A Kwojeffa, Huve, Huviya
 3. Borno State, Biu and Askira–Uba LGAs
 4. 72,200 (1952 W&B), 250,000 (1987 UBS)
 5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara branch A: Bura–Higi major group: Bura group
 6. Bura Pela (Hill Bura), Bura Hyil Hawul (Plains Bura)
 8. Scripture Portions from 1925, New Testament 1950, revised 1987; Complete Bible (2014), hymnbook
 13. Extensive literacy materials
 16. Sign language (Blench 2004)
- Source(s)** Warren (2005); Blench (2009)

Refs.

Comparative: Newman (1977); Hoffmann (1987); Umar & Bello (2011)

Wordlist: Reutt & Kogan (1973)

Dictionaries: mimeo Dictionary (1959, 1962);

Expanded version Blench (2016)

Grammars: Palmer (1923), Hoffmann (1955), Church of the Brethren missionaries (2004)

62. Burak

- 1.B yu 'Buurak pl. yele 'Buurak
 - 1.C nyuwǎ 'Búúrák
 - 2.A 'Yele
 - 2.C Shongom [name of an LGA]
 3. Gombe State, Shongom LGA, Burak town. 25 villages.
 4. 4,000 (1992 est.)
 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Bikwin group
 6. Tadam is a village speaking a highly distinctive form of the language
 7. Reading and Writing Book (2008)
 8. Luke ready for printing
 11. Cassettes for book of Luke
- Source(s)** Kleinewillinghöfer (1992); Blench (2008)

Refs.

Wordlist: Jungrathmayr (1968–9: 202)

Ethnographic: CAPRO (1995a)

63. Bure

- 1.B BuBure
 - 1.C Bure
 - 2.B Bure
 3. Bauchi State, Darazo LGA
 4. A single village southeast of Darazo town
 5. Chadic: West branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole group
- Source(s)** Leger (1992)

Refs:

Overview: Batic (2011, 2013)

Grammar: Batic (2014)

Buregi = Regi: see the Cinda-Regi-Rogo-Kuki cluster

Burgu = Baatɔnɔn

Burkunawa = Mburku

Burma = Boghom

Burom = Boghom

Burɔgɔ = Rogo

Burra = Bura: see Bura–Pabir

Burum = Boghom

64. Buru

- 2.A Buru
 3. Taraba State, Sardauna LGA, east of Baissa: a village near Batu
 5. Benue–Congo: South Bantoid: unclassified
- Source(s)** Kooops (1971), Blench (1990)

Refs.

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Ethnographic: Temple (1922)

Burumawa = Boghom

65. Busa

- 1.A Boussa
- 1.B Bisá
- 1.C sg. Busa, pl. Busano
- 2.B Busagwe, Busanse, Boussanse, Busanci
3. Kwara State; Niger State, Borgu LGA; Kebbi State, Bagudo LGA; also in Benin Republic
4. 11,000 in Nigeria (1952 W&B); 50,000 in Nigeria, 50,000 in Benin (1987 UBS)
5. Niger–Congo: Mande: Southeast Mande
7. Read and Write Busanci, 1971, Riddle Book, 1976

Source(s)

Refs.

Comparative: Houis (1956); Jones (1998)

Grammar: Funke (1915), Prost (1945); Wedekind (1972)

Dictionary: Jones (2004)

Busagwe = Busa

Busano = Busa

Busanse = Busa
 Buseni = Biseni: member of the Ijọ Inland cluster: Ijọ cluster
 Busəgəmək = Sagamuk
 Bushama = Shama: Shama–Sambuğu cluster
 Busi – member of the Obanliku cluster
 Bussa = Busa
 Buta = Gamo: see the Gamo–Ningi cluster
 Bute = Vute
 Butu = Gamo: see the Gamo–Ningi cluster
 Butura (Daffo–Butura) – member of Ron cluster
 Buu = Zaranda: the Geji cluster
 Buwane = Diri
 Buzu = Tamajej
 Bwagira – dialect of Bana
 Bwal = Bwol: see the Pan cluster
 Bwazza – member of the Mbula–Bwazza cluster
 Bwərī = Rin
 Bwol – member of the Pan cluster

B/Ḃ

Ḃa Ḃiile = Ḃile
 Ḃaaraawaa = Ḃarawa
 Ḃalo = Bali
 Ḃankal = Zhàr: see the Jar cluster
 Ḃarawa – a term covering the Das, Geji, Polci, Saya, Zari and Zeem clusters.

66. Beele

1.A Bele
 1.B Àbéelé
 1.C bòhé ábéelé sg., Àbéelé pl.
 2.B Bellawa
 3. Bauchi State
 4. 120 Temple (1922); a few villages
 5. Chadic: West branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole group

Refs.

Survey: Schuh (1978)

Bele = Beele

67. Bena

1.A Ebina, Binna, Gbinna
 1.B Ebəna
 1.C Ḃəna
 2.A Lala (not recommended), Purra (general term for northern Ḃəna)
 2.B Yungur, Yangur
 2.C Yungirba, Yungur
 3. Adamawa State, Song and Guyuk LGAs
 4. 44,300 (1963) probably including Lala and Roba; less than 100,000 (1990 est.)
 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Yungur group

6. Ḃəna is divided into seventeen clans each of which is said to have a distinct speech-form, although these are too close to be properly called dialects

Source(s) Blench 1983/90); Kleinwillinghöfer (1992)

Refs.

Ethnographic: Meek (1931)

Ḃəna = Bena and also used as an autonym by the Lala, Roba and Voro

68. Bile

1.A Bille, Bili, Bilanci
 1.B Kun–Ḃiilé
 1.C 6a Ḃiilé
 3. Adamawa State, Numan LGA, 25km south of Numan, east of the Wukari road.
 4. 30,000 (CAPRO, 1992); there are 36 villages reported to be wholly Ḃile-speaking and another 16 where some Ḃile is spoken
 5. Benue–Congo: Bantu; Jarawan Bantu
 6. Kun–Ḃiilé is said to be intercomprehensible with Mbula
 10. Hausa, Fulfulde, English are widely used second languages
 11. Ḃiile is still widely used but code-switching with Hausa is common among the youth
 12. Occasional television and radio broadcasts from Yola

Source(s) Blench 1990); Kleinwillinghöfer (1992);

Refs.

Survey: Rueck et al (2009)
 Comparative: Maddieson and Williamson (1975);

Ethnographic: CAPRO (1992)

Ḃoye (Korom Boye) = Kulere
 Ḃumọ – South–Eastern dialect of Iẓọn
 Ḃuurak = Burak
 Ḃwaare (also Kwaa–Ḃwaare) = Bacama: see the Bata cluster

C.

Cagere = Rin

69. Cakfem–Mushere

*Cakfem
 1.A Chakfem, Chokfem
 3. Plateau State, Mangu LGA
 4. 5,000 (SIL)
 5. Chadic: West Branch A3
 6. Jajura

Refs

Grammar: Shadrach (no date)

*Mushere

1.A Mushere
 3. Plateau State, Mangu LGA
 4. About thirteen villages
 5. Chadic: West Branch A3

6. Mushere is sharply divided into two dialects, plus Kadim spoken in a single village

7. Some literacy work underway

Source(s) Agabus (p.c.)

Refs

Phonology: Jungraithmayr & Diyakal (2013)

Grammar: Jungraithmayr & Diyakal (2008), Shadrach (no date)

Calabar = Efik

Cala = Ron

Cala-Cala = Lela

Cam-Mwana = Dijim: Dijim-Bwilim

Camajere = Rin

Camo = member of the Kudu-Camo cluster

Cancara = Kyan Kyar: a dialect of Gwandara

Cansu = Rin

70. Cara

1.A Chara, Nfachara, Fakara, Pakara, Fachara, Terea, Teria, Terri, Tariya

3. Plateau State, Bassa LGA

4. 735 (1936 HDG); 5000 (Blench est. 2012). Nine villages

5. Benue-Congo: Plateau: Beromic

Source(s): Blench & Nengel (2012)

Refs.

Wordlist: Shimizu (1975c); Blench (2016)

Caundu – dialect of Rin

Cen Berom = Berom

71. Cen Tuum [†]

1.B Centúúm

1.C Centúúm

2.C Jalaa, Jalabe, Jaabe –Dijim names

3. Balanga LGA, Gombe State. Cham town.

4. A small number of old people among the Dijim formerly spoke this language

5. Language isolate

10. All speakers are fluent in Dijim

11. Moribund or extinct (a search in 2010 failed to find any speakers)

Source(s) Kleinewillinghöfer (1992, 2010)

Refs:

Wordlist: Kleinewillinghöfer (2001)

Central: see Idoma Central, Idoma; Igbo Central, Igbo; Nupe

Central, Nupe

Ceriya (nya Ceriya) – dialect of Longuda

Cesu = Arum-Cesu

Chaari = Danshe: the Zeem cluster

Chakfem = Cakfem: see Cakfem-Mushere

Challa = Ron

Cham-Mwana = Dijim-Bwilim

Chamba Daka = Samba Daka

Chamba Leko = Samba Leko

Cham-Mwona = Dijim-Bwilim

Chamo – member of the Kudu-Camo cluster

Chara = Cara

Chawai = Atsam

Chawe = Atsam

Chawi = Atsam

72. Che

1.A Ce

1.B Kuche

1.C Bache

2.A Rukuba

2.B Sale, Inchazi

3. Plateau State, Bassa LGA

4. 15,600 (1936 HDG); 50,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Benue-Congo: Plateau: Ninzic

8. Mark 1924, John 1931

Source(s) Wilson (1993); Blench (2005)

Refs.

Grammar: Hoffman (1976), Wilson (1996)

Dictionary: Blench (2016)

Cheke = Gude

Chekiri = Işekiri

Chessu = Arum-Cesu

Chibak = Cibak

Chibbuk = Cibak

Chikide = Cikide: see Guduf

Chilala = Lela

Chip = Miship

Chiwa = next

Choa = Shuwa: see the Arabic cluster

Chobba = Huba

Chokfem = Cakfem: see Cakfem-Mushere

Chokobo = Zora

Chomo = Como-Karim

Chong'e = Kushi

Chori – see Cori

73. Cibak

1.A Chibak, Chibuk, Chibbuk, Chibbak, Kyibaku, Kibaku

1.C Cibòk, Kikuk

3. Borno State, Damboa LGA, south of Damboa town

4. 20,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Chadic: Biu-Mandara branch A: Bura-Higi major group: Bura group

Source(s)

Refs.

Wordlist: Kraft (1981)

Comparative: Newman (1977)

Grammar: Hoffmann (1955b:118, 1987)

Ethnographic: Temple (1922: 568); Neher & Neher (2011)

ciBaangi = Baangi: see the Kambari I cluster

Cibbo = Tsobo

Cicipu = Cipu

Cikide – dialect of Guduf

Cikobu = Zora

Cilela = Lela

74. Cinda-Regi-Rogo-Kuki cluster

2.C Kamuku

3. Niger State, Chanchagga, Rafi and Mariga LGAs

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Kamuku group

Source(s) Blench (1987); Regnier (1992)

*Cinda

1.A Jinda, Majinda

1.B Tucində

1.C sg. Bucində pl. Cində

3. Niger State, Mariga, Rafi, Kuseriki LGAs, Kaduna State, Birnin Gwari LGA

6. Oxford Primary Maths 1 (1988?)

Source(s) Blench (1987); Spencer (2008)

Refs:

Phonology: Mort (2012)

*Regi

1.B Turegi

1.C sg. Buregi pl. Regi

3. Niger State, Mariga, Rafi, Kuseriki LGAs, Kaduna State, Birnin Gwari LGA

Source(s) Blench (1987); Spencer (2008)

*Kuki

1.A Tiyar [town name not a language]

1.B TuKuki

1.C BuKuki pl. Kuki

2.A Kamuku

3. Niger State, Mariga, Rafi, Kuseriki LGAs, Kaduna State, Birnin Gwari LGA

6. Azana, Akubiar

Source(s)

*Kwacika (†)

1.B Tukwacika

1.C sg. Bukwacika pl. Kwacika

3. Kaduna State, Birnin Gwari LGA

4. There was only one old speaker in the 1980s so the language is almost certainly extinct

Source(s) Blench (2008)

*Kwagere

3. Niger State, Chanchagga, Rafi and Mariga LGAs

Source(s) Blench (1987); Spencer (2008)

*Rogo

1.B TəRəgə

1.C BəRəgə sg. Rəgə pl.

2.C Ucanja Kamuku

3. Niger State, Rafi and Kuseriki LGAs, around Ucanja town, 30 km northwest of Kagara.

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Kamuku–Basa group

Source(s) Blench (1987); Regnier (1992)

Cineni = Cinene

75. Cinene

1.A Cinene

1.C Cinene

3. Borno State, Gwoza LGA, east of Gwoza town in the mountains. Five villages.

4. 3200 (Kim 2001)

5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara branch A:

Mandara/Mafa/Sukur major group: Mandara group

Source(s) Kim (2001)

Refs.

Wordlist: Kraft (1981); Wolff (1974–75: 205; 1974: 23); Kraft (1981);

76. Cipu

1.B Cicipu

1.C Tocipu

2.A Acipa, Achipa, Achipawa, Atsipawa

2.B Təcəp Tochipo Tə–Səgəmək

2.C Bucepo sg., Ucepo pl. Bu–Səgəmək sg.

3. Kebbi State, Sakaba LGA; Niger State, Mariga and Rafi LGA, Kaduna State Birnin Gwari LGA

4. 3,600 (1949 G&C)

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Kambari cluster

6. Kumbashi, Tikula, Tichun, Tirisino, Tidipo, Tizoriyo, Tiddodimo

Source(s) Blench (1987); Regnier (1992); McGill (2015)

Refs.

Grammar: McGill (2007, 2009)

Ethnographic: Temple (1922); Gunn & Conant (1949)

Cishingini = next

Cishingyini = Cishingini: see the Kambari I cluster

Cip = Miship

Cirimba – dialect of Longuda

77. Ciwogai

1.A Tsagu

2.B Sago, Tsaganci

3. Bauchi State, Ningi and Darazo LGAs

4. 3,000 (1977 Skinner)

5. Chadic: West sub–branch B: Bade/Warji group: Warji group

Refs.

Wordlist: Skinner (1977)

Clela = Lela

C–lela = Lela

78. Como–Karim

1.A Shomoh, Shomong, Chomo, Shomo

2.A Karim, Kirim

2.B Kiyu, Nuadhu

3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido and Jalingo LGAs

5. Benue–Congo: Benue: Jukunoid: Central Jukunoid: Wurbo cluster

79. Cori

- 1.A Chori
- 3. Kaduna State, Jema'a LGA
- 4. A single village and associated hamlets
- 5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Hyamic

Source(s) Blench (1990)

Refs.

Grammar: Dihoff (1976)

Cumbween = 'Bween: see the Fali cluster

D.

Da Holmaci = Holma: see the Nzanyi–Holma cluster

80. Daba

- 1.B Daba
- 3. Adamawa State, Mubi LGA. Between Mubi and Bahuli
- 4. A single village, less than 1,000. Mostly in Cameroun
- 5. Central Chadic: West Central group: Daba group
- 8. Scripture Portions from 1984, New Testament in progress

Dadia = Dadiya

Dadira = Dadiya

81. Dadiya

- 1.A Nda Dia, Dadia
- 1.B Bwɛ Daddiya pl. Daddiyab
- 1.C Nyiyò Daddiya
- 3. Gombe State, Balanga LGA, Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA and Adamawa State, Lamurde LGA. Between Dadiya and Bambam.
- 4. 3,986 (1961), 20,000 (1992 est.).
- 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Waja group
- 7. New Testament in Draft (2019)

Source(s) Kleinewillinghöfer (1992); Blench (2008)

Refs.

Grammars: Jungrathmayr (1968/69)

Daffa = Daffo–Butura – dialect of Ron

Daffo–Butura – dialect of Ron

Dagara – dialect of Kanuri: Kanuri–Kanembu

Daja – member of Akpes cluster

Daka = Samba Daka

Daka = Dirim

Dakarkari = Lela

Dakkarkari = Lela

Dakwa – dialect of Kamwe

Dala: see Dulumi

Dalong = Pai

Dama = Bete–Bendi

Dama = Nama: see the Mbembe (Tigong) cluster

82. Damakawa (†)

- 1.A Damakawa
- 2.C Tidama'un (Cicipu name)
- 3. Kebbi State, Sakaba LGA, villages of Inguwar Kilo and Marandu
- 4. 500-1000 ethnic population, but language now has only a few rememberers
- 5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Kambari cluster. N.B. the dubious reliability of some of the data and the possibility of Cipu loans makes the classification of Damakawa slightly uncertain.
- 10. Speakers have now switched to cLela as their mother tongue
- 11. Damakawa is moribund and only remains as isolated words and phrases remembered by a few individuals

Source: McGill (2008)

83. Damlanci

- 1.A Damlawa
- 1.B Damlanci
- 3. Bauchi State, Alkaleri LGA, Maccido village
- 4. 500-1000 ethnic population, but language now spoken by those over 50. Not moribund however
- 5. Benue–Congo: Bantu: Jarawan

Source: Blench (2019)

Dampar – member of the Kororofa cluster

Damti = Gomme: see the Koma cluster

Dàmùl – see the Jar cluster

Dandawa = Dendi

Danshe – member of the Zeem cluster

Dàṅ Shóó = Shoo: see the Shoo–Minda–Nye cluster

Daroro = Kacicere: see the Katab cluster

84. Das cluster

- 2.C 'Barawa
- 3. Bauchi State, Toro and Dass LGAs
- 4. 8,830 (LA 1971)
- 5. Chadic: West branch B: Zaar group

Refs

Ethnographic: CAPRO (1995a)

*Lukshi

1.B Dəkshi

4. 1,130 (LA 1971)

*Durr–Baraza

1.B Bandas

3. Bauchi State, Das LGA, Durr and Baraza villages

4. 4,700 (LA 1971); 30-40,000 (Caron 2005)

*Zumbul

1.A Boodlə

2.C Zumbulawa, Dumbulawa

3. Bauchi State, Das LGA, Zumbul town

4. See Wandī

Refs. Temple (1922)

*Wandī

1.A Wangday

3. Bauchi State, Das LGA, Wandī town
4. 700 (including Zumbul) (LA 1971)
- *Dot
- 1.A Dwat
- 1.B Zodi
- 1.C shérám zodi
- 2.A Dott
3. South of Bauchi on the Dass road
4. 2,300 (LA 1971); a single large village. 37,582 (local census 2003). Seven wards (of eleven) speak Zodi
10. Hausa
11. The language borrows heavily from Hausa (25% of lexical entries) and for this reason appears to be thriving rather than speakers switching to Hausa

Refs.

Overview: Caron (2002)

Dat = Dot: see the Das cluster

Daza = Teda

85. Daza

- 1.A Daza
3. Bauchi State, Darazo LGA
4. a few villages
5. **no data**. Chadic: West branch A: Bole–Ngas major group:

Refs.

Dede – dialect of Nzanyi

86. Defaka

- 1.B Defaka
- 1.C Defaka
- 2.B Afakani
3. Rivers State, Bonny LGA, ward of Nkọrọ town and Iwoma Nkọrọ
4. ca. 200 [n.b. competence levels vary]
5. Atlantic–Congo: Volta–Congo: Ijoid
10. Speakers are fluent in Nkọrọ
11. Highly endangered

Source(s); Connell (2007)

Refs.

Grammar: Jenewari (1983);

Classification: Williamson (1988, 2000)

87. Degema

- 1.A Dẹgema
- 2.A Atala, Usokun
- 2.B (Udekama not recommended)
3. Rivers State, Degema LGA
4. 10,000 (SIL)
5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: Delta Edoid
6. Atala, spoken in Degema town, and Usokun spoken in Usokun–Degema.
7. Reading and Writing Book 1966 Rivers Reading Project Reader I and Numerals.
8. Draft dictionary; Kari (n.d.)

Source(s)

Refs.

Wordlist: Thomas & Williamson (1967)

Dehoxde = Dghwede

Dele (nya Dele) – dialect of Longuda

Delebe – dialect of Longuda

Demsa – dialect of Bata

Deṅsa – member of the Lamja–Deṅsa–Tola cluster

88. Dendi

1.C Dandi

2.C Dandawa

3. Kebbi State, Argungu and Bagudo LGAs; mostly in Benin Republic, and Niger

4. 839 in Nigeria (1925 Meek); 21,000 in Benin (1980 CNL); 10,000 in Niger

5. Nilo–Saharan: Songhai

Refs.

Grammar: Tersis (1968)

Deng = Daka

89. Deno

3. Bauchi State, Darazo LGA; 45 km northeast of Bauchi town

4. 9,900 (LA 1971)

5. Chadic: West branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole group

Refs.

Wordlist: Gowers (1907); Schuh (1978)

90. Dera

1.B Bo Dera

1.C na Dera sg., Dera pl.

2.A Kanakuru

3. Adamawa State, Shellen LGA; Borno State, Shani LGA

4. 11,300 (W&B)

5. Chadic: West sub–branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole group

6. Shani, Shellen and Gasi

8. Mark and Scripture portions, 1937

Source(s)

Refs.

Grammar: Newman (1977)

Dəknu = Gwamhi–Wuri

Dəkshi = Lukshi: see the Das cluster

Dəmak = Doemak: see the Pan cluster

Dghwede = Dghwede

Dghwédè = Dghwede

91. Dghwede

1.A Dghwede, Hude, Johode, Dehoxde, Tghuade, Toghwede, Traude

1.B Dghwédè

2.B Azaghvana, Wa’a, Zaghvana

3. Borno State, Gwoza LGA
4. 19,000 (1963), 7,900 (TR 1970), 30,000 (1980 UBS)

5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara A: Mandara group

8. New Testament 1980

Source(s) Kosack (2015)

Refs.

Survey: Wolff (1971a)

Phonology: Frick (1978)

Ethnographic: Kosack (1996)

Dia (Nda Dia) = Dadiya

92. Dibo

1.B Dibo

1.C Dibo

2.B Shitako, Zitako, Zhitako

2.C Ganagawa, Ganagana

3. Niger State, Lapai LGA; Federal Capital Territory; Nasarawa State, Nassarawa LGA

4 18,200 (1931 DF); estimate more than 100,000 (1990) – an unknown number of Dibo living among the Gbari no longer speak their own language.

Source(s) Blench (1990)

Diir = Dir: see the Polci cluster

93. Dijim–Bwilim

3. Gombe State, Balanga LGA, Adamawa State, Lamurde LGA

4. 7,545 (1968). ca. 20 villages

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Waja group

7. Orthography based on Dijim lect. Reading & Writing Book (2006)

8. Gospel of Luke ready for printing

11. Cassettes of Gospel of Luke

Source(s) Kleinewillinghöfer (1991)

Refs. Jungraithmayr (1968/9)

*Dijim

1.B Dijim

1.C sg Nii Diji pl. Diji

2.A Cham, Cam, Kindiyoi,

4. Cham 3,257.

7.

*Bwilim

1.B Bwilim

1.C sg Nii Bwili pl. Bwili

2.A Mwana, Mwona [Hausa name], Fitalai [village name]

4. 4,282

Diko – dialect of Gbagyi

Dim = Adim: see the Agwagwune cluster

Dimmuk = Doemak: see the Pan cluster

Dindiga = Bendeghe: see the Ejagham cluster

Dingai = Lala

Dingi = Dunggu

Dir – member of the Polci cluster

94. Diri

1.A Diriya, Dirya

1.B Sago, Tsagu

2.B Diryanci

2.C Buwane, Diryawa

3. Bauchi State, Ningi and Darazo LGAs

4. 3,750 (LA 1971)

5. Chadic: West sub–branch B: Bade/Warji group: Warji group

Refs.

Wordlist: Skinner (1977)

95. Dirim

1.C Daka

3. Taraba State, Bali LGA, Garba Chede area: note former map location erroneous

4. 9,000 (CAPRO, 1992)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Northern Bantoid: Dakoid

6. Doubts persist as to whether this language is really separate from Samba Daka (q.v.)

Refs.

Ethnographic: Meek (1931), CAPRO (1992)

Diriya = Diri

Dirya = Diri

Diryanci = Diri

Djerma = Zarma

Djiri = Rop

Djo = Ijo

Dloge = next

Dlige – dialect of Lamang Central: see the Lamang cluster

Doemak – member of the Pan cluster

Doka – dialect of Miship

Doka cf. Idon-Doka-Makyali

96. Doko–Uyanga

1.B Dɔsanga

1.C Basanga

2.A Iko

3. Cross River State, Akamkpa LGA

4. Several towns

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper Cross: East–West group

Refs.

Overview: Cook (1969, 1976), Simmons (1976)

Dokshi = Lushi: see the Zeem cluster

Dolli – dialect of Kwaami

Doma – dialect of Alago

97. Dong

3. Taraba State, Zing and Mayo Belwa LGAs. At least six villages

4. ca. 20,000

5. Benue–Congo: Dakoid

Source(s) Blench (1993)

Refs.

Overview: Shimizu (1979: 18,65)

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Ethnographic: CAPRO (1992:87-89)

Donga – dialect of Kpan

Donga – dialect of Jukun of Takum

Doobe = Ndera: see the Koma cluster

Dookà – see Guruntum–Mbaaru

Doome = Ndera: see the Koma cluster

Dòòrí – see the Jar cluster

Dorofi – dialect of Nor

Dosanga = Doko–Uyanga

Doso = Mingang Doso

Doso = Mingang Doso

Dot – member of the Das cluster

Dş'aràwa = Jar cluster

Dşekiri = Işekiri

Du – dialect of Berom

Duguranci – see Jar cluster-Duguri

Dugurawa – see Jar cluster-Duguri

Duguri, Duguranci, Dugurawa – name of several dialects in the Jar cluster

Dugusa = Tunzu

Duka = Hun

Dukanci = Hun

Duku (Wa Duku) – dialect of Bacama: see the Bata cluster

Dukuri = Duguri: the Jar cluster

98. Dulbu

3. Bauchi State, Bauchi LGA

4. 80 (LA 1971)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantu: Jarawan Lábír group

Refs.

Overview: Shimizu (1983)

Dulumi – Population 1000, (Mundu and Dala): Gospel Recordings (1971, 1974)

Dumawa – Small community Bauchi State: Bauchi LGA: Dumi village: Temple (1922: 100); Campbell and Hoskison fieldnotes (1969)

Dumbulawa = Zumbul; see Das cluster; possibly dialect of Zhar: Jar cluster

Dungerawa = Duguri: see the Jar cluster

Dungi = Dungu

99. Dungu

1.A Dungi, Dingi, Dwingi, Dunjawa

3. Kaduna State, Saminaka LGA

4. 310 (NAT 1949)

5. **no data.** Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: Kauru subgroup

Dunjawa = Dungu

Durlong – Nasarawa State, Lafia LGA, Jungwa, Namu and Njok. Possibly a dialect of Goemai: Carl Hoffmann (n.d.); Bergman & Dancy (1966)

Durr–Baraza – member of the Das cluster

Durop = K̄or̄op

Dutse (Jarawan Dutse) = Izere

Duurum = Geruma

Duwai = Duwai

Dwat = Dot: see the Das cluster

Dwingi = Dungu

Dyarma = next

Dyerma = Zarma

100. Dza

1.A Dza, Ja

1.B nnwa' Dzâ

1.C Èédzá, ídzà

2.A Jenjo, Janjo, Jen,

3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA and Adamawa State, Numan LGA. Along the Benue River.

4. 6,100 (1952). N.B. Figures for Dza may include other Jen groups such as Joole and Tha (q.v.)

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Jen group

Source(s) Blench 1987); Kleinewillinghöfer (1992)

Dzar – member of the Hyam cluster

Dzər̄ŋu (Margi Dzər̄ŋu) – dialect of Margi

101. Dzodinka

2.A Adiri, Adere

3. Taraba State, Sardauna LGA; also in Cameroon: a single village on the border

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid:

Grasslands Bantu: East

8. Mark, 1923, John 1932

Refs.

Survey: Dieu & Renaud (1983)

Grammar: Voorhoeve (1980)

Dzuuba = next

Dzuuḅa – dialect of Zaladva: see the Lamang cluster

Dzuwo – an unclassified Wurkum group of Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA

102. Duwai

1.A Duwai

1.C Əvji

2.B Eastern Bade

3. Borno State, Bade LGA

5. Chadic: West Branch B: Bade/Warji major group: Bade group

Source(s)

Overview: Schuh (2007)

East – see: East Boki, Bokyì; East Gwari, Gbagyi; East

Ogbah, Ogbah; Mbe East, Mbe

Eastern – see: Hausa (Kano, Katagum, Hadejiya areas); Eastern Olodiama, Iẓon; Eastern Tarakiri, Iẓon; Mbube Eastern, Utugwang; Ijọ Eastern

Ebàna = Bena

Ebe = Asu

Ebeteng = Ehom: see the Akpet–Ehom cluster

Ebina = Bena

103. Ebira cluster

1.A Igbirra, Igbira, Egbira, Egbura

3. Kwara State, Okene, Okehi, and Kogi LGAs; Nasarawa State, Nassarawa LGA; Edo State, Akoko–Edo LGA

4. 154,500 (1952 P.Bruns), 500,000 (1980 UBS); about 1M (1989 Adivè)

5. Benue–Congo: Nupoid: Ebira cluster

Refs. Blench (1989)

*Okene

3. Kwara State, Okene, Okehi, and Kogi LGAs

7. Reading and Writing Book 1972, Pre–primer 1973

3 Primers 1972–3, 3

post–Primers 1974; Official Orthography 1985

8. Matthew 1891, John 1960, Christmas story 1972, Easter story 1972, John 1970, New Testament 1984, Complete Bible 2014

Refs.

Wordlist: Johnson & Christaller (1886); Byng–Hall (1908)

Grammar: Scholz (1976); Adivè (1989)

Pedagogic: Coomber (1866); Scholz & Scholz (1972); Ladefoged (1964)

*Etuno

1.A t̩n̩o

2.C Igara

3. Edo State, Akoko–Edo LGA, Igara town

Refs.

Wordlist: Ladefoged (1964)

*Koto

2.C Igu (Egu, Ika, Bira, Birĩ, Panda

3. Nasarawa State, Nassarawa LGA, Toto and Umaisha towns, Kogi State, Bassa LGA

Refs.

Wordlist: Sterk (1977)

Ebode = next

Èbode – member of the Lala cluster

Eboh = Aboh: see the Ukwuanì–Aboh–Ndonì cluster

Eboze = Buji: see the Jere cluster

Èbú – dialect of Igala

104. Ebughu

1.B Ebughu

1.C Ebughu

2.A Oron

3. Akwa Ibom State, Mbo and Oron LGAs

4. more than 5,000 (1988)

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross:

Refs.

Overview: Connell (1991)

Eche – Echie

Echie – dialect of Igbo

Èdè = Yoruba

Ediba = Kohumono

Ediro – dialect of Engenni

105. Èdo

1.A Oviedo, Ovioba

2.A Benin

2.B Èdo (Binĩ)

3. Edo State, Ovia, Oredo and Orhionmwon LGAs

4. 203,000 (1952), 1,000,000 (1987 UBS)

5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: North–Central Edoid i.

7. Various readers, including set of 1–6, (1987);

Dictionaries (1937, 1986); Official Orthography

8. Scripture portions from 1914; New Testament

1981; Complete Bible 1996

Refs.

Wordlist: Dennett (1904)

Dictionaries: Thomas (1910), Melzian (1937),

Agheyisi (1986), Aigbe (1986)

Grammars: Wescott (1962), Dunn (1968), Agheyisi (1990)

Edzu = Abawa: see Gupa–Abawa

Èédzá = next

Èéjá = Dza

106. Efai

1.B Efai

2.B Effiat (from Efik)

3. Akwa Ibom State, Mbo LGA; Cameroon Republic, Isangele sub–division

4. >5,000 (1988 est.)

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross:

Refs.

Overview: Connell (1991)

Effiat = Efai

Effium = Ufiom: see the Oring cluster

Effurum = Uvbię

Effurun = Uvbię

Efifa – Yoruba dialect

Efiom = Ufiom: see the Oring cluster

107. Efik

2.A Calabar

3. Cross River State, Calabar municipality, Odukpani and Akamkpa LGAs; and in Cameroon

4. 26,300 (1950 F&J), 10,000 in Cameroon; 360,000 first language speakers; spoken as a second language by 1.3 million (UN 1960), 3.5 million (1986 UBS) diminishing

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross: Central group

7. Literary language; Official Orthography

8. Scripture portions from 1850, Complete Bible 1868, 1952, 1985, Catechism 1956

Source(s)

Refs.

Comparative: Norris (1841); Wilson (1849); Connell (1991)

Phonology: Cook (1985)

Dictionaries: Goldie (1862), Adams (1952/3 3rd ed. 1988);

Grammar: Goldie (1857); Una (1900); Welmers (1968); Mensah (2008);

Efutop = Bakor

Ègbá – dialect of Yoruba

Egbado = Yoruba

Egbe – dialect of Mbe West: see the Mbe cluster

Ègbé = Mbe West: see Mbe

Egbedna – dialect of Ikwere

Egbema – dialect of Igbo

Egbema – dialect of Iẓon: Ijò cluster

Egbira = Ebira

Egbura = Ebira

Egede = Igede

Egedde = Igede

Egēṅ = Engenni

108. Eggon

1.A Egon

1.B onumu Egon

1.C Mo Egon

2.B Mada Eggon, Hill Mada

3. Nasarawa State, Akwanga, Nassarawa–Eggon and Lafia LGAs

4. 52,000 (Welmers 1971)

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Eggonic

6. 25 dialects are locally recognised although the status of these is unclear

7. 2 readers

8. New Testament 1975, Scripture portions from 1935, hymnbook

Source(s): Blench (1992)

Refs:

Comparative: Gerhardt (1983)

Grammar: Sibomana (1985); Salami & Taiwo (2012)

Dictionary: Blench (2016)

Eghom = Okom: see Mbembe

Egnih = East Ogbah: a dialect of Ogbah

Egon = Eggon

Egu = Igu: see Ebira

Egun = Gbe

Ehom – member of the Akpet–Ehom cluster

109. Ehuṅun

2.A Èkpenmi, Èkpimi, Èpimi

3. Ondo State, Akoko South LGA

4. 5,766 (1963)

5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: North–Western Edoid ii.

Ejagam = Ejagham: see the Ejagham cluster

110. Ejagham cluster

2.C Ekoi (Efik name)

3. Cross River State, Akamkpa, Ikom, Odukpani and Calabar LGAs, and in Cameroon

4. 80,000 total: 45,000 in Nigeria, 35,000 in Cameroon (1982 SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Ekoid Bantu

6. 5 dialects in Nigeria, 4 in Cameroon

Refs.

Grammar: Jeffreys (1949-1950); Watters (1981); Bakume (2002)

Ethnographic: Mansfeld (1908)

***Bendeghe**

1.A Bindege, Bindiga, Dindiga

2.B Mbuma

3. Cross River State, Ikom LGA

***Etung North**

2.A Icuatai

3. Cross River State, Ikom LGA

4. 13,900 (1963)

7. Reading and Writing Book 1966, Tortoise Stories 1969, Folk Stories 1969

8. Stories of Abraham 1969

Refs

Grammar: Edmondson & Edmondson (1977)

***Etung South**

3. Cross River State, Ikom and Akamkpa LGAs

4. 4,200 (1963)

***Ejagham**

2.B Èkwe, Ejagam, Akamkpa

3. Cross River State, Akamkpa LGA and in Cameroon

7. Primers 1–3 1969, English–Ejagham–French Vocabulary 1970, folktales 1981, 1985 (Cameroon)

8. New Testament in preparation in Cameroon

***Ekin**

2.A Qua, Kwa, Aqua

2.B Abakpa

3. Cross River State, Odukpani and Calabar LGAs

4. 900 active adult males (1944–45): bilingual in Efik (Cook 1969b)

Refs.

Overview: Cook (1969b)

Ethnographic: Forde and Jones (1950)

Ejar – see the Tinor-Myamya cluster

Ekajuk – Bakor

Ekama – dialect of Mbembe

Ekamtulufu = Nde

Eket = Ekit

111. Ekhwa

1.A [Iku]–Gora–Ankwa

1.B ékhwá

1.C sg. énéjì pl. ánáré

2.A Ahua

2.C Ehwa

3. Kaduna State, Kachia LGA

4. Towns; Gora, Ankwa

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Northern group

6. [Iku status uncertain], Gora, Ankwa

Source: Maikarfi (2007); Hon et al (2011)

Refs

Wordlists: Blench (2009)

112. Eki

1.B Eki

3. Cross River State

4. 5000 plus (1988)

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower

Cross: (no data) – dialect of Efik?

Refs.

Overview: Connell (1991)

Ekid = Eket

Ekin – member of the Ejagham cluster

113. Ekit

1.A Ekid, Eket

3. Akwa Ibom State, Eket and Uquo Ibena LGAs

4. 22,000 (1952 W&B); estimated 200,000 (1989)

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower

Cross: Central group

Refs.

Overview: Connell (1991)

Èkitì – dialect of Yoruba

Ekoi = Ejagham

Ekokoma = Mbembe

Ekparabong – member of the Ndoe cluster

Ekpari = Yace

Ekpetiama – a north central dialect of Izõn: Ijõ cluster

Èkpenmi – name used for both Ehuẽun and Ukue

114. Èkpeye

2.B Èkpeye, Èkpabya (by Abua), Èkkipahia, Èkpaiffia

3. Rivers State, Ahoada LGA

4. 20,000 (1953); 50,000 (1969 Clark)

5. Benue–Congo: Igboïd: Southern: Lowland: Delta

6. According to clan names: Ako, Upata, Ubye, Igbuduya

7. Rivers Readers Project, Dictionary of Proper Names, Reading and Writing book

8. Hymnbook c. 1989

Refs.

Dictionary: Blench (2016)

Grammar: Clark (1969, 1971b,c, 1972, 1974)

Pedagogic: Clark (1971a)

Ethnographic: Ikpe (1972); Picton (1988)

Èkpimi = Ehuẽun

Èkumuru – Kohumono

Èkuri = Nkukoli

Èkwe = Ejagham

Èlele – dialect of Ikwere

115. Eleme

3. Rivers State, Gokana–Tai–Eleme LGA

4. 55,000 (1987 UBS)

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Ogoni: West group

7. Rivers Readers Project, reading and writing book 1973, Reader 1, 1972

8. Common prayer 1970, Hymnbook 1972, Mark

Refs

Survey: Wolff (1964)

Grammar: Bond (2002, 2006)

116. Eloyi

2.B Afo, Epe, Aho, Afu, Afao

3. Nasarawa State, Nassarawa and Awe LGAs; Benue State, Otukpo LGA

4. 20,000 (Mackay 1964); 25,000 (SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau or Volta–Niger: Idomoid

6. Mbeki (=Mbekyi, Mbeji, Mbamu)

7. Primer

8. Hymnbook

Sources: Kato (2006)

Refs.

Survey: Temple (1922); Armstrong (1979);

Wordlists: Rolphs (1867/8 & 1871/72); Mackay

(1964); Armstrong (1964); Blench (2016)

Ethnographic: Tschudi (1956); Armstrong (1955)

Èlu – dialect of Isoko

117. Emai–Iuleha–Ora cluster

2.B Kunibum

2.C Ivbiosakon

3. Edo State, Owan, LGA

4. estimated 100,000 plus (1987 Schaefer)

5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: North Central Edoid

6. Ivhimion. NB Spurious languages Ihievbe and Uokha are listed in the Ethnologue (2009)

8. Four gospels 1908–10

*Emai

4. estimated 20–25,000 (1987 Schaefer)

Refs.

Dictionary: Schaefer & Egbokhare (2007)

Orthography: Schaefer (1987)

*Iuleha

- 1.C Aoma
4. estimated 50,000 (1987 Schaefer)
*Ora
4. estimated 30,000 (1987 Schaefer)

118. Emane

- 1.A Amana
3. Cross River State, Obudu LGA; and in Cameroon
4. No proof of permanent communities in Nigeria
5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Tivoid

Emede – dialect of Isoko

119. Ẹmhalẹ

- 2.A Somorika (Semolika)
3. Edo State, Akoko–Edo LGA
4. 249 in Semolina town (Temple 1922)
5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: North–Western Edoid: Southern

Emoro = Lemoro

Emohua – dialect of Ikwere

Emu – dialect of Ẹkwuani: see Ẹkwuani–Aboh–Ndoni

Ẹmughan – dialect of Abuan

Eneeme = Nama: see the Mbembe (Tigong) cluster

Enezhe – member of the Kadara cluster

120. Engenni

- 1.A Ngene, Ẹgeṅe
1.B Ẹgeṅe
3. Rivers State, Yenagoa and Ahoada LGAs
4. 10,000 (1963); 20,000 (1980 UBS)
5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: Delta–Edoid
6. Ediro, Inedua, and Ogua; Zarama in Yenagoa LGA
7. Reading and Writing book 1966, 3 Primers 1971 to 1975, 2 post–primers, poems 1975
8. New Testament 1979, Scripture portions from 1968

Source(s)

Refs.

Survey: Thomas and Williamson (1967);

Grammar: Thomas (1978)

121. English

4. An official language widely used in media and as a first language by an increasing proportion of Nigerian urban populations.
5. Indo–European: Germanic
10. Main second language of all urban populations, except in Hausa cities of the far north
12. Main language of television, radio and newspapers

Refs

Grammars: Alo & Mesthrie (2004)

Dictionaries: Blench (2016); Igboanusi (200x)

Enhwe – dialect of Isoko

Eni – see the Ọko–Eni–Ọsanyen cluster

Enna = Erei: see the Agwagwune cluster
Enwan = Sasaru–Enwan–Igwe

122. Enwang

- 1.B Enwang
1.C Enwang
2.A Oron (incorrectly)
3. Akwa Ibom State, Mbo LGA
4. estimated 50,000 plus (1988)
5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross

Refs.

Overview: Connell (1991)

Enwe – dialect of Isoko

Enyong – dialect of Ibibio

Epe = Eloyi

123. Epie

- 2.B Epie–Atissa, Epie–Atiṣa
3. Rivers State, Yenagoa LGA
4. 12,000 (SIL)
5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: Delta–Edoid
6. two clans Epie and Atiṣa in at least three towns: Agudiana, Akẹnfai, Yẹneguẹ
7. Primer. Rivers Readers Project, Reader 1, Reading and Writing book

Refs.

Overviews: Elugbe (1973, 1983, 1989)

Wordlist: Thomas and Williamson (1967);

Epimi = Ehuẹun

Erakwa = Ẹrụwa

Eregba – dialect of Kpan

Erei – member of the Agwagwune cluster

Erohwa = Ẹrụwa

Eruṣu – member of the Akoko cluster

124. Ẹrụwa

- 1.A Erohwa, Erakwa, Arokwa
3. Bendel State, Isoko LGA
5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: Southwestern Edoid

Refs.

Overview: Elugbe (1989)

125. Esan

- 1.A Ishan
1.B Awain
3. Bendel State, Agbazilo, Okpebho, Owan and Etsako LGAs
4. 183,000 (1952); 500,000 estimated in 1963: Okojie & Ejele (1987)
5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: North Central Edoid
6. Many dialects
7. Primer 1951, readers 1952, 1980
8. Luke 1974, New Testament in press (1987), Catholic catechism c. 1930

Refs.

Grammar: Areghan (1983); Osiruemu (1984, 2005); Okojie and Ejele (1987); Ejele (1982, 1986); Imhankon (1991); Klomp (1993); Rolle (2010, 2012)
Ethnographic: Ughulu (1950)

Esuku – member of Akpes cluster
Etche = Echie: see Igbo

126. Etebi

- 1.B Etebi
- 2.A Oron (incorrectly); Ekit (incorrectly)
3. Akwa Ibom State, Uquo Ibeno LGA
4. estimate 15,000 (1989)
5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross: Central

Refs.

Overview: Connell (1991)

Ethun = Hun
Etien = Aten
Etkye = Kentu: see Kpan

127. Etkywan

- 1.A Icen, Ichen, Itchen
 - 1.B Kentu, Kyātō, Kyanton, Nyidu
 3. Taraba State, Takum and Sardauna LGAs
 4. 6,330 in Donga district (1952 W&B); more than 7,000 (1973 SIL)
 5. Benue–Congo: Benue: Jukunoid: Central Jukunoid: Kpan–Icen group
- Source(s)** Blench 1991)

Etono I – member of the Ubaghara cluster
Etono II – member of the Agwagwune cluster

128. Etsako

- 1.B Yèkhee: not all speakers of the language recognise this as the name of the language.
- 2.A Etsako
- 2.B Iyèkhee, Afenmai, Kukuruku (not recommended)
3. Edo State, Etsako, Agbako and Okpebho LGAs
4. 73,500 (1952), 150,000 (UBS 1987)
5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: North–Central Edoid
6. Auchì, Uzairue, South Ivbie, Uwepa–Uwano, (Weppa–Wano), Avbianwu (Fugar), Avbiele, Ivbiadaobi
8. New Testament in progress, translation of Psalms in progress (UBS 1989)

Refs.

Overview: Elugbe (1989)

Grammar: Elimelech (1976)

Sociolinguistics: Ezejideaku & Louis (2011)

129. Etulo

- 1.A Utur, Eturo
- 2.C Turumawa
3. Benue State, Gboko LGA, Taraba State, Wukari, LGA

4. 2,900 (1952 RGA); more than 10,000 (Shain, p.c. 1988)

5. Benue–Congo: Idomoid: group b

7. Etulo/English diglot of Etulo customs

Refs.

Wordlist: Armstrong (1964)

Etung North – member of the Ejagham cluster

Etung South – member of the Ejagham cluster

Etuno = Etono II: see the Agwagwune cluster

Etuno = next

Ètunò – member of the Ebira cluster

Eturo = Etulo

Evadi – a dialect of Kambari

130. Evant

1.A Avande, Evand, Ovande

2.B Balagete, Belegete

3. Cross River State, Obudu LGA and in Cameroon

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Tivoid

Source(s)

Refs.

Overview: Breton et Dieu (1984); Regnier (1990)

Evrie = Uvbiè

Evhro = Uvbiè

Ewumbonga = Ofombonga: see Mbembe

Eyagi = Yoruba

Èyè – dialect of Òkpamheri

Eza = Èzaa

Ezei = Erei: see the Agwagwune cluster

Ezekwe = Uzekwe

Èzaa – a member of the Izi–Èzaa–Ikwo–Mgbo cluster

Ezelle = Jere

Ezòṅ = next

Èzòṅ = Izòṅ

Ezopong = Osopong: see Mbembe

Èzza = Èzaa: see the Izi–Èzaa–Ikwo–Mgbo cluster

Èkakuṃò = Ukaan

Òshinginaì – a dialect group of the Kambari I cluster

Əvji = Duwai

Fa'awa = Pa'a

Fachara = Cara

Fadan Wate = Ninzam

Fadawa – dialect of Kanuri: Kanuri–Kanembu

Faishang – dialect of Izere

Faka = next

Fakai = next

Fakanci = Kag: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Fakara = Cara

Fakawa = next

Fakkanci = Kag: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Fali – Bana (in error)

Fali of Baissa – nearly extinct

Fali of Fali Plateau – unknown classification 5–6 speakers only remaining (per K. van Wyk (1984))

Fali of Jilbu = next
Fali of Jilvu = Zizilivakan
Fali of Kiria – Kirya-Konzəl
Fali of Mijilu – Kirya-Konzəl
Fali of Mubi – Fali cluster
Fali of Mucella = next
Fali of Muchella – Fali cluster

131. Fali cluster

2.A Fali of Mubi, Fali of Muchella
2.C Vimtim, Yimtim
3. Adamawa State, Mubi LGA
4. Four principal villages. Estimate more than 20,000 (1990)
5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Bata group

Source(s) Blench (1992)

*Vin

1.B Uroovin

1.C Uvin

2.A Vimtim

3. Vimtim town, north of Mubi

*Huli

1.A Bahuli

1.B Urahuli

1.C Huli, Hul

3. Bahuli town, northeast of Mubi

*Madzarin

1.B Ura Madzarin

1.C Madzarin

2.A Muchella

3. Muchella town, northeast of Mubi

*Bween

1.B Urambween

1.C Cumbween

2.A Bagira

3. Bagira town, northeast of Mubi

132. Fam

1.B Fam

1.C Fam

2.C Kɔŋa, Konga

3. Taraba State, Bali LGA, 17km east of Kungana

4. less than 1,000 (1984); <500 (2016)

5. Bantoid: Northern Bantoid: Mambiloid: Fam

Source(s) Blench (1984)

Refs

Wordlist: Blench (2011); Tope (2016)

Fan – dialect of Berom

Fantuan = Kafančan: see the Katab cluster

Faran = Firan

Fedare – next

Federe – dialect of Izere

Feserek = Izere

Fem = Fyam

Fer – see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–

Zuksun cluster

Fezere = Izere

Fier = Fyer

Fika = Bole

Fikyu – dialect of Kuteb

Filane – Filani = Fulfulde

Filatanci = Fulfulde

Filiya = Pero

Fillanci = Fulfulde

133. Firan

1.A Faran, Forom

1.B Fīràn

1.C yes Fīràn sg. yes Bèfīràn pl.

2.A Kwakwi

3. Plateau State, Barakin Ladi LGA, at Kwakwi station, south of Jos

4. less than 1500 (1991)

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Central group: South–Central subgroup: Izeric

Source(s); Blench (2004)

Refs.

Overview: Shimizu (1975); Regnier (1991)

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Fire = Tsobo

Fiti = Surubu

Fitilai = Bwilim: Dijim–Bwilim

Fiyankayen = Fika: a dialect of Bole

Fizere = Izere

Fobur – dialect of Izere

Foni = Pa'a

Forom = Firan

Foron with Fan–Foron–Heikpang – dialect group of Berom

Ftour = Xedi

FuCaka = Pa'a

FuCiki = Pa'a

Fugar = Avianwu: see Etsako = Yèkhee

Fula = next

Fulani = next

Fulbe = Fulfulde

134. Fulfulde

1.B Fulfulde

1.C Pullo *pl.* Fulbe

2.B Fillanci, Filatanci, Fula

2.C Fulani, Filani, Rumada

3. Scattered throughout the country; also in other countries of West-Central Africa

4. 3,000,000 (1952)

5. Atlantic–Congo: Atlantic: Northern Branch: Senegal group

6. Main dialects in Nigeria: Central: Kano–Katsina–Bauchi–Borno; East: Adamawa; West: Sokoto

7. Newspaper; Official Orthography

8. New Testament 1964 [Benin Republic], New

Testament 1968, Complete Bible 1983 [Cameroon]

Refs.

Overviews: Arnott (1967); Fagerberg (1979), Arnott (1986), Blench 1990), Boutrais (1994), Harper (1997, 1997), Harrison & Tucker (2003); Girei (2007)

Wordlists: Seetzen (1811)

Dictionaries: Taylor (1932/1953), Bonifaci (1949), Eguchi (1986), Noye (1989), De Wolf, Paul Polydoor (1995), Niang (1997), Seydou (1998), Tourneux & Yaya (1999), Mukoshy (2014)

Grammars: Krause (1884); Westermann (1909); Taylor (1921), Leith-Ross (1922), Dauzats (1950), Klingenheben (1963), Arnott (1966, 1970, 1974), Stennes (1961, 1967), Labatut (1973, 1994), Anderson (1976), Macintosh (1984);

Sociolinguistics: Bickoe (2000); Fakuade, Gambo & Bashir (2003)

Pedagogical texts: Noye (1965, 1974), Pelletier & Skinner (1989); Jungrathmayr & Abu-Manga (1989);

Ethnographic: Adamu & Kirke-Green (1986),

135. Fungwa

1.B Tufungwa

1.C Afungwa

2.A Ura, Ula

3. Niger State, Rafi LGA, at Gulbe, Gabi Tukurbe, Urenciki, Renge and Utana

4. 900 (1949 H.D. Gunn)

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Kamuku–Basa group

Source(s) Blench (1987)

Fursum – dialect of Izere

Furupagha – a south–western dialect of Iẓon: Ijo cluster

Funtu (Koro Funtu of Minna) = Jijili

Futu – dialect of Kamwe

136. Fyandigeri

1.B Fyandigere

1.C sg. laa Fyandigeri, pl. Fyandigeri

2.C Gerawa, Gere, Gera

3. Bauchi State, Bauchi and Darazo LGAs

4. 13,300 (LA 1971); at least 30 villages. N.B. many Gera villages no longer speak the language. 2018 survey suggested there are only four villages where the language is being transmitted to children

5. Chadic: West sub–branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole group

Refs. Bulkaam & Blench (2018)

Wordlist: Schuh (1978)

Fyandigere = Gera

137. Fyer

1.A Fier

3. Plateau State, Mangu LGA

4. 1,500 (1970); 10,000 (Blench 1999)

5. Chadic: West branch A: Ron group

Source(s) Blench & Seibert (1999)

Refs.

Overview: Jungrathmayr (1970)

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

138. Gaa

2.A Tiba, Təbaya

3. Adamawa State: Ganye LGA: Tiba Plateau;

4. <5000 (1987 Blench)

5. Benue–Congo: North Bantoid: Dakoid

Source(s) Blench (1987);

Grammar: Boyd (1999); Djouonzo (2005)

Ga–tiyal = Tiyal: see Cinda-Regi-Rogo-Kuki cluster

139. Ga'anda cluster

1.C Kaḃən

2.B Mokar [name of the place where the rolling pot stopped]

3. Adamawa State, Gombi LGA

4. 7,600 (1952); 10,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Chadic: Biu Mandara branch A: Tera group:

136a. Ga'anda

1.B Tləka'andata pl. Ka'andəca

4. Six villages

136b. Kaḃən

1.A Gabin

1.B Tləkaḃənda pl. Kaḃəncə

4. Twelve villages

136c. Fərtata

1.B Tləfərtata pl. Fərtaca

4. Five villages

Source(s)

Refs.

Grammar: R.M. Newman (1971a,b)

140. Boga

1.A Boka

3. Adamawa State, Gombi LGA

4. 5 villages

5. Chadic: Biu Mandara branch A: Tera group:

Source(s)

Refs.

Gabin = Ga'anda

Gabu – dialect of Igede

141. Gade

1.A Gede

1.B Gade

1.C Gade

3. Federal Capital Territory; Nasarawa State, Nassarawa LGA

4. 60,000 (Sterk 1977);

5. Benue–Congo: Nupoid

Refs.

Grammar: Sterk (1978a,b)

Dictionary: Sterk (1994)

Gaejawa = Geji: see the Geji cluster

Gala – dialect of Warji

Galambe = Galambu

142. Galambu

1.A Galembi, Galambe

1.B Galambu

1.C Galambu

3. Bauchi State, Bauchi LGA, at least 15 villages

4. 8505 (Temple 1922); 2020 (Meek 1925); 1000 (SIL)

5. Chadic: West branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole group

Refs.

Wordlist: Gowers (1907); Schuh (1978)

Galankya – dialect of Bada: Jar cluster

Galavda = Glavda

Galambe = Galambu

Galembi = Galambu

Gamergou – member of the Wandala cluster

Gamergu – member of the Wandala cluster

Gambar Leere = next

Gambar Lere – dialect of Zaar: see the Guus-Zaar cluster

Gamargu = Malgwa: see the Wandala cluster

Gambiwa – 285 in Bauchi Emirate: Temple (1922: 113,428)

Gamishawa = Gamshi: Offset of Geruma

Gamo = Ngamo

143. Gamo–Ningi cluster

3. Bauchi State, Ningi LGA

4. 15,000 but most speak Hausa.

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: Gamo–Ningi cluster

Source(s) Maddieson (1988)

*Gamo

1.B ti-Gamo

1.C dòò-Gamo pl. à-ndi-Gamo

2.B Butancii

2.C Buta, Butawa, Butu

4. There are some thirty-two settlements of Gamo, but of these only Kurmi still spoke the language in 1974 (Shimizu 1982).

Refs.

Wordlist: Shimizu (1982)

*Ningi

Refs

Wordlist: BCCW

Gamsawa = next

Gamshi = Gamishawa: Offset of Geruma: Temple (1922: 113,428)

Gana – member of the Lere cluster

Gana – member of the Mboi cluster

Ganawa = Gana: see the Lere cluster

Ganagana = next

Ganagawa = Dibo

Ganang – dialect of Izere

Ganawuri = Aten

Gar – dialect of Bada: see Jar cluster

Gar (Duguri of Gar) – see the Jar cluster

Gâr – see Guruntum–Mbaaru

Garaka = Bada: see the Jar cluster

Garbabi – dialect of Jibu: see the Jukun cluster

Garoua – dialect (outside Nigeria) of Bata

Gasi – dialect of Dera

Gashish – dialect of Berom

Gaticɛp = Sagamuk

Gau – language extinct Bauchi State: Toro LGA: Gau village: Temple (1922: 116,428); Shimizu (1982: 123)

Gauawa = Gau

Gava – dialect of Guduf

Gayam – dialect of Jibu: see the Jukun cluster

Gayàr – see Guruntum–Mbaaru

Gayegi – dialect of Gbari Yamma

Gayi = Bisu: see the Obanliku cluster

Gayi – dialect of Kpan

Gbagye = Gbagyi

144. Gbagyi

1.C Ibagyi, Gbagye

2.A East Gwari, Gwari Matai

2.B Gwari

3. Niger State, Rafi, Chanchaga, Shiroro and Suleija LGAs; Federal Capital Territory; Kaduna State, Kachia LGA; Nasarawa State, Keffi and Nasarawa LGAs

4. 200,000 (1952 G&C) including Gbari; 250,000 (1985 UBS)

5. Benue–Congo: Nupoid: Gwari

6. A spread of lects not clearly defined but the variation represented here by town names: Vwezhi, Ngenge (Genge, Gyange), or Tawari, Kuta, Diko, Karu, Louome, Kaduna

7. Some literature produced

8. Kuta: Scripture portions from 1912, New Testament 1956, Pilgrim's Progress (s.d.), 16 Old Testament stories 1956, new translation in progress

9.

Refs.

Overview: James (1990)

Dictionary: Edgar (1909);

Grammars: Edgar (1909), Hyman & Magaji (1970),

Rosendall (1998)

145. Gbagyi Nkwa

1.B Gbagyi

1.C Gbagyi

3. Niger State, Rafi LGA

4. more than 50,000 (1989 est.)

Source(s) Blench 1989)

Gbang = Berom
Gbanrain – north–central dialect of Iẓon: Ijọ cluster
Gbaranmatu = Oporoza: see the Iẓon cluster: Ijọ cluster

146. Gbari

2.A Gwari Yamma, West Gwari
3. Niger State, Chanchaga, Suleija, Agaie and Lapai LGAs; Federal Capital Territory; Kaduna State, Kachia LGA; Nasarawa State, Nassarawa LGA
4. 200,000 (1952 G&C) including Gbagyi
5. Benue–Congo: Nupoid: Gwari
6. A spread of lects listed in the previous edition according to town names: Botai, Jezhu, Konge, Kwange (Agbawi, Wake, Wī Wahe, or Kwali, Paiko, Izom, Gayegi, Yamma (Gwari Gamma). Speakers attest a division of lects based on river locations: Shigokpna, Zubakpna, Abokpna, Sumwakpna
7.

8. John in Paiko 1926, Mark in Gayegi 1925

Source(s) Blench (1979-99); Rosendall & Rosendall (1999)

Refs.

Survey: James (1990);

Dictionary: Blench & Doma (1992)

Grammar: Low (1908); Edgar (1909); Hyman & Magaji (1970); Rosendall (1998)

Ethnographic: Na'ibi & Hassan (1965)

Gbari Yamma = Gbari

147. Gbaya

1.A Baya
1.B Gbaya
1.C Gbaya
3. Taraba State, Bali LGA, near confluence of Benue and Taraba Rivers; but mainly in Cameroon and Central African Republic
4. 200 (LA 1965)
5. Niger-Congo: Gbaya
8. Scripture Portions from 1938, New Testament, 1951, 1983 in Yaayuwee dialect of Central African Republic

Refs.

Dictionary: Blanchard & Noss (1982)

Historical: Burnham (1982)

148. Gbe cluster

2.A Aja
3. Lagos State, Badagry LGA; and mainly in the Republics of Benin and Togo
5. Volta–Congo: Kwa: Left Bank
*Alada
8. Bible 1923, Scripture portions from 1886, Catechism 1885

*Asento

1.A Aséntó

*Gbekon

*Gun

1.A Gū, Egun

4. 300,000 (Atinwore 1986)

8. New Testament (1892, 1919); Bible (1923, 1972)

Refs.

Grammar: Westermann (1952); Feyer (1955); Asiwaju (1979); Hazoume (1979); Akplogan (1996); Aboh (1998)

Sociolinguistics: Capo (1987)

Ethnographic: Manoukian (1952)

*Phela

1.A Phelá

*Savi

*Weme

1.A Wéme

Gbékon – dialect of Gbe

Gbèdè – dialect of Yoruba

149. Gbatsu

2.A Katanza

3. Kaduna State, Jema'a LGA. About six villages east of the road north of Akwanga

4. 5000 (2008 est.)

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Ninzic: Mada cluster

Source: Blench & Kato (2008)

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Gbhū = Ninzo

Gbinna = Bena

150. Gbiri–Niragu cluster

3. Kaduna State, Saminaka LGA

4. 5,000 (1952 W&B)

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: Kauru subgroup

*Gbiri

1.B Igbiri, Agari, Agbiri

2.A Gura, Gure, Guri

7. Literacy programme under way

Sources: Wenger (2014)

Refs

Wordlist: BCCW

*Niragu

1.B Anirago, Aniragu

2.A Kafugu, Kagu, Kahugu, Kapugu

Refs

Wordlist: BCCW

Gbo = Legbo

Gboare = Bacama: the Bata cluster

Gbuhwe = Guduf: see Guduf–Gava

Gbwata = Bata

Gede = Gade

Gedegede – member of Akpes cluster
Geeri–Ni = Jiir: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Zuksun cluster
Geerum = Geruma

151. Geji cluster

- 2.A Kayauri, Kaiyorawa
- 2.C Barawa
- 3. Bauchi State, Toro LGA
- 5. Chadic: West branch B: Zaar group

Refs.

Survey: Campbell and Hoskison (1969)

Ethnographic: Gunn (1953);

*Məgang

- 1.A Bolu, Buli
- 1.B Məgàŋ
- 4. 1,250 (LA 1971), ‘a few hundred’ (Caron 2005)

*Pyaaalu

- 1.A Pelu, Belu
- 1.B Pyààlù

Refs:

Grammar: Caron (2013)

*Geji

- 1.B Gyaazə
- 2.A Bagba
- 2.C Gezawa, Gaejawa
- 3. Toro, Bauchi LGAs, Bauchi State
- 4. 650 (LA 1971), 1000 (Caron 2005). 20 villages (2007)
- 7. Reading and Writing Book (2006)
- 8. NT extracts (2007)

Refs.

Grammar: Caron (2009a, 2013)

*Buu

- 1.A Zaranda
- 1.B Bùù
- 4. 750 (LA 1971), ‘a few hundred’ (Caron 2002)

Refs.

Grammar: Caron (2008)

Ethnographic: Gunn (1953)

Gela = next

Gelanci (Gelanci Serim) = next

Gelawa = Jiir: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Gelebda = Glavda

Gema = Gyem

Gemasakun = Sukur

Gembu – a dialect of Nor

Genge = Gbagyi

Gera - Fyandigeri

Gerawa = Gera

Gere = Gera

Gerema = Geruma

Gerembe – dialect of Longuda

Gerka = Yiwom

Germa = Geruma

152. Geruma

- 1.A Gerema, Germa
- 1.B Geerum (Duurum dialect); Gyeermu (Sum dial.)
- 1.C Geerum (Duurum dialect); sg. na Gyeermu, pl. Gyeermu (Sum dial.)
- 3. Bauchi State, Toro and Darazo LGAs. At least 10 villages
- 4. 4,700 (LA 1971)
- 5. Chadic: West sub–branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole group
- 6. Sum, Duurum, possibly Gamsawa/Gamshi (Temple)

Refs.

Wordlist: Schuh (1978);

Ethnographic: Temple (1922)

Gezawa = Geji

Gələvdə = Glavda

Gəmə Sákwún = Sakun

Gəna – member of the Mboi cluster

Gəvoko = Gvoko

Ghboko – dialect of Glavda?

Ghəna = Pidlimdi: see the Tera cluster

153. Ghotuɔ

- 2.A Otwa, Otuɔ
- 3. Edo State, Owan and Akoko–Edo LGAs
- 4. 9,000 (1952)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: North–Central Edoid

Refs.

Grammar: Elugbe (1985)

Ethnographic: Thomas (1910);

Ghudavan = next

Ghudeven = next

Ghudəvən – member of the Lamang cluster

Ghumbagha – member of the Lamang cluster

Ghye = Ghye (Za) – dialect of Kamwe

Gidgid = Bade

154. Giiwo

- 1.A Kirifi
- 1.B Bu Giiwo
- 1.C sg. Ba Giiwo, pl. Ma Giiwo
- 3. Bauchi State, Alkaleri, Bauchi and Darazo LGAs, 24 villages
- 4. 3,620 (1922 Temple); 14,000 (SIL)
- 5. Chadic: West sub–branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole group

Refs.

Survey: Schuh (1978)

Gili – dialect of Bana

Gimbe = Gòmṅṅṅe: see the Koma cluster

Gingwak – member of the Jar cluster

Gitata – dialect of Gwandara
Giverom = Gworam: see Roba
Glanda = Glavda

155. Glavda

- 1.A Galavda, Glanda, Gelebda, Gələvdə
- 2.C Wakura
3. Borno State, Gwoza LGA; also in Cameroon
4. 20,000 (1963); 2,800 in Cameroon (1982 SIL)
5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Mandara–Mafa–Sukur major group: Mandara group
6. Ngoshe (Ngweshe)
8. Mark 1967, Bible Stories 1966, Hymns and Psalms 1966

Refs.

Survey: Wolff (1971); Hamm (2004)

Grammar: Rapp (1966); Buba & Owens (2007); Nghagyiya (2011);

Dictionary: Rapp and Benzing (1968)

Gnoore – dialect of Mumuye
Goba = Ngwaba
Gobirawa – dialect of Hausa

156. Goemai

- 2.B Ankwai, Ankwe
3. Nasarawa State, Shendam, Awe and Lafia LGAs
4. 13,507 in Shendam (1934 Ames); 80,000 (1973 SIL)
5. Chadic: West sub–branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: A3 : Goemaic

Refs.

Dictionary: Sirlinger (1937)

Grammar: Sirlinger (1942); Hellwig (2003, 2004, 2006a,b, 2007a,b, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2017)

157. Goji

- 1.B Fo Goji
 - 1.C Nya Goji pl. Memme Goji
 - 2.B Chong'e
 - 2.A Kushe, Kushi
 3. Gombe State, Shongom LGA
 4. 4000 (1973 SIL); 5000 (1990). ca. 20 villages (2007)
 5. Chadic: West sub–branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole–Tangale group
 7. Reading and Writing Book (2006)
 8. NT extracts (2007)
- Sources:** Blench (2007)

Goi = Baan

158. Gokana

3. Rivers State, Gokana–Tai–Eleme LGA
4. 54,000 (1973 SIL)
5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Ogoni: Kegboid
7. Rivers Reader, Orthography (1991)
8. Catholic catechism, Hymnbook

Refs.

Wordlist: Brosnahan (1964, 1967); Vopnu (1991)

Golawa – 230 in Bauchi Emirate: Temple (1922: 116,428)

Gombe – dialect of Fulfulde

Gombi = Ngwaba

Gong = Kagoma

Gomla = next

Gomu = Mɔ

Gongla = Gnoore – dialect of Mumuye

Gora = Iku–Gora–Ankwa

Goram = Gworam: see the Pan cluster

Gori = Ọkọ: see Ọkọ–Eni–Osanyen

Goudé = Gude

Gũ = Gbe

Guba = next

Gubawa = next

Gubi = Shiki

Gubu = next

Gubuwa = Shiki

Gude = Gude

Gudi – dialect of Nungu

Gudo = Gudu

159. Gudu

- 1.A Gutu, Gudo
3. Adamawa State, Song LGA, 120 km. west of Song. Approximately 5 villages.
4. 1,200 (LA 1971)
5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Bata group

Source(s)

Refs.

Ethnographic: Meek (1931: I.124)

160. Guduf–Cikide cluster

- 2.C Afkabiye (Lamang)
 3. Borno State, Gwoza LGA, east of Gwoza town in the mountains. Six main villages.
 4. 21,300 (1963)
 5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Mandara/Mafa/Sukur major group: Mandara group
- *Guduf
- 1.C Kədupaxa
 - 2.C Buxe, Gbuwhe, Latəghwa (Lamang), Lipedeke (Lamang). Also applied to Dghwede.
 6. Guduf, Cikide (Chikide)
 8. 47 hymns and psalms 1966

Source(s)

Refs.

Survey: Wolff (1971a:70); Hamm (2000)

Grammar: Kim (2001)

*Gava

1.A Gawa

1.C Kədupaxa

2.C Linggava, Ney Laxaya, Yaghwatadaxa, Yawotataxa, Yawotatacha, Yaxmare, Wakura

Source(s)

Refs.

Grammar: Büchner (1964); Scheytt (1966/1967); Tchikoua (2006)

*Cikide

1.A Cikide

1.C Cikide

Refs.

Gudupe = Guduf

161. Gude

1.A Gude, Goudé

2.A Mubi

2.B Cheke, Tcheke, Mapuda, Shede, Tchade, Mapodi, Mudaye, Mocigin, Motchekin

3. Adamawa State, Mubi LGA; Borno State, Askira–Uba LGA; and in Cameroon

4. 28,000 (1952), est. 20,000 in Cameroon

5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Bata group

7. 3 Primers 1974, Folk tales 1973, literacy programme in progress,

8. Mark 1974, Bible translation in progress

Source(s)

Refs.

Survey: Dieu & Renaud (1983); Brie (2009)

Grammar: Hoskison (1975, 1983)

Gulak – dialect of Margi Central

Gumar – unknown affiliation: referred to by Kraft

Gun – dialect of Gbe

Gunganci = Reshe

Gungawa = Reshe

162. Gupa–Abawa

3. Niger State, Lapai LGA around Gupa and Edzu villages

4. estimated more than 10,000 Gupa and 5,000 Abawa (1989)

5. Benue–Congo: Nupoid: Nupe

6. Gupa, Abawa

Source(s) Blench (1989)

Gura – member of the Lame cluster

Gura = next

Gùrdun̄ = Guruntum–Mbaaru

Gure = next

Guri = Gbiri–Niragu

Gurka = Yiwom

163. Gurmana

3. Niger State, Shiroro LGA. Gurmana town and nearby hamlets

4. estimated more than 3,000 (1989)

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Eastern group

Source(s) Blench (1989)

Gurrun – dialect of Ribina: see the Jera cluster

164. Guruntum–Mbaaru

1.A Gurutum

1.B Gùrdun̄

3. Bauchi State, Bauchi and Alkaleri LGAs

4. 10,000 (1988 Jaggar)

5. Chadic: West sub–branch B: Zaar group: Guruntum subgroup

6. By settlements Dookà, Gàr, Gayàr, Kàràkara, Kuukù, and Mbaarù

Refs.

Grammar: Jaggar (1988); Haruna (2003)

Gurutum = Guruntum–Mbaaru

Gusu – member of the Jera cluster

Gussum = Gusu: see the Jera cluster

Gutu = Gudu

165. Guus

2.B Barawa

2.C Sayanci

3. Bauchi State, Tafawa Balewa LGA. West of Tafawa Balewa town.

4. 50,000 (1971 Schneeberg); 50,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Chadic: West branch B: Zaar group

Refs:

Grammar: Schneeberg (1971, 1974)

*Guus

1.B mur gúús (one person); Gùús (people)

1.C vîi kə gúús (mouth of Guus)

2.A Sigidi, Sugudi, Sigdi, Segiddi

4. 775 (1950 HDG). 17 villages (Caron 2002)

Refs.

Grammar: Caron (2002)

Guvja – a dialect of Kanuri: Kanuri–Kanembu

Guyak – dialect of Longuda

Guyuwa (nya Guyuwa) – dialect of Longuda

Guzubo – dialect of Tsobo

166. Gvoko

1.A Gəvoko

2.A Ngoshe Ndaghang, Ngweshe Ndhang, Nggweshe

2.C Ngoshe Sama

3. Borno State, Gwoza LGA; Adamawa State, Michika LGA

4. 2,500 (1963); 4,300 (1973 SIL); estimated more than 20,000 (1990)

5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A:

Mandara/Mafa/Sukur major group: Mandara group

Source(s)

167. Gwa

3. Bauchi State, Toro LGA
 4. Less than 1,000 (LA 1971)
 5. Benue–Congo: Bantu: Jarawan Refs.
- Survey: Shimizu (1983a)

Gwak = Gingwak: see the Jar cluster
 Gwali = Gbari and Gbagyi
 Gwamfi = Gwamhi–Wuri

Gwanda (nya Gwanda) – dialect of Longuda
 Gwandaba – dialect of Longuda
 Gwandara–Basa = Nimbria: a dialect of Gwandara

168. Gwandara

- 1.B Gwàndara
3. Niger State, Suleija LGA; Federal Capital Territory; Nasarawa State, Nassarawa, Keffi, Lafia and Akwanga LGAs; Kaduna State, Kachia LGA
4. 12,000 (1952); 30,000 (1973 SIL)
5. Chadic: West sub–branch A: Hausa group
6. Central: Gwandara Karashi, Western: Gwandara Koro, Southern: Kyan Kyar, Eastern: Toni; Gwandara Gitata, Nimbria (Gwandara–Basa)

Source(s)

Refs.

Wordlists: Matsushita (1974a);
Grammar: Matsushita (1972, 1973);
 Texts: Matsushita (1974b)
Ethnographic: Na’Ibi and Hassan (1969)

Gwanje – Dialect of Wandala similar to Malgwa: Westermann and Bryan (1952)
 Gwanto = next
 Gwantu – member of the Numana–Nunku–Gwantu–Numbu cluster

169. Gwara

- 1.B iGwara
- 1.C uŋGwara sg. aGwara pl.
- 2.C Gora
3. Kaduna State, Kagarko, Jaba LGAs
4. Five villages [2012]
5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Koro; Idun cluster
10. Hausa, Idū, Nyankpa
11. According to adults, Hausa is taking over among younger people, although the extent of this is hard to gauge.

Sources: Duhnya (2012)
 Wordlist: Blench (2009)

Gwàrà – dialect of Margi
 Gwari = Gbari – Gbagyi
 Gwari Gamma = Gbari
 Gwari Matai = Gbagyi

Gwari Yamma = Gbari
 Gwom = next
 Gwomo = next
 Gwomu = Mō
 Gwong = Kagoma
 Gworam – member of the Pan cluster
 Gworam = Roba
 Gwózà Wakane = next
 Gwozo – dialect of Zaladva: see the Lamang cluster
 Gwozum – Adamawa State: Michika LGA: people of the Gwoza hills including Lamang, Mafa etc.: Temple (1922)
 Gwune = Agwagwune
 Gyããzi = Geji: see the Geji cluster
 Gyang–gyang – part of the Jar: Temple (1922: 170)
 Gyange = Ngenge: dialect of Gbagyi
 Gyeermu = Geruma
 Gyell – a dialect of Berom

170. Gyem

- 1.A Gema
3. Bauchi State, Toro LGA, Lame district
4. 2000 (est. 2015)
5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: Lame cluster

Source(s)

Refs

Wordlist: Blench et al (2015)

171. Gyong

- 1.A Agoma, Kagoma
- 1.B Gyong
- 1.C Gong
- 2.B Gwong, Gyong
3. Kaduna State, Jema’a LGA
4. 6,250 (1934 HDG)
5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Western group: Gyongic

Source(s) Blench 1981)

Refs.

Grammars: De Wolf (1977), Hagen (1988)

Haanda – member of the Mboi cluster
 Habe (Lao Habe) = Laka
 Haḃe = Hausa
 Hadejiya – dialect or subgroup of Hausa
 Hainare = next
 Hainari – dialect of Nor
 Ham = Hyam
 Handa – member of the Mboi cluster

Hima – dialect of Ebirá
Hina = Pidlimdi: see Tera
Hinna = Pidlimdi: see Tera
Hitkala = Xədkala: see Ghumbagha: Lamang cluster

175. Hipina

1.A Supana
1.B Tihipina
1.C Vihipina pl. Ahipina
3. Niger State, Rafi LGA, Supana town
5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: West: Baushi cluster
Source(s) Blench (2010)

Hoai Petel = Tita

176. Holma

1.A Holma
1.B Da Holmaci
1.C Bali Holma
3. Adamawa State. Spoken north of Sorau on the Cameroon border
4. 4 speakers (Blench, 1987). The language has almost vanished and been replaced by Fulfulde
5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Bata group
11. Probably extinct (1987)
Source(s) Blench (1987)

Refs.

Ethnographic: Meek (1931a)

Hona = Hwana
Hoode – dialect of Nzanyi

177. Horom

1.B Barom
1.C Barom
2.B Kaleri (erroneous)
3. Plateau State, Mangu LGA. One village and one hamlet
4. 500 (1973 SIL); 1000 (Blench 1998)
5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Southeastern group
Source(s) Blench 1998); LDF (2012)

Refs

Wordlist: Blench (2016)
Comparative: Nettle (1998)

Hoss – dialect of Berom

178. Huba

1.A Həba
1.B Huba
1.C Huba
2.A Chobba Kilba
3. Adamawa State, Hong, Maiha, Mubi and Gombi LGAs
4. 32,000 (1952); 100,000 (1980 UBS)
5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Bura–Higi major group: Bura group
6. Luwa

7. Literacy programme in progress
8. Bible translation in progress, Mark 1976

Source(s) Blench (1992)

Refs

Grammars: Schuh (1983); Mu’azu (2003, 2009)
Texts: Sharndama (2008)
Dialects: Mu’azu (2009)

Hude = Dghwede
Hul = next
Huli – member of the Fali cluster
Hum = Ham

179. Hun–Saare

1.A Ethun
1.B tHun, sSaare
1.C Hunne
2.A Duka
2.B Dukanci
3. Kebbi State, Sakaba LGA; Niger State, Rijau LGA
4. 19,700 (1949 Gunn and Conant); 30,000 (1980 UBS)
5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Northern group
6. Western (sSaare) (around Dukku), Eastern (tHun) (around Rijau), Tungan Bunu
7. Primers 1–3 1976, Proverbs (s.d.)
8. Hymnbook, 1976, New Testament nearly complete (2003)

Source(s); Heath (2005)

Refs.

Survey: Dettweiler & Dettweiler (2003)
Wordlist: Cressmann & Skitch in Kropp–Dakubu (1980)

Grammar: Bendor–Samuel, Cressman and Skitch (1973);

Dictionary: unpublished draft (Heath p.c.)

180. Hùngwàryè

- 1.B Cəhungwàryè, Tʷəhungwàryè [tə̀hungwàryè]
- 1.C Bùhùngwàryè sg., èhùngwàryè pl.
- 2.C Ngwoi, Ngwe, Ungwe, Ingwe, Nkwai, Ngwai, Ungwai, Hungworo
- 3. Niger State, Rafi, Kuseriki LGA, around Kagara and Maikujeri towns
- 4. 1000 (1949 HDG), 5000 (2007 est.)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Kamuku–Basa group
- 6. Dialects: Bitbit (Kwabitu), Ləklək (Karaku), Jinjin (Makangara), Wüswü (Karaiya), Təmbərjə (Tambere)
- 7. Alphabet booklet (2004); Simple sentences (2007); Calendar (2008)
- 9. Phonology (2007), Grammar (2007)
- 10. Hausa is principal second language
- 11. Language maintenance good in 2007
- 12. Gospel recordings tape (2001)

Source(s) Blench 1987);

Refs.

- Wordlist: Rowlands (1962), Regnier (1992)
- Phonology: Davey (2007)
- Temple (1922: 206);

Hunne = Hun
Huve = next
Huviya = Bura

181. Hwana

- 1.A Hona, Hwona
- 3. Adamawa State, Gombi LGA, Guyuk and thirty other villages
- 4. 6,604 (1952 W&B); 20,000 (1973 SIL), estimate more than 20,000 (Blench 1987)
- 5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Tera group

Source(s) Blench (1987)

Wordlist: Kraft (1981);

Hwaso = Kpan
Hwaye = Kpan
Hwona = Hwana
Hyabe = Kakanda

182. Hyam cluster

- 1.A Ham, Hum
- 1.B Jaba
- 3. Kaduna State, Kachia and Jama'a LGAs
- 4. 43,000
- 5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Hyamic
- 6. Kwak (=Nkwak) appears as a Hyamic language in Ethnologue (2009) and some earlier versions of this document, but it is now known to be spurious and simply a Hyam town name
- 7. Alphabet chart (1999)
- 8. Matthew, Mark 1923, Acts (n.d.)

*Kwyeny

*Yaat

- *Saik
- *Dzar
- *Hyam of Nok

Sources: Blench (2012)

Refs

- Wordlists: Gerhardt (1988, 1992); Blench (2012, 2014)
- Grammars: Jockers (1982)

Hyil (Bura Hyil Hawul) – dialect of Bura–Pabir

I.

Ibaa – dialect of Ikwere
Ibáalí = Bali
Ibagyi = Gbagyi
Ìbàjí – dialect of Igala
Ibami = Agoi

183. Iḅani

- 1.A Uḅani (Igbo form), Bonny (anglicized), Obani (Cust 1883)
- 2.A Okuloma, Okoloḅa (indigenous name of Bonny town)
- 3. Rivers State, Bonny LGA; Bonny town and 35 towns and villages. Some old people at Opobo are also said to speak it, but this has not been confirmed.
- 4. 60,000 (1987, UBS)
- 5. Niger-Congo: Ijoid: KOIN (Kalabari–Okrika–Iḅani–Nkoro)
- 7. 2 primers 1870, Iḅani reader 1947, 1975 readers 1947, 1969, vocabulary 1903, Rivers Readers Project book 1 1971, reading and Writing book 1971
- 8. Scripture portions 1870, prayer and hymnbook 1954, Mark (1985)

Refs

Wordlist: Köler (1848); Latham (1848)

Dictionaries: Johnson (1903); Blench (2016)

Ibara = Nupe Tako: see the Nupe cluster
Ibaram – member of Akpes cluster
Ibeno = Ibinḅ
Ibeto – dialect area Kambari I

184. Ibibio

- 1.A Ibibyo
- 3. Akwa–Ibom State, Ikono, Itu, Uyo, Etinan, Ekpe–Atai, Uruan, Nsit–Ubium, Onna, Mkpāt Enin and Abasi LGAs
- 4. 800,000 (1952) (may include Efik); 283,000 (1945 F&J); 2 million (1973 census); estimated 2.5 million (Ibibio proper 1990)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross: Central group
- 6. Nkari, Enyong, Central, Itak, Nsit etc. roughly according to clans

7. Efik decreasingly used as the literary language.
Primers (1987) Official Orthography
8. Bible translation in progress

Refs.

Overview: Connell (1991)

Wordlist: Oldendorp (1777)

Grammars: Boys (1979); Kaufmann (1968), Essien (1990); Urua (1990)

Dictionary: Kaufmann (1985)

Ethnographic: Forde & Jones (1950)

Ibibyo = Ibibio

Ibibyo = Ibibio

Ibie (South) – dialect of Etsako = Yekhee

Ibie North = Ivbie North: see the Ivbie North–

Okpela–Arhe cluster

Ibiede – dialect of Isoko

185. Ibinọ

1.A Ibuno, Ibeno

3. Akwa–Ibom State, Uquo–Ibeno LGA

4. 10,000 (Faraclas (1989))

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross: West group

Refs.

Overview: Westermann and Bryan (1952); Connell (1991)

Ibo = Igbo

Ibot Obolo – dialect of Obolo

Ibukwo = Kpan

Ibuno = Ibinọ

Ìbunu = Ribina: see the Jera cluster

186. Ibuoro

1.B Ibuoro

3. Akwa Ibom State, Itu and Ikono LGAs

4. 5,000 plus (1988)

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross: Central group

Refs.

Overview: Connell (1991)

Ibut = Jidda–Abu

Ibo = Igbo

Icèn – dialect of Izere

Icen = Etkywan

187. Iceve cluster

2.B Banagere, Iyon, Utse, Utser, Utseu

3. Cross River State, Obudu LGA and in adjacent Cameroon

4. 5,000 in Nigeria, 7,000 in Cameroon (1990 est.)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Tivoid

Source(s) Regnier (1990)

***187.a Ceve**

1.A Icheve, Becheve, Bacheve, Bechere,

1.B Iceve

1.C Baceve

2.C Ochebe, Ocheve (names of founding ancestor)

3. Cross River State, Obudu LGA and mainly in adjacent Cameroon

Source(s)

Refs

Grammar: Cox (2014)

***187.b Maci**

1.A Matchi

1.B Maci

2.A Kwaya, Olit, Oliti

3. Cross River State, Obudu LGA

Ichen = Etkywan

Ichèn – dialect of Izere

Icheve = Baceve: member of the Iceve cluster

Icuatai = Etung North: see the Ejagham cluster

Ìdáh – dialect of Igala

188. Idere

1.B Idere

3. Akwa Ibom State, Itu LGA

4. more than 5,000 (1988)

5. **no data.** Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross

Refs.

Overview: Connell (1991)

Idesa = Okpe–Idesa–Akuku

Idjo = Ijọ

Ido = Udo

Idoani = Iyayu

189. Idoma cluster

3. Benue State, Otukpo and Okpokwu LGAs;

Nassarawa State, Nassarawa and Awe LGAs

5. Benue–Congo: Idomoid

Refs.

Overview: Armstrong (1979, 1981, 1983, 1989); Isa (2015)

Grammars: Abraham (1967)

Ethnographic: Armstrong (1955, 1964)

***189.a Agatu**

2.A Idoma North

3. Benue State, Otukpo LGA; Nasarawa State, Nassarawa and Awe LGAs

4. 56,000 (1952 RGA); 70,000 (1987 UBS)

6. Agatu, Ochekwu

7. Primer 1, Reader 1

8. New Testament in print 1984 in Agatu, Scripture portions from 1951, hymnbook, 4 Christian books, 4 Bible correspondence courses, various tracts and booklets, Old Testament translation in progress

Source(s)

*189.b Idoma Central

2.A Oturkpo, Otukpo

2.B Akpoto

3. Benue State, Otukpo and Okpokwu LGAs

4. 66,000 (1952 RGA)

7. Primer; Official Orthography

8. New Testament 1970, Complete Bible 2014, Scripture portions from 1927, Methodist catechism, Methodist hymnbook

Refs.

Grammar: Abraham (1951)

*189.c Idoma West

3. Benue State, Okpokwu LGA

4. 60,000 (1952 RGA)

*Okpogu

*Idoma South

2.A Igumale, Igwaale, Ijigbam

3. Benue State, Okpokwu LGA

4. 13,500 (1952 RGA)

8. John, Acts (n.d.), Mark

Idoma Nokwu = Alago

Idon = Ajiya

Idong = Ajiya

Idso = Ijo

Idũ = Idun

Idua = Ilue

Idum = Mbe West: see the Mbe cluster

190. **Idun**

1.B Idú

1.C Udú sg. Adun, Adú pl.

2.A Dũya [‘language of home’]

2.B Adong

2.C Jaba Lungu, Ungu, Jaba Gengere [‘Jaba of the slopes’]

3. Kaduna State, Jema’a, Jaba LGAs; Nasarawa State, Karu LGA

4. 1,500 (NAT 1949). Twenty-one villages [2008]

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Koro: Nyankpa-Idun cluster

7. Active literacy programme

8. Scripture portions; New Testament in progress

Sources: Blench (2008); Duhnya (2011)

Orthography:

Iduwini – a south–western dialect of Izoṅ: Ijo cluster

Idzà = Dza

Idzo = Ijo

Ifaki – a dialect of Yoruba

Ìfè – dialect of Igala

Ìfè – dialect of Yoruba

Ifira – a dialect of Yoruba

Ifunubwa = Mbembe

Igabo = Isoko

191. **Igala**

2.C Igara

3. Benue State, Ankpa, Dekina, Idah and Bassa LGAs; Edo State, Oshimili LGA; Anambra State, Anambra LGA

4. 295,000 (1952), 800,000 (1987 UBS)

5. East Benue–Congo: Yoruboid

6. Ánkpa and Ògùgù in Ankpa LGA; Ìfè in Ankpa and Dekina LGAs; Ànyìgbá in Dekina LGA; ‘Idáh and Ìbàjì in Idah and Anambra(?) LGAs; and Èbú in Oshimili LGA

7. Grammar (out of print), Primers 1 – 6, 2 readers, literacy programme in progress; Official Orthography

8. Bible 1970, gospels revised, New Testament 1935/1948/1966, Scripture portions from 1924, New Testament concordance, 8 Sunday School Teachers’ Manuals, 12 Bible Correspondence courses, hymnbook, other Christian books, tracts and booklets

Refs.

Overview: Akinkugbe (1976)

Grammar: Philpot (1935); Silverstein (1973); Akinkugbe (1978); Musa (1987)

Bibliography: Amali (1990)

Pedagogic: Coomber (1867)

Igara = Igala

Igara = Etuno: a member of the Ebira cluster

Igashi – member of Akoko cluster

Igbeeku (Yala Igbeeku) – dialect of Yala Ogoja

Igbena – dialect of Yoruba

Igbide – dialect of Isoko

Igbira = Ebira

Igbiri = Gura: see Gure–Kahugu

Igbirra = Ebira

192. **Igbo**

1.A Ibo, Ibo, Ebo

2.C Unege

3. Anambra State; Imo State; Abia State; Rivers State, Etche, Bonny and Ahoada LGAs; Edo State, Oshimili, Aniocha, Ika and Ndokwa LGAs

4. 5,500,000 (1952); over 8 million (Emenanjo); est. 12 million (1987 UBS)

5. Benue–Congo: Igboid

6. A large number of dialects, e.g. Afikpo, Anịcha, Oka (Awka), Bonny–Opobo, Mbaisne (Mbaise), Ngwa, Nsuka (Nsukka), Oguta, Oḡuhu, Onịcha (Onitsha), Olu (Orlu), Owere (Owerri), Unwana, etc., varying in mutual intelligibility. (A few outlying dialects are listed separately, see below). In the development of a common form, a name used in some earlier literature was Isuama. It is a directional name rather than a true dialect. It was replaced by Union Igbo, an artificial form based on four dialects. This gave way to Central Igbo, based chiefly on a simplification of the dialects of the Owerri and Umuahia areas. Standard Igbo is today accepted for written Igbo, replacing the earlier Central Igbo. The following belong to the same language cluster as

Igbo, but are listed separately in the index: Ụkwuani–Aboh–Ndoni; Ika; Ogbah and Ikwere; Izi–Ezaa–Ikwo–Mgbo. Echie and Egbema, though regarded as languages of Rivers State, are outlying Igbo dialects and are not listed separately.

7. A large amount of old and current literature, including novels, poetry and drama. In: Echie and Egbema, under the Rivers Readers Project, a Reading and Writing book and Reader 1 exist in each dialect; Grammars and dictionaries; newspaper and cultural magazines; Official Orthography

8. Isuama dialect: Scripture portions 1860–66

Bonny dialect: Scripture portions 1892–1900

Unwana dialect: Scripture portions 1899–1907

Oniça dialect: Scripture portions 1893–1906, New Testament 1900, and 1906

Union Igbo: Bible 1913, 1952, 1960, 2009, New Testament 1908, 1913, and Scripture portions. First draft of a New translation of the whole Bible and Apocrypha complete

Refs

Surveys: Ward (1935 1936, 1941), Green (1936), Manfredi (1989), Williamson (2000), Nwaozuzu (2008),

Dictionaries: Thomas (1913), [Oniça]; Echeruo (1997) [Not stated]; Igwe (1999); Green (1999) [based on Ohuhu], Mu'azu & Enendu (2015), Williamson & Blench (2015)

Phonology: Ladefoged et al. (1976)

Grammars: Schön (1861), Spencer (1901), Westermann (1926), Adams (1932); Green & Igwe (1963), Igwe & Green (1964), Carrell (1970);

Williamson (1970, 1986); Fixman (1975), Lord (1977), Clark (1978); Eke (1985) [Ohaffia], Emenanjo (1978, 1985, 2015), Anyanwu (1998); Ndimele (2000, 2003) [Echie],

Dialects: Ikekeonwu (1985)

Historical: Fulford (2002)

Ethnographic: Thomas (1913), Uchendu (1965), Ottenberg (1968), Henderson (1972)

Igbo Imaban = Legbo

Igbuduya – dialect of Ẹkpeye

Igedde = Igede

193. Igede

1.A Igedde, Egede, Egedde

3. Benue State, Oju, Otukpo and Okpokwu LGAs Cross River State, Ogoja LGA

4. 70,000 (1952 RGA), 120,000 (1982 UBS)

5. Benue–Congo: Idomoid

6. Three dialects: Ọ̀jù (Central), Ìtòò (Ito), Ùwọ̀òk̀wù (Worku); also Gabu (Ogoja LGA)

7. Writing book 1966, Primer 1975, Folk–tales, 1976, literacy programme in progress

8. Scripture portions from 1937, hymnbook, Catholic Catechism, New Testament 1981, Complete Bible 2013

Source(s)

Refs.

Grammars: Bergman (1967, 1968, 1981), Oboh *et al* (1987)

Igu – dialect of Ebira

Igumale = Idoma South

194. Iguta

1.C Anaguta

2.A Naraguta

3. Plateau State, Bassa LGA

4. 2,580 (HDG); 3,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: group c

Source(s)

Refs.

Wordlist: Shimizu (1982)

Igwaale = Idoma South

Igwe – member of the Sasaru–Enwan–Igwe cluster

Igwuruta – dialect of Ikwere

iGyang – dialect of Tarok

Ihievbe – listed in Ethnologue (2009) as a distinct

North-Central Edoid language, but simply a section of Emai-Iuleha-Ora

Ihima = Hima: see Ebira

Ijaw = Ijo

Ijebu – dialect of Yoruba

Ijèshà = next

Ijèṣà – dialect of Yoruba

Ijiegu – dialect of Yace

Ijigbam = Idoma South

Ijò Àkpòì – a dialect of Yoruba

Ijo = next

Ijo = Izoṅ

195. Ijo

1.A Djo, Idjo, Idso, Idzo, Ijaw, Ijoh, Jos, Udzo, Udsò, Ujo

3. Rivers State; Delta State, Bomadi, Burutu, and Warri LGAs; Ondo State,

4. Estimated total number of Ijo speakers is 2,000,000 (1990).

5. Atlantic–Congo: Volta–Congo: Ijoid

6. Ijo is a common name for a language cluster comprising two subgroups:

I East: consisting of KOIN (Kalabari–Okrika–Ibani–Nkorò), and Nembe–Akaha; and

II West: consisting of Inland Ijo (Oruma, Okòdia, and Bisenĩ and Izoṅ.

There is partial intelligibility between the groups in each main branch and also between Nembe–Akaha and the southern dialects of Izoṅ.

Refs.

Overview: Jenewari (1989)

*Izoṅ

1.A Ijo, Ijọ, Ijaw, (these forms are used both in a general sense to refer to the whole language cluster and more specifically to refer to Iẓon; Izọ (Freemann 1976), Ezon (Onduku 1960), Ijon (Tarebigha 1956 – Primer), Iẓon (Book of Common Prayer, 1954), Iẓon, Ezon (Agbegha 1961), other forms attested in various dialects are Èz’òn, Ujọ

1.B According to dialect: Ezon (Kumbowei; Ezon (Mein); Ij’o (Iduwini, Oporoza); Ijọ (Egbema); Iz’o (Bumọ, Apọi, Basan, East Olodiam, Iduwini; Iẓon (Oporoma, East Tarakiri, Ogboin, Tungbo, Ekpetiama, Ikibiri, Kolokuma, Gbanraın, Kabowei, West Tarakiri; Iẓon (Oiyakiri, Ogbe Ijọ, Mein); Ujọ or Uzọ (Ogulagha, Egbema, West Fupagha);
3. Rivers and Bayelsa State, Yenagoa, and Sagbama LGAs; Delta State, Burutu, Warri and Bomadi LGAs; Ondo State, Ikale and Ilaje Ese–Odo LGAs
4. estimated 1,000,000 (Williamson 1989)
5. Niger-Congo: Ijoid

6. A large number of generally mutually intelligible dialects named after the *ibe* or ‘clan’ (except that town names are used when a town speaks differently from the rest of the clan), and grouped as follows:

I. Central:

a. South–Central: subdivided into

(i South–East: Bumọ (Boma), (Eastern) Tarakiri, and Oporoma in Yenagoa LGA; Oiyakiri (Oiyakiri in Sagbama LGA

(ii South–West: (Eastern) Olodiam, Basan (Bassan), Koluama, and Apọi in Yenagoa LGA

b. North–Central: subdivided into

(i North–East: Kolokuma with Opokuma, Ekpetiama and Gbanraın in Yenagoa LGA

(ii North–West: Ikibiri, Ogboin, and Tungbo (?) in Yenagoa LGA; (Western) Tarakiri, Kabowei (Kabou, Kobo, Patanĩ, Kumbowei (Kumbo), Seimbiri, Operemo (Operemor), in Sabgama LGA; Mein in Bomadi LGA; Tuomọ and Oboṭebe (?), in Burutu LGA

II. Western Delta:

Iduwini in Sagbama and Burutu LGAs, (Oporoza) Gbanranmatu and Ogbe Ijọ in Warri LGA, Ogulagha in Burutu LGA, Egbema in Warri and Ovia LGAs, (Western) Olodiam, (Western) Fupagha and Arogbo.

7. An attempt to develop a standard form of Iẓon is in progress and a primer has been produced (1988)

Kolokuma: Primers 1948, Folktales 1968, Rivers Reader 1 1969, Reading and Writing Book 1969, Signs and Omens (diglot) 1971, Dictionary 1983, in progress;

Mein: vocabulary 1961, adult primer 1956, orthography 1961, storybook 1958, Ozidi Saga (diglot) 1977, Dictionary

Olodiam: Primers 1956, 1972, Traditional proverbs 1967, Poems 1972

8. Bumọ and Oporoma: Bible passages 1969, Prayers 1967, Easter Story c. 1989, Christmas Story 1990

Kabowei: Gospels 1924

Kolokuma: Mark 1912/15, Gospels 1951, Bible translation in progress, catechism, prayer and hymnbook 1954–1970;

Mein: Catholic Prayer Book 1967, Catholic Catechism 1959;

Refs.

Historical: Williamson (1966, 1970)

Comparative: Lee & Williamson (1990),

Grammars: Williamson (1963, 1965, 1978, 1979a,b, 1987, 1989, 1991);

Dictionaries: Williamson and Timitimi (1983)

[Kolokuma], Abegha (2007) [Mein],

Texts: Freemann & Williamson (1967), Williamson (1975, 1979),

Ethnoscience: Williamson (1971, 1993)

Pedagogic: Taylor (1862)

Ijùmú – dialect of Yoruba

Ika = Igu: see Ebira

Ikã = Ukaan

196. Ika

1.A Īká

2.A Agbor

3. Delta State, Ika and Orhionmwon LGAs

5. Benue–Congo: Igboid

6. ‘The dialect spoken around Agbor, the administrative and commercial headquarters, appears to be developing into a standard form. Further east and south from this centre, the similarity between Ika and Igbo gets closer.’ (Report of the Committee on Languages of Midwestern State: 12)

7. 4 primers, proverbs 1959

Refs

Grammars: Williamson (1968), Maho (1998),

Onyeche (2002)

Dictionaries: Zappa & Nwaokobia (1907)

Ikale – a dialect of Yoruba

Ikan = next

Ikàn = next

Ikani = Ukaan

Ikaram = next

Ikaramu = next

Ikeram = Ikorom: a member of Akpes cluster

Ikiran = Eye: see Okpamheri

Ikibiri – a north–western dialect of Iẓon: see Ijọ cluster

Iko = Doko–Uyanga

Iko – dialect of Agoi

197. Iko

- 1.B Iko
- 2.A Obolo (incorrectly included within Obolo)
- 3. Akwa Ibom State, Ikot Abasi LGA
- 4. Three villages: 5,000+ (1988)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross

Refs.

Overview: Connell (1991)

Ikolu = Ikulu

Ikom (Yala Ikom) – dialect of Yala

Ikòm – member of the Olulumo–Ikòm cluster

Ikorom – member of the Akpes cluster

Ikot Ekpene – dialect of Anaang

Ikpan = Kpan

198. Ikpeshi

- 3. Bendel State, Etsako LGA
- 4. 1,826 (Bradbury 1957)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: North Central Edoid

Ikpesi = Ipesi: a dialect of Yoruba

199. Ikryo

- 1.B sg. à-kró pl. ā-kró
- 1.C ikryó
- 2.B West Kuturmi
- 3. Kaduna State, Kachia LGA
- 4. Two villages
- 5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Northwestern group

Iku – see the Iku–Gora–Ankwa cluster

Ìkúmórò = Kohumono

Ikúmtale = Mbe West: see the Mbe cluster

Ìkúmúrù = Kohumono Ikun – member of the

Ubaghara cluster

200. Ikwere

- 1.A Ikwerre
- 1.C Ìwhnuruòhà
- 3. Rivers State, Ikwerre, Port Harcourt and Obio–Akpor LGAs
- 4. 54,600 (1940 F&J); possibly 200,000 (SIL)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Igboid
- 6. Northern dialects: Elele, Apani, Omerelu, Ubima, Isiokpo, Omagwina (Omuegwina), Ipo, Omudioga, Omuanwa, Igwuruta, Egbedna, Alu, Ibaa
- Southern dialects: Akpo–Mgbu–Tolu, Obio, Ogbakiri, Rumuji, Ndele, Emohua
- 7. Rivers Readers Project: Reader #1 1970, Reading and Writing book, Primer (other than R.R.P.), traditional proverbs 1975, Folktales 1985
- 8. Hymnbook 1969, 1971, prayers 1970

Refs.

Phonology: Clements & Osu (2005)

Grammars: Clark (1971), Osu (1995a,b, 2000),

Williamson (2003),

Sociolinguistics: Ihemere (2006)

Azunda (1987);

Brown (1989);

Ikwerre = Ikwere

Ikwo – member of the Izi–Ezaa–Ikwo–Mgbo cluster

Ila – dialect of Yoruba

Ilaje = Ilaje

Ilaje – dialect of Yoruba

Ileme = Uneme

201. Ilue

- 1.A Idua
- 1.B Ilue
- 3. Akwa Ibom State, Oron LGA
- 4. 5,000 (1988); diminishing
- 5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross

Refs. Connell (1991)

Imaban (Igbo Imaban) = Legbo

Imiv – dialect of Isoko

Închà – dialect of Ninzam

Inchazi = Rukuba

Inedua – dialect of Engenni

Ineme = Uneme

Ingwe = Hungwerya

Inidem = Nindem: see the Kanufi–Kaningkon–

Nindem cluster

202. *Inland Ijo

- 3. Rivers State, Yenagoa and Brass LGAs
- 5. Atlantic–Congo: Ijoid: Ijo Inland cluster

*Biseni

1.A Buseni

1.B Biseni

1.C Biseni

2.B Amegi

3. Rivers State, Yenagoa LGA, Akpeide, Egbebiri,

Kalama, Tein and Tūburū towns

4. Community consisting of five sections

*Akita

1.A Okordia, Okodi

1.B Akita

1.C Akita

3. Rivers State, Yenagoa LGA

4. Community consisting of six sections, six towns

*Oruma

1.B Tugbeni

1.C Tugbeni Kaama

3. Rivers State, Brass LGA

4. A single town surrounded by Central Delta languages

Inyima = Lenyima

Ipesi – a dialect of Yoruba
 Ipo – dialect of Ikwere
 Irhobo = Işekiri
 Iri – dialect of Isoko
 Iri – dialect of Kadara
 Irigwe = Rigwe
 Irri – dialect of Isoko
 Irruan – dialect of Bokyi
 İsan = Esan
 Isanga = Gusu: see the Jera cluster
 Isangele = Usakade

203. Işekiri

- 1.A Itsekiri, Ishekiri, Shekiri, Chekiri, Jekri, Izekiri, Tshekeri, Dsekiri
- 2.B Iwere, Irhobo, Warri
- 2.C Iselema–Otu (Ijọ name for Warri/Itsekiri people), Selemo
3. Delta State, Warri, Bomadi and Ethiope LGAs
4. 33,000 (1952); over 100,000 (1963 Omamor); 500,000 (1987 UBS)
5. Benue–Congo: Defoid: Yoruboid: Edekiri: Itsekiri/South East Èdè
7. Primers (1907, 1956, 1975, 1989, 1990)
8. Scripture portions from 1945, New Testament and Psalms (1985), Complete Bible 2010, hymnbook, prayer book 1909/1974, Catholic catechism

Refs.

Phonology: Omamor (1979)

Grammar: Opubor (1969), Omamor (1982)

Ethnographic: Lloyd, (1957)

Iselema–Otu = Işekiri
 Ishan = Esan
 Ishe – dialect of Ukaan
 İshè = Ukaan
 Ishekiri = Işekiri
 Ishibori = Nkem: see the Bakor cluster
 Ishua = Uhami
 Isiokpo – dialect of Ikwere

204. Isoko

- 2.B Igabo, Sobo (see also under Urhobo)
- 2.C Biotu (not recommended)
3. Delta State, Isoko and Ndokwa LGAs
4. At least 74,000 (1952 REB); 300,000 (1980 UBS)
5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: South–Western Edoid
6. West Central: Ozoro (Ozoro), Ofagbe, Emede, Owe (Owe), Elu; Standard: Aviara; Western: Iyede, Imiv, Enhwe (Enwe), Ume, Iwire (Igbide); East Central: Olomoro, Iyede–ami, Unogbokò, Itebiege, Uti, Iyowo, Ibiede, Oyede; Standard: Uzere; West Central: Irri (Irĩ, Ole (Oleh))
7. Readers 1954–58, Adult Education pamphlets; Official Orthography
8. NT and Psalms 1970, hymnbook 1930, Scripture portions from 1920, Complete Bible 1977

Refs.

Grammars: Mafeni (1969)
 Donwa–Ifode (1983, 1985, 1986)

Isua = Uhami
 Isuama – dialect of Igbo
 Itak – a dialect of Ibibio
 iTarok = Tarok
 iTarok Oga aSa = Tarok
 Itchen = Etkywan
 Itebiege – dialect of Isoko
 Itebu = Nembe: Nembe–Akaha cluster: see Ijọ cluster
 Iteeji = Mtezi–Iteeji – dialect of Kukele
 Itigidi = Legbo
 Itsekiri = Işekiri
 Ito = next
 Itòò – dialect of Igede

205. Ito

- 1.B Ito
3. Akwa Ibom State, Akamkpa LGA
4. 5,000 plus (1988)
5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross: (no data)

Source(s) Connell (1991)

206. Itu Mbon Uzo

- 1.A Itu Mbuzo
- 1.B Itu Mbon Uzo
3. Akwa Ibom State, Ikono LGA
4. 5,000 plus (1988)
5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross: Central

Source(s) Connell (1991)

Itu Mbuzo = Itu Mbon Uzo
 Iuleha – member of the Emai–Iuleha–Ora cluster

207. Ivbie North–Okpela–Arhe cluster

3. Edo State, Etsako and Akoko–Edo LGAs
4. 14,500 (1952); possibly 20,000 (1973 SIL)
5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: North–Central Edoid

Refs.

*Ivbie North

*Okpela

1.A Okpella, Ukpilla

*Arhe

1.A Ate, Ate, Atte

Refs:

Elugbe (1989)

Grammars: Emuekpere–Masagbor (1997)

Ivbiosakon = Emai–Iuleha–Ora, Ghotuo, Ihiebe?

Ivhiadaobi – dialect of Etsako = Yekhee

Ivhimion – dialect of Emai–Iuleha–Ora

Iwere = Işekiri

İwhnuruòhnà = Ikwere

Iwire – dialect of Isoko

Iyace = Yace

Iyala = Yala

Iyani – member of Akpes cluster

Iyashi = Yashi

208. Iyayu

2.C Idoani

3. Ondo State, one quarter of Idoani town

4. 9,979 (1963)

5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: North–Western Edoid: Osse

Iyede – dialect of Isoko

Iyede–ami – dialect of Isoko

Iyèkhee = Etsako = Yèkhee

209. Iyive

1.A Uive

1.B Yiive

1.C Ndir

2.B Asumbo (Cover term used in Cameroon)

3. Benue State, Kwande LGA, near Turan; and in Cameroon (several villages in Manyu Département)

4. 2,000

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Tivoid

Source(s) Gray wordlist

Refs. Dieu & Renaud (1983)

Iyongiyong = Bakpinka

Iyowo – dialect of Isoko

Izarek = Izere

Izekiri = Işekiri

210. Izere cluster

1.A Izarek, Zarek

1.C Afizere: other spellings – Fizere, Feserek, Afizarek, Afusare, Fezere

2.B Jarawa

2.C Jarawan Dutse

3. Bauchi State, Toro LGA; Plateau State, Jos South and Barkin Ladi LGAs; Kaduna State, Jema’ a LGA probably migrants only

4. 22,000 (LA 1971); 30,000 (1977 Voegelin & Voegelin)

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Central

Source(s) Gardiner (p.c.)

Refs.

Survey: Shimizu (1975); Regnier (1991)

Ethnographic: Bristow (1953)

*Fobur

1.A Fobor

2.C Northwestern Jarawa

3. Bauchi State, Toro LGA; Plateau State, Jos LGA;

4. less than 15,000 (1991)

6. Fobur, Shere, Jos Zarazon

7. Alphabet Chart 1978, Alphabet Booklet 1984, I Fa

Yir Izere (Let’s Read Izere) 1985

8. Mark’s gospel 1940

Refs

Dictionaries: Blench & Kaze (2016)

Grammars: Lukas & Willms (1961), Meyer-Bahlburg (1979), Gerhardt (1984), Blench (2000)

Ethnographic: Nyam (1988)

*Northeastern

3. Bauchi State, Toro LGA; Plateau State, Jos LGA;

6. Federe=Fedare, Zendi, Fursum, Jarawan Kogi

*Southern

1.A Forom

3. Plateau State, Barkin Ladi LGA at Forom and Gashish villages

4. less than 4,000 (1991)

*Ichèn

8. New Testament translation under way

*Faishang

*Ganang

Source: Blench (2006)

211. Izii–Ezaa–Ikwo–Mgbo cluster

4. 593,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Igboid

*Izi

1.A Ezzi, Izzi

3. Anambra State, Abakaliki and Ishielu LGAs; Benue State, Okpokwu LGA

4. 84,000 (1940 F&J); 200,000 (1973 SIL)

7. Reading and Writing book 1967, primer 1975, 4 post–primers 1972–74

8. Scripture portions from 1971, New Testament 1979, Complete Bible 2014, hymnbooks 1972 and 1975

9. Extended wordlist (199x)

Source(s) De Blois (n.d.); Blench (2000)

Refs.

Grammar: Meier, Meier and Bendor–Samuel (1975), Agara (2001)

*Ezaa

1.A Eza

3. Anambra State, Ezza and Ishielu LGAs; Abia State, Ohaozara LGA;

Benue State, Okpokwu LGA

4. 93,800 (1940 F&J); 180,000 (1973 SIL)

7. Trial Primer 1973, 2 post–primers 1974–5

8. New Testament 1980, Scripture portions from 1973, hymnbook 1972

Source(s) IL/NBTT

*Ikwo

3. Anambra State, Ikwo and Abakaliki LGAs

4. 38,500 (1940 F&J); 150,000 (1973 SIL)

7. Reading and Writing book 1973, trial Primer 1973, 3 post–primers 1974–75

8. New Testament 1980, Complete Bible 2014, Scripture portions from 1973, hymnbook 1972

Source(s)

*Mgbo

1.A Ngbo

3. Anambra State, Ishielu LGA

4. 19,600 (1940 F&J); 63,000 (1973 SIL)

iZini – a dialect of Tarok
 Iẓo = Iẓon: Ijọ cluster
 Izom – dialect of Gbari
 Iẓon – member of the Ijọ cluster
 Izzi = Izi: see the Izi–Ezaa–Ikwo–Mgbo cluster
 Ja (Tsure Ja) = Reshe
 Ja = Dza
 Jaabe = Cen Tuum
 Jaaku = Lábir
 Jaalingo – dialect of South–Western Mumuye
 Jaba = Hyam
 Jajuru = Kajuru: see Kadara
 Jakanci = next
 Jaku = Lábir
 Jal = Aten
 Jalaa = Cen Tuum
 Jalabe = Cen Tuum
 Jalalum – dialect of Karekare

212. Jan Awei

1.B Jan Awei
 3. Gombe State, West of Muri mountains, North of the Benue (precise location unknown)
 4. 12 ? (1997)
 5. Benue–Congo: Central Jukunoid
Source(s) Storch (p.c.)

Jangani (Samba Janganĩ – a dialect of Samba Daka
 Jama = Samba Daka

213. Janji

1.A Jenji
 1.B Tijánjí
 1.C Ajanji
 2.C Anafejanzi
 3. Plateau State, Bassa LGA
 4. 360 (NAT 1950)
 5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: group c

Refs

Wordlist: Shimizu (1975) 14; (1980) 253

Janjo = Dza

214. Jar cluster

1.A Dş'arawa (Koelle 1854), Jarawa
 2.B Jar, Jarawan Kogi, Jarawan Kasa, Jaracin Kogi/Kasa
 3. Plateau, Bauchi and Adamawa States
 5. Benue–Congo: Bantu: Jarawan
Refs. Maddieson and Williamson (1975); Shimizu (1983) – Shimizu treats Kantana as co-ordinate language. Also he refers to Zungur (possibly Gwak or Baďa), Nđangshi, Dòòrĩ, Mùùn, Dàmùl. It is not clear how these relate to the languages below.

*Zhar

1.B Zhar
 2.A Bankal, Bankal, Bankala

2.B Bankalanci, Baranci
 2.C Bankalawa
 3. Dass town and northward to Bauchi town, west of the Gongola River, in Dass, Bauchi, and Toro LGAs, Bauchi State
 4. 20,000 (LA 1971)
 6. Dumbulawa (Sutumi village) may speak a dialect of Bankal
 7. Reading and Writing Book (2006)
 8. NT extracts (2007)

Refs

Ethnographic: CAPRO (1995a)

*Ligri

3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA
 4. 800 speakers (Ayuba est. 2008).

*Kantana

3. Plateau State, Kanam LGA
 11. The language is rapidly yielding to Hausa; it is still used by middle-aged speakers but young speakers not longer make active use of it.

*Bobar [?]

3. Bauchi State, precise location unknown. May not exist as survey in 2007 failed to find such a language

*Gwak

1.A Gingwak

2.B Jaranci

2.C Jarawan Bununu, Jaracin Kasa

3. Dass town and southward to Tafawa Balewa, west of the Gongola River, in Dass and Tafawa Balewa LGAs, Bauchi State

4. 19,000 (LA 1971)

*Doori

1.B Dòòrĩ

2.B Duguranci

2.C Dugurawa

3. Bauchi State, Alkaleri, Tafawa Balewa LGA; Plateau State, Kanam LGA

6. Previous sources (e.g. Maddieson & Williamson 1975) divided Duguri into a number of regional dialects. There appears to be no basis for these distinctions and all Doori essentially speak intercomprehensible lects

11. The language is gradually yielding to Hausa; it is still used by middle-aged speakers but young speakers no longer make active use of it.

*Mbat

1.A Mbada, Bat, Bada, Baďa

2.B Jar, Jarawan Kogi, Garaka

2.A Kanna

2.C Badawa, Mbadawa

3. North-central part of Kanam LGA, Plateau State, centered at Gagdi-Gum

4. 10,000 (SIL)

*Mbat-Galamkya

1.A Mbada, Bat, Bada, Baďa

2.B Jar, Jarawan Kogi, Garaka

2.A Kanna

2.C Badawa, Mbadawa

3. North-western Kanam LGA, southwest of Mbat, including Gyangyang 2 and Gidgid

4. 10,000 (SIL)

10. Hausa, Fulfulde

Source(s) Blench (2007);

Refs.

Survey: Rueck et al 2009)

Comparative: Shimizu (1983)

Ethnographic: Temple (1922: 217); CAPRO (1995a)

215. Jara

1.A Jera

3. Borno State, Biu LGA; Bauchi State, Ako LGA

4. 4,000 (SIL)

5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Tera group

Jaracin Kasa = Jar cluster

Jaracin Kogi – see the Jar cluster

Jaranci = Gingwak: see the Jar cluster

Jarawa – a Hausa name used to refer to many language groups: Izere, Ribina, Lame cluster, Barawa (Das, Geji, Polci, Saya, Zari and Zeem clusters) and the languages of the Jarawan Bantu group including: the Jarawa cluster, Mbárù, Gùra, Rúhù, Gubi, Dulbu, Lábir, Kulung, and Gwa

Jarawan Bununu = Gingwak

Jarawan Dutse = Izere

Jarawan Kogi = Bađa: see the Jar cluster

Jarawan Kogi – a dialect of Izere

Jareng = Gnoore – dialect of North–Eastern Mumuye

Jasikit = Nteng – possible dialect of Kwagallak: see the Pan cluster

Jeba = Hyam

Jega – dialect of Panseng

Jeere = Jera

Jekri = Işekiri

Jelaselem = next

Jelaselum – dialect of Karekare

Jen = Dza

Jeng – dialect of Mumuye

Jeng = next

Jenge = Nzanyi

Jengre = Jere: the Jere cluster

Jenji = Janji

Jenjo = Dza

Jenuwa – dialect of Kuteb

Jepal = next

Jepel = Jipal: see the Pan cluster

Jera = Jara or the Jere cluster

216. Jere cluster

1.A Jera, Jeere

3. Plateau State, Bassa LGA; Bauchi State, Toro LGA

4. 23,000 (1972 SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: group c

Refs. Shimizu (1968, 1980, 1982)

*Boze

1.A Anabeze

1.B eBoze

1.C unaBoze pl. anaBoze

2.A Buji

3. Plateau State, Bassa LGA. Both sides of the Jos–Zaria road, directly north of Jos.

4. εGorong (2500?), εKəkəŋ (3000) εFiru (1500?) (Blench est, 2003). Due to language loss, especially in road settlements, there are considerably more ethnic Boze. The figures in the Ethnologue are total district populations, not speakers.

6. Boze is divided into three dialects, εGorong, εKəkəŋ as well as a third rather divergent speech form, εFiru

8. Reading & Writing Book (2019)

Source(s) Blench & Nengel (2012)

Dictionary: Blench & BLB (2019)

*Gusu

1.A Gussum

1.B i–Sanga

1.C sg. o–Sanga, pl. a–Sanga

2.B Anibau, Anosangobari

3. Plateau State, Bassa LGA; Bauchi State, Toro LGA

4. 2,350 (1936 HDG)

Source(s) IL/NBTT wordlist

*Jere

1.B Ezelle

1.C Anazele, Azelle

2.A Jengre

3. Plateau State, Bassa LGA; Kaduna State, Saminaka LGA

4. 4,500 (1936 HDG)

Source(s) IL/NBTT wordlist

*Ibunu-Lɔrɔ

1.A Bunu

1.B Ibunu

1.C Ànarubùnu, (Anorubuna, Narabuna)

2.A Rebina, Ribina, Rubunu

3. Bauchi State, Toro LGA

4. 2,000 (LA 1971)

Source(s)

Refs:

Grammar: Shimizu (1968)

1.B iLɔrɔ

1.C ɔnɔLɔrɔ pl. AnɔLɔrɔ

3. Bauchi State, Toro LGA

4. 1500 (Blench 2003) in four villages

Source(s) Blench & Nengel (2003)

*Panawa

1.B iPanawa

1.C unuPanawa pl. anaPanawa

2.A Bujiyel

3. Bauchi State, Toro LGA

4. 1600 CAPRO (1995a). 3500 (Blench 2003) in five villages

Source(s) Blench & Nengel (2003)

Refs

Ethnographic: CAPRO (1995a)

Jeriyawa = Ribina: see the Jere cluster
Jeriyawa = Jereawa ‘North of Bauchi Emirate’
perhaps also at Ako in Gombe, population 1,470:
Temple (1922: 171): never reported again
Jetko – dialect of Kanuri
Jessi – see Shoo–Minda–Nye cluster
Jessu – dialect of Longuda
Jezhu – dialect of Gbari
Jibu – member of the Jukun cluster
Jibyal = Jipal: see the Pan cluster
Jidda – see Bu–Ningkada
Jiir – see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–
Zuksun cluster

217. Jijili

- 1.B Tanjijili
- 1.C Ujjijili pl. aJijili
- 2.C Koro Funtu of Kafin Koro, Koro of Shakoyi
3. Niger State, Chanchaga and Suleija LGAs, north the road from Minna to Suleja around Kafin Koro
4. About eight settlements and probably some 8000 speakers (1999)
5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Southern: Jili group

Source(s) Blench 1980, 1999)

Refs

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

218. Jilbe

- 1.C Jilbe
3. Borno State, a single village on the Nigeria Cameroun border, south of Dikwa
4. ? 100 speakers (Tourneux p.c. 1999)
5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara B: Mandage group

Source(s) Tourneux (1997)

Jilbu = Zizilivakan

219. Jili

- 1.A Megili, Migili (orthographic form)
- 1.B Lijili
- 1.C Jijili (singular), Mijili (plural)
- 2.B Koro of Lafia
3. Plateau State, Lafia and Awe LGAs
4. 50,000 (1985 UBS)
5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Southern group; Jilic
7. Reading and Writing book 1975, Folk Tales 1976
8. New Testament 1987. Project became moribund for decades but has recently revived.

Refs:

Phonology: Stofberg (1978a)

Grammar: Stofberg (1978b)

Dictionary: Blench (2016)

Orthography: Dogo (2017)

Jilvu (Fali of Jilvu) = Zizilivakan

Jimbin = Zumbun

220. Jimi

3. Bauchi State, Darazo LGA
4. 250 (LA 1971); 400 (1973 SIL)
5. Chadic: West sub–branch B: Zaar group

Jimo = Zumu: see the Bata cluster

Jinda = Cinda: see the Cinda–Regi–Rogo–Kuki cluster

Jinleri = Shoo–Minda–Nye

Jipal – member of the Pan cluster

Jirai – dialect of Bata

Jiriya = Ziriya

221. Jiru

- 1.A Zhiru
- 2.B Atak, Wiyap, Kir
3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA
5. Benue–Congo: Benue: Jukunoid: Central Jukunoid: Jukun–Mbembe–Wurbo: Wurbo cluster

Jiwafa = Jiwapa – Kaduna State, Saminaka LGA,
Kono village: Temple (1922: 62,576); Gunn (1956: 60)

222. Jju

- 1.B Kajju
- 1.C Bajju, Bajju
- 2.B Kaje, Kajji, Kache
3. Kaduna State, Kachia and Jema’a LGAs
4. 26,600 (NAT 1949); possibly 200,000 (1984 SIL)
5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Central
7. Literacy programme in progress, trial primers 1974–5, Kaje alphabet book 1972, Proverbs 1985; Official Orthography
8. Bible stories 1972; New Testament 1983

Source(s)

Refs

Grammars: McKinney (1979), McKinney (1990)

Pedagogic: Mindat (2015)

Ethnographic: McKinney (1983, 1985)

Johode = Dghwedè

Jompre (not recommended) = Kuteb

223. Joole

- 1.B èèzìì
 - 1.C nwá èèzìì
 3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA and Adamawa State, Numan LGA. Along the Benue River.
 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Jen group
- Source(s)** Kleinewillinghöfer (1995)

224. Jorto

3. Plateau State, Shendam LGA, at Dokan Kasuwa
 4. 4,876 (1934 Ames)
 5. Chadic: West sub-branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: A3
 NB. There is some doubt this language really exists. No data has ever been circulated.

Jos = Ijọ
 Jos–Zarazon – dialect of Izere
 Ju (Ju Norĩ = Nor

225. Ju

3. Bauchi State, Bauchi LGA
 4. 150 (LA 1971)
 5. Chadic: West sub-branch B: Zaar group: Guruntum subgroup

Jukun – commonly used for both the Jukun and Kororofa clusters

226. Jukun cluster

1.A Njuku
 2.A Njikun
 3. Taraba State, Wukari, Takum, Bali and Sardauna LGAs; Nasarawa State, Awe, Shendam, Langtang and Lafia LGAs; Benue State, Makurdi LGA; and in Furu-Awa subdivision, Cameroon
 4. 35,000 (1971 Welmers); 1700 in Cameroun (1976)
 5. Benue–Congo: Benue: Jukunoid: Central Jukunoid:

Refs.

Overviews: Shimizu (1980); Breton (1993)
Grammar: Storch 1997);
 Wordlist: Fraser (1908); Dayrell (1908)

*Jukun–Mbembe–Wurbo group

**Jibu

3. Taraba State, Gashaka LGA
 4. 25,000 (1987 SIL)
 6. Gayam, Garbabi
 7. Pre–primer 1973, 3 primers 1975, Jibu–Hausa–English wordlist 1974, 1990 folktale book 1971, Primer 1991, literacy programme halted in 1976, resumed in 1987
 8. Scripture portions and Bible stories from 1971. Genesis 1–IV, 1989. Luke, 1992. Bible translation in progress

Source(s) Priest (p.c.)

Refs

Phonology: Van Dyken (1974)
 Grammars: Bradley (1971),
 **Takum–Donga

2.B Jibu
 3. Taraba State, Takum, Sardauna and Bali LGAs
 4. Second language speakers only 40,000 (1979 UBS)
 6. Takum, Donga
 7a. Donga: Primer 1915

7b. Takum: Primers 1–7 1966–1975, 6 post primers, Jukun grammar and Jukun–Hausa wordlist, English–Jukun wordlist 1966–1967. Literacy programme in progress

8a. Donga: Luke 1919

8b. Takum: New Testament 1980, Scripture portions since 1969, liturgy 1966, hymnbook 1961–1965, catechism, Bible stories, tracts

Refs:

Wordlists: Dayrell (1908), Fraser (1908)
 Grammars: Welmers (1949, 1968), Shimizu (1980)
 *Wase Tofa
 3. Plateau State, Shendam and Langtang LGAs

Jukun of Wukari – see: Wapan, a dialect of Kororofa
 Jukun of Wurkum – former map no 181 (area uncertain): Gospel portions 1927, 1950

Jumu = Ijùmú: a dialect of Yoruba

Ju–Nɔri = Nor

Kaama = Kaiama: Busa cluster

Kaama = Oruma

Kaṣama (Tugbeni Kaṣama) = Oruma

227. Kaan

2.A Libo
 3. Adamawa State, Guyuk LGA
 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Yungur group

Ka–Ban – dialect of Baan

Kaban = Kadim–Kaban: see Cakfem–Mushere

Kabari – dialect of Kanembu: Kanuri–Kanembu

Kabila = Lubila

Kabire = Lubila

Kabo = Kabu: see Iṣon: the Ijọ cluster

Kabou = Kabu: see Iṣon: the Ijọ cluster

Kabri – dialect of Nor

Kabu – North–Western dialect of Iṣon: Ijọ cluster

Kaceccereere – dialect of Fulfulde

Kache = Jju

Kacicere – member of the Katab cluster

228. Kadara cluster

Language cluster: Eda-Edra-Enezhe

***Eda**

1.A Adara

1.B Ànda pl. Àda

1.C Èdà

2.A Kadara

3. Kaduna State, Kachia LGA; Niger State, Paikoro LGA

4. 22,000 (NAT 1949); 40,000 (1972 Barrett). Towns; Adunu, Amale, Dakalo, Ishau, Kurmin Iya, Kateri, Bishini, Doka (Kaduna road)

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Northern group

7. Reading and Writing Book (2006); Counting and Numbering (2006)

8. NT extracts (2006)

12. Request programme, Zuma FM Radio

Source(s) Maikarfi (2011)

Refs.

Wordlist: Blench (2009)

Smith (1953);

Survey: Hon et al. (2011)

***Edra**

1.B Àndara pl. Àdara

1.C Èdrà

2.A Kadara

3. Kaduna State, Kachia, Kajuru LGAs

4. Towns; Maru, Kufana, Rimau, Kasuwan Magani & Iri

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Northern group

Source(s) Maikarfi (2007)

Refs. Smith (1953); Hon et al. (2011)

***Enezhe**

1.B Àndara pl. Àdara

1.C Èdrà

2.A Kadara

3. Kaduna State, Kachia, Kajuru LGAs

4. Towns; Maru, Kufana, Rimau, Kasuwan Magani & Iri

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Northern group

Source(s)

Refs. Hon et al. (2011)

Kadun = Vaghat

Kaduna – dialect of Gbagyi

Kadó = Hausa

Kafanchan = Kafancan – member of the Katab cluster

Kafarati – dialect of Kwaami

Kafugu = Gbiri–Nirago

229. Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–[Us]–Zuksun cluster

2.A The name ut-Main has been adopted by various member of this cluster as a cover term for these languages, but whether it will be widely adopted remains to be seen.

2.B Fakanci, Fakkanci

3. Kebbi State, Zuru and Wasagu LGAs, west of Dabai

4. 12,300 (1949 G&C)

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Northern group

Source(s) Blench 1989); Regnier (1992)

Refs. Rowlands (1962);

***Kag**

1.B tKag

1.C sg. woo Kag, pl. Kagne

2.B Faka, Fakai (town name), Fakanci, Fakkanci

2.C Pəku–Nu (cLela name)

3. Kebbi State, Zuru LGA, Mahuta and Fakai areas

***Fer**

1.B tFer

1.C sg. wasFer, pl. asFer

2.C Kukum Wipsi–Ni (cLela name)

3. Kebbi State, Zuru LGA, around Kukum town

***Jiər**

1.B tJiər

1.C sg. wauJiər, pl. aJiər

2.B Gelanci Serim

2.C Gelawa, Geeri–ni

3. Kebbi State, Zuru LGA, around Bajidda; Rijau LGA, Niger State

***Kər**

1.B tKər

1.C sg. wauKər, pl. Kərne

2.B Kela, Adoma Kelanci Kilinci

2.C Keri–Ni Kelawa

3. Kebbi State, Zuru and Wasagu LGAs, north of Mahuta but south of the Kag river

***Koor**

1.B t–ma–Koor

1.C sg. wauKoor, pl. aKoor

3. Kebbi State, Zuru LGA, around Bakara

***Ror**

1.B ət–ma–Ror

1.C sg. wauRor, pl. aRor

2.C Tudawa d–Gwan

3. Kebbi State, Zuru LGA around Birnin Tudu

6. Dialect used for language development

7. Many documents in draft but not yet published.

Refs:

Grammar: Smith (2007)

***Us**

1.B tUs

1.C sg. wauUs, pl. aUs, asUs

3. Kebbi State, Zuru LGA, west of Fakai

6. Us have no specific dialect but speak like the Ror

***Zuksun**

1.B tZuksun

1.C sg. wauZuksun, pl. aZuksun

2.C Zusu Wipsi–ni

3. Kebbi State, Zuru LGA around Tungan Kuka, south of Fakai

Kaga – dialect of Kanuri: Kanuri–Kanembu

Kagama – dialect of Kanuri: Kanuri–Kanembu

Kagarko = Ashe–Begbere

Kagne = Kag: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Kagoro – member of the Katab cluster

Kagu = Gbiri–Nirago

Kahugu = Gbiri–Nirago

Kaiama – member of the Busa cluster

Kaibi = Kaivi

Kaibre = Lubila

230. Kaivi

- 1.A Kaibi
- 3. Kaduna State, Saminaka LGA
- 4. 650 (NAT 1949)
- 5. **no data.** Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Kauru subgroup

Kaiyorawa = Geji: see the Geji cluster

Kaje = Jju

Kajji = Jju

Kajuru – dialect of Kadara

Kaka = Yamba

Kakaba = Mbongno

231. Kakanda cluster

- 1.A Akanda
- 2.B Hyabe, Adyaktye
- 3. Kwara State, Kogi LGA; Niger state, Agaie and Lapai LGAs; communities along the Niger centered on Budā
- 4. 4,500 (1931); 20,000 (1989 Blench)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Nupoid: Nupe group

Source(s) Blench 1986/1989)

Refs

Phonology: Oyebade (1988)

*Kakanda–Budon

*Kakanda–Gbanmi/Sokun

Kakihum – dialect area of Kambari I

Kakumo – dialect of Ukaan

Kal – dialect of Zaar: see the Guus-Zaar cluster

Kalabari – member of KOIN: see Ijo cluster

232. Kalabari

- 1.B Kalabari
- 1.C Kalabari
- 2.A New Calabar
- 3. Rivers State, Degema and Asari–Toru LGAs; 3 major towns and 24 villages
- 4. 200,000 (1987, UBS)
- 5. Niger-Congo: Ijoid: KOIN (Kalabari–Okrika–Ibani–Nkoro)
- 7. Primer 1949, 1962, booklet 1953, Shell booklet 1957, Rivers Readers Project Book 1 1971, Reading and Writing book 1971, English–Kalabari phrase book; Official Orthography
- 8. Gospel of Mark 1981, Bible translation in progress, Christian handbook (Scripture passages and hymns), prayer and hymnbook 1951

Refs

Dictionary: Blench (2008)

Grammars: Jenewari (1977, 1980)

Kaleri – erroneous name for Horom and Mabo–Barkul, which are adjacent to Kulere

Kalla–Kalla = Lela

Kaltungo – dialect of Tangale

233. Kam

- 1.C Nyimwom
 - 3. Taraba State, Bali LGA. Mayo Kam and Kamijim villages only
 - 4. 583 (1922 Temple); estimate more than 1000 (1987)
 - 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Kam group
- Source(s)** Blench (1987)

234. Kamantan

- 1.A Kamanton = Kamantan
- 1.C Angan
- 3. Kaduna State, Kachia LGA
- 4. 3,600 (NAT 1949); 10,000 (1972 Barrett)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Western group: Gyongic

Kamantam = Kamantan

Kamanton = Kamantan

235. Kambari I cluster

- 1.A Kambari
- 3. Niger State, Magama and Mariga LGAs; Kebbi State, Zuru and Yauri LGAs; Niger State, Borgu LGA
- 4. with Kambari II: 67,000 (1952 W&B); 100,000 (1973 SIL)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Kambari group

Source(s) Blench (2008)

Refs.

*Agadi

1.B Tsigadi

2.A Kakihum

3. Niger State, Mariga LGA

*Avadi

1.A Abadi, Evadi

1.B Tsivadi

2.A Ibeto

3. Niger State, Magama LGA

7. Primer I,II (2005)

Refs

Wordlist: Lovelace (n.d.); Blench (2007)

Grammar: Lovelace (1992);

*Baangi

1.A Baangi

1.B ciBaangi

1.C sg. vuBaangi, pl. aBaangi

2.B Bangawa (Hausa)

3. Niger State, Kontagora LGA, Ukata town and nearby villages; probably also into adjacent Kebbi State, Yauri LGA

4. estimate more than 5,000 (1989)

Source(s) Blench 1989)

*Tsishingini

1.B Cishingini, Tsishingini

1.C Mashingini pl. Ashingini

2.A Salka

3. Niger State, Magama LGA
7. Primer I, II, III (1999-2000), Transition Primer (2001), Maths Book (2004), English Textbook (2004)
8. Luke, Mark, Act of Apostles, Genesis, Life of Moses (2000s). New Testament for typesetting
12. Gospel of Mark on cassette
13. Formerly broadcasts in Salka from Radio Kontagora, now halted.

Refs

Wordlist: Hoffmann (1965)

Grammar: Hoffmann (1963, 1972); Crozier (1984)

Dictionaries: Stark et al (2004a)

*Yumu

1.B Yumu, Osisi

3. Niger State, Borgu LGA, at Yumu and Osisi

Source(s) Blench (2008); Washbrook

236. Kambari II cluster

1.A Kamberi

3. Niger State, Magama LGA; Kebbi State, Zuru and Yauri LGAs; Kwara State, Borgu LGA

4. with Kambari I: 67,000 (1952 W&B); 100,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Kambari group

Refs.

*Agaushi

1.B Cishingini

2.A Auna

3. Niger State, Magama LGA; Kebbi State, Yauri LGA

7. No language development

*Akimba

1.B Tsikimba

1.C Akimba

2.A Auna, Wara

3. Niger State, Rijau, Magama LGA; Kebbi State, Yauri LGA

7. Primer I, II, III (1999-2000), Transition Primer (2001), Maths Book (2004), English Textbook (2004)

8. Luke, Mark, Act of Apostles, Genesis, Life of Moses (2000s). New Testament

12. Gospel of Mark on cassette

Refs

Dictionary; Stark et al. (2004)

*Cishingini, Nwanci

1.A Cishingini, Ngwæci

1.B Cishingini, Tsiwænci

1.C Mawunci sg. Ðwænci pl.

2.A Agwara

2.B Agara'iwa

3. Niger State, Borgu, Magama LGA; Kebbi State, Yauri LGA

7. Primer series 1967, unused. Primer I, II, III (1999-2000), Transition Primer (2001), Maths Book (2004), English Textbook (2004)

8. Manuscript of the Gospels and Acts, 1967. Luke, Mark, Act of Apostles, Genesis, Life of Moses (2000s). New Testament

12. Gospel of Mark on cassette

Refs

Dictionary: Stark et al. (2004)

Kamberi = Kambari

Kamberi = Kanuri

Kamburwama – Dialect of Wandala. Formerly living in Lakwa Disa south–west of Gwoza: Westermann and Bryan (1952); Wolff (1971).

237. Kami

3. Niger State, Lapai LGA, Ebo town & 11 villages

4. more than 5000 (Blench 1989 est.)

5. Benue–Congo: Nupoid: Nupe

Source(s) Blench (1989)

Kamino – dialect of Batu

Kamkam = Mbongno

Kamo = Ma

Kamu = Kamo

Kamuku – cluster including Cinda-Regi-Rogo-Kuki, Rogo,

Sagamuk and Hungwəryə: population for all these groups 17,800 (1952 HDG)

238. Kamwe

1.B Vəcəmwə

2.C Higi, Hiji, Kapsiki

3. Adamawa State, Michika LGA and into Cameroon

4. 64,000 (1952); 180,000 (1973 SIL) est. 23,000 in Cameroon

5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Bura–Higi major group: Higi group

6. Nkafa, Dakwa (Bazza), Səna, Wula, Futu, Tili Pte, Kapsiki (Ptsəke) in Cameroon

7. Folk Tales 1970, Reading Book, 1970, Primer 1 1974, Primer 2 1976

8. New Testament 1975; New Testament in Psikye Kapsiki (1988 UBS)

Source(s)

Refs.

Phonology: Mohrlang (1972)

Grammar: Smith (1969)

Ethnographic: Baker & Yola (1955), Van Beek (1978, 1981, 1987)

239. Kana

- 1.A Khana
- 2.A Ogoni (ethnic and political term includes Gokana)
3. Rivers State, Khana/Oyigbo and Gokana–Tai–Eleme LGAs
4. 76,713 (1926 Talbot); 90,000 (SIL)
5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Ogoni: Kegboid: East group
6. Yeghe, Norkhana, Ken–Khana, Boúe
7. Rivers Readers Project Reader 1 1971, Khana Pocket Diary
8. Complete Bible 1968, New Testament 1961, Scripture portions from 1930, hymnbook 1938, Methodist Book of Offices 1963, Catechism 1932, Catholic Mass Baptism and Funeral Services, Watchtower booklet

Refs:

Overview: Wolff (1964)

Grammar: Ikoro (1994, 1996)

Kanakuru = Dera

Kanam – member of the Jar cluster

Kanam = Koenom

Kanambu = Kanuri–Kanambu

Kaningkwom = Kaningkon

Kaninkon = Kaningkon

Kaninkwom = Kaningkon

Kanna = Bada: see the Jar cluster

Kano – E. dialect of Hausa

Kano – dialect of Fulfulde

Kantana – dialect of Bada: see the Jar cluster

Kantana = Mama

240. Kanuri–Kanambu cluster

3. Borno State, Nguru, Geidam, Kukawa, Damaturu, Kaga, Konduga, Maiduguri, Mongumo, Fune, Gujba, Ngala, Bama, Fika and Gwoza LGAs; Jigawa State, Hadejia LGA; and in the Republics of Niger, Cameroon and Chad. Diaspora communities occur in Sudan and Eritrea

4. 1,300,000 (1952); 3,500,000 (1987 UBS)

5. Nilo–Saharan: West Saharan

*Kanuri

1.A Kanouri

1.B Kànúrí

1.C Kànúrí

2.A Borno, Bornu

2.C Beriberi, Kamberi; also Kanambu (a separate ethnic group speaking Kanuri)

4. 3,000,000 in Nigeria, 100,000 in Chad, 56,500 in Cameroon; isolated populations in Sudan and Eritrea

6. Yerwa, Badawai, Koyam (Kwayam), Lere (Lare), Mober, (mostly in Niger Republic), Jetko (pastoral nomads near Geidam and in Niger Republic). (These other names have been associated with Kanuri dialects: Dagara, Kaga (Kagama), Ngazar, Guvja, Mao, Temageri, Fadawa, Movar (Mobber, Mavar))

7. Primers before 1938, other books, texts and scripts 1951–1976, Official Orthography

8. Scripture portions 1853 in Kanuri/English/Arabic/Hausa, John 1949 and 1965, John in Ajami script 1965, Old Testament stories, various booklets and tracts, Pilgrim’s Progress. Translation in progress in Yerwa and Manga dialects.

9. **Source(s)** Jarrett (n.d.)

Refs.

Wordlist: Adelung & Vater (1812), Ellero (1947), Spaulding (1973 [1672])

Overview: Migeod (1924) [Manga]; Jarrett (1988); Bulakarima (1996), Löhr (2009)

Grammars: Norris (1853), Duisburg (1913), Benton (1917 [1968]), Noel (1923), Lukas (1937), Cyffer (1974, 1983, 1996, 1997, 1998a,b, 2000, 2007, 2009), Hutchinson (1976, 1981); Jarrett (1981); Rothmaler (2011); Fannami & Mu’azu (2011);

Dictionaries: Kanuri-English dictionary (Hutchinson & Cyffer 1990); English-Kanuri dictionary (Cyffer 199x)

Orthography: Löhr (1997);

Pedagogic: Peace Corps, Niger (1993)

Bibliography: Hutchinson (1983)

Ethnographic: Seetzen (1810)

*Kanambu

3. Borno State, LGAs on the edge of Lake Chad; and in the Republics of Niger, Cameroun and Chad.

6. Sugurti, Kuburi (Kabari, Kuvuri)

Refs

Grammar: Bondarev (2005, 2010, 2013)

Kapsiki – dialect of Kamwe

Kapugu = Gure–Kahugu

241. Kapyá

3. Taraba State, Takum LGA, at Kapyá

5. Benue–Congo: Benue: Jukunoid: Yukuben–Kutep

Refs. Koops (1973); Shimizu (1980a)

Karaikarai = Karekare

Kàràkara – see Guruntum–Mbaaru

Karashi – dialect of Gwandara

242. Karekare

1.A Kàrekàre, Kerekere, Karaikarai, Kerikeri

3. Bauchi State, Gamawa and Misau LGAs, Yobe State, Fika LGA

4. 39,000 (1952 W&B)

5. Chadic: West sub–branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole group

6. Western Jalalum, northern Pakaro and eastern Ngwajum

8. Some tracts in dialect of Jelaselum

Source(s); Adiva (n.d.)

Refs

Wordlist: Maxine Schuh (n.d.)

Dictionaries: Gambo et al. (2004)

Grammars: Schuh (2008b)

Texts: Lukas (1966)

Karenjo = Como–Karim?

243. Karfa

1.A Kerifa

4. 800 (SIL 1973)

3. Nasarawa State, Akwanga LGA

5. Chadic: West sub-branch A: Ron group

Karim = Como–Karim

244. Kariya

1.A Kauyawa, Keriya

1.B Vinahə

1.C Wihə

2.C Lipkawa (see also Mburku)

3. Bauchi State, Darazo LGA. At Kariya Wuro, 30 S.E. of Ningi.

4. 2,200 (LA 1971); 3,000 (1977 Skinner)

5. Chadic: West sub-branch B: Bade–Warji major group: Warji group

6. Two dialects

Source(s) Blench (1986)

Refs.

Overview: Skinner (1977)

Ethnographic: Blench (1994, 2012)

Karshi = Kanufi

Karu – dialect of Gbagyi

Kasa (Jaracin Kasa) = the Jar cluster

Kasaa – dialect of Mumuye

Kataf = Tyap

Katagum – Eastern dialect of Hausa

Katanga – Nitecki (1972)

Katanza = Gbətsu

Katap = Katab

Katarawa – Godabawa District, Sokoto Province: Temple (1922: 223)

Katsina – dialect of Fulfulde

Katsina – northern dialect of Hausa

Kaunari – less than 10,000 Nasarawa State: Lafia LGA

Kaura – unclassified language of Kaduna State, Jema'a LGA: Temple (1922: 223,522). Likely to be a place name and apply to an East Kainji language

Kauru = Si: Lere cluster

Kauyawa = Kariya

Kayauri = Kaiyorawa: see Geji: the Geji cluster

Keana – dialect of Alago

Kebbawa – dialect of Hausa

Kecherda = Teda

Kecwan – dialect of Bokyi

Kediya = Kariya

Kegboid = cover term proposed by S. Ikoru for the Ogoni group (Kana–Elemé–Gokana–Baan acronym plus –oid suffix)

Kela = next

Kelanci = Kar: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Kelawa = Kar: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Ken–Khana – dialect of Kana

Kenga = Kyenga

Kenkera = Kyan Kyar a dialect of Gwandara

Kente – dialect of Kpan

Kentin – dialect of Kuteb

Kentu – extinct dialect of Etkywan

Kentu = Icen

Kenyi = Zhire

Kerang = Ngas

Kere = Ziriya

Kerekere = Karekare

Kerifa = Karfa

Kerikeri = Kerekere

Keri–Ni = Kar: see the

Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Keriya = Kariya

Kesari – dialect of Baan

Ketuen = Mbe

Kétú – dialect of Yoruba

Kədupaxa = Gava and Guduf: Guduf–Gava

Kəjju = JJu

Kəlela = Lela

Kərekəre = Karekare

Kərine = Kar: see the

Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Khana = Kana

245. Kholok

2.A Kode, Koode, Kwoode, Widala, Pia, Wurkum, Pitiko

3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA, near Didango

4. 2,500 (1977 Voegelin & Voegelin)

5. Chadic: West sub-branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole group

Source(s) Leger (1992)

Refs

Sociolinguistics: Leger (2000)

Kiballo = Vono

Kibbo = Berom

Kibbun = Berom

Kibo = Berom

Kibolo = Vono

Kibyen = Berom

Kikuk = Cibak

Kila = Somyev

Kilba = Huba

Kilinci = Kar: see the

Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Kindyo = Dijim: Dijim–Bwilim

Kinugu = Nu

Kinuka = Nu

Kinuku = Nu

246. Kìṅg

- 2.B Akoiyang, Äkäyöñ, Okoyong, Okonyong
 3. Cross River State, Odukpani and Akamkpa LGAs
 4. Spoken only by old people, younger generation speak Efik
 5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper Cross group

Refs:

Wordlists: Amess (1917),

247. Kir–Balar

3. Bauchi State, Bauchi LGA
 4. 360 (LA 1971) (Kir only)
 5. **No data.** Chadic: West sub–branch B: Zaar group: Boghom subgroup

*Kir

*Balar

2C. Larbawa

4. 50 CAPRO (1995a)

Refs

Ethnographic: CAPRO (1995a)

Kir = Jiru

Kirawa – member of the Wandala cluster

Kirdi Mora = Mura: see the Wandala cluster

Kirfi = Giiwo

Kiria (Fali of Kiria) – dialect of Kamwe

Kirifi = Giiwo

Kirika = Nkoro: member of KOIN: see Ijo cluster

Kirika (Opu Kirika) = Nkoro

248. Kiriḱe

1.B

1.C

2.A Okrika

3. Rivers State, Okrika LGA

4. Okrika town

5. Niger–Congo: Ijoid: KOIN (Kalabari–Okrika–Ibani–Nkoro)

7. Rivers

Refs

Wordlist: Orupabo & Williamson (1980)

Dictionary: Sika (2005)

Grammars:

Ethnographic: Williamson (1962)

Kiriḱeni – member of KOIN: see Ijo cluster

Kirikjir = Rop

Kirim = Como–Karim

249. Kirya–Konzəl

2.C Fali

3. Adamawa State, Michika LGA.

5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Bura–Higi major group: Higi group

Source(s) Blench & Ndamsai (2007)

Refs:

Wordlist: Kraft (1981)

Ethnographic: Meek (1931)

Dictionary: Blench & Ndamsai (2007)

Grammar: Blench & Ndamsai (2009)

*Kirya

1.B myá Kákíryà

1.C ndá Kákíryà pl. Kákíryà

2.C Fali of Kiriya

4. 7,000 est. 2007. Kirya 13 villages

*Konzəl

1.B myá Kónzəl

1.C ndá Kónzəl pl. Kónzəl

2.C Fali of Mijilu

4. 9000 est. 2007. Konzəl 15 villages

Kitimi = Tumi

Kitsipki = Ashuku: see the Mbembe Tigong cluster

Kitta = Tsobo

Kivono = Vono

Kiwollo = Vono

Kiyu = Como–Karim

Koḱa = Fam

Kobo = Mom Jango

Kobo = Momi

Koboci – dialect of Bata

Kobotschi = Koboci: see Bata

Koda = Kholok

250. Koenoem

1.A Kanam

3. Plateau State, Shendam LGA

4. 1,898 (1934 Ames); 3,000 (SIL)

5. Chadic: West sub–branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: A3

Sources: Blench (2016)

Refs

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Grammars: Oparemi (2011)

251. Kofa – also Kota: Adamawa State, Song LGA, north of Belel road; a Chadic language of the Bura group; linguistic status not certain but locally said to be a separate language

Source(s) Blench (1987)

Refs. Hoffmann (1971)

Kogi (Jarawan Kogi is a name used for several language groups in the northwest of Plateau State, south of Bauchi State and adjacent areas of Taraba State). see Bada; Jar cluster; a dialect group of Izere is also called Jarawan Kogi

252. Kohumono

- 1.B KoHumono
- 1.C BaHumono, sg. Òhúmónò
- 2.A Ediba (under Ekurī (Thomas))
- 2.B Ekumuru, Ìkúmúrú, Ìkúmóró (Igbo name); Àtàm (Efik name)
- 3. Cross River State, Obubra LGA
- 4. 11,870 (1952)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper Cross group: Central: North–South

Refs.

Wordlist: Cook (1969)

Grammar: Sterk (1976)

*KOIN (Kalabari–Okrika–Ibani–Nkoro) [see under individual languages]

- 3. Rivers State, Asari–Toru, Degema, Bonny, Okrika, and Port Harcourt LGAs
- 6. A cluster consisting of the closely related dialects Kalabari, Kiriķe (Okrika) and Ibani and the isolated lect Nkoro

Kokura (Bura Kokura) – member of Tera Cluster
Kola – dialect of Longuda

253. Kolo cluster

- 2.A Ogbia, Ogbinya
- 3. Rivers State, Brass LGA
- 4. 100,000 (1987 UBS)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Central Delta
- 7. Rivers Readers Project Reader 1 (1971), Reading and Writing Book
- 8. First draft of New Testament complete

*Kolo

- 1.A Agholo
- 7. Primer 1950

Source(s)

Grammar: Isukul (n.d.)

*Oloibiri

- 7. Rivers Readers Project

Refs.

Grammar: Williamson (1972)

*Anyama

- 5. **no data**

Kolokuma – dialect of Iẓon: Ijọ cluster
Koluama – dialect of Iẓon: Ijọ cluster

254. Koma cluster

- 1.A Kuma, Koma (A Fulfulde cover term for the languages below; ALCAM treats them as separate though closely related languages)
- 3. Adamawa State, Ganye and Fufore LGAs, in the Alantika Mountains; also in Cameroon
- 4. 3,000 (1982 SIL); majority in Cameroon
- 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Vere Group

- 6. The correspondences between the Cameroonian and Nigerian names are uncertain

*Gomme

- 1.A Gəmme
 - 2.B Damti, Koma Kampana, Panbe
- *Gomnome
- 1.A Gòmnoṃe
 - 2.B Mbeya, Gimbe, Koma Kadam, Laame, Youtubeo

*Ndera

- 2.B Vomni, Doome, Doobe

Source(s) Blench fieldnotes

Refs.

Ethnographic: Eboime & Ekpere (1988)

Koma Kadam = Gòmnoṃe: see the Koma cluster

Koma Kampana = Gomme: see the Koma cluster

Koma Ndera = Ndera: see the Koma cluster

Komawa – Tangale, Kwaami

Komo – dialect of Panseng

Komo = Basa–Kwomo: see the Basa cluster

Kona – member of Kororofa cluster

Konge – dialect of Gbari

255. Kono

- 1.A Konu, Kwono
- 3. Kaduna State, Saminaka LGA
- 4. 1,550 (NAT 1949)
- 5. **no data**. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: Kauru subgroup

Refs.

Grammar: Babatunde (2011)

Kontagora (Basa Kontagora) – member of Basa cluster

Konu = Kono

Koode = Kholok

Kopti = Zari: see the Zari cluster

Koring = the Oring cluster

Koro – name used for a number of different ethnic and language groups in Kaduna State, Kachia LGA; Nasarawa State, Keffi LGA; Niger State, Suleija and Chanchaga LGAs and in Federal Capital Territory.

See Tinor-Myama,

Koro Ache – Begbere: see Begbere–Ejar

Koro Afiki = Koro Ija

Koro Agwe = Begbere–Ejar

Koro Ala – Ashe

Koro Funtu of Kafin Koro = Jijili

Koro Funtu of Minna = Jijili

Koro Funtu of Yeskwa – thought to be Gwandara or Gbari speakers

Koro Ganagana – speak Dibo

Koro Gwandara of Wuse – dialect of Gwandara

Koro Huntu = Koro Funtu above

256. Koro Ija

- 3. Federal Capital Territory. Near Lambata
- 4. One village
- 5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Jili group

Source(s) Blench (1992, 1999)

Refs

Grammars: Obatoye (2011)

Koro of Lafia = Migili

Koro Makama – term for the Kagarko Koro: Ashe, the Tinor-Myamya cluster

Koro Miamia = Ejar: see the Tinor-Myamya cluster

Koro Myamya = Ejar: see the Tinor-Myamya cluster

Koro Nulu = Koro Ija

Koro N’ja = Koro Ija

Koro Panda – a dialect of Nyankpa

Koro Phonare – speak Gbari

Koro Phoware of Abuja – speak Gbari?

Koro of Shakoyi = Jijili

Koro Waje – term used by the Koro Lafia to refer to other Koro groups

Koro Zane – a general term for the Koro

257. Koro Zuba

- 3. Federal Capital Territory. near Zuba.
- 4. One village
- 5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Jili group

Source(s) Blench (1992)

Korom Boye = Kulere

Koron – see Koro

258. Kɔ̀rɔ̀p

- 1.B Durop, Kurop
- 2.A Kòròp
- 2.C Ododop
- 3. Cross River State, Odukpani and Akamkpa LGAs; and in Cameroon
- 4. 12,500 total (1982 SIL)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper Cross group

Refs

Grammar: Kastelein (1994)

Dictionary: Inyang (2013)

259. Kororofa cluster

- 2.A Jukun
- 4. more than 62,000 (SIL)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Benue: Jukunoid: Central Jukunoid: Jukun–Mbembe–Wurbo

Refs.

Comparative: Shimizu (1980)

*Abinsi

1.C Wapan

2.A River Jukun

3. Taraba State, Wukari LGA, at Sufa and Kwantan Sufa; Benue State, Makurdi LGA, at Abinsi

*Wapan

1.B Wapan

2.A Wukari and Abinsi

3. Taraba State, Wukari LGA; Nasarawa State, Awe, Shendam, Lafia and Langtang LGAs (precise areas uncertain)

4. 60,000 (1973 SIL)

7. Primer 1915, primers 1–3 (recent), literacy programme in progress

8. Bible translation in progress, Scripture portions since 1914

Refs

Grammar: Welmers (1949, 1968); Shimizu (1980)

*Hone

2.A Kona

3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA; Plateau State, Wase LGA. Villages north and west of Jalingo

4. 2,000 (1977 Voegelin & Voegelin)

8. Mark 1927

Source(s)

Grammars: Storch (1997, 1999, 2009)

Sociolinguistics: Dinslage & Storch 1996)

*Dampar

3. Taraba State, Wukari LGA, at Dampar

Source(s) Blench (1984)

Kota = Kofa

Kotokori = Panda and Igu – dialects of Ebira

Kotopo (Also Potopo, Potopore, Pataporĩ North

Volta–Congo:

Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Leko group Formerly Adamawa State, Ganye LGA; now all are in Cameroon since the creation of Gashaka Reserve in 1974:

Koyam – dialect of Kanuri

260. Kpan

- 1.A Kpanten, Ikpan, Akpanzhi, Kpanzon, Abakan
- 2.B Kpwate, Hwaye, Hwaso, Nyatso, Nyonyo, Yorda, Ibukwo
- 3. Taraba State, Wukari, Takum and Sardaunda LGAs
- 5. Benue–Congo: Benue: Jukunoid: Central Jukunoid: Kpan–Icen group
- 6. Western and Eastern groups:
 - Western: 1 Kumbo–Takum Group: Kumbo (Kpanzon), Takum; 2 Donga (Akpanzhĩ; 3 Bissaula (extinct) Eastern: Apa (per Kilham), Kente, Eregba (per Koelle)

Refs.

Wordlist: Koelle (1854);

Grammar: Shimizu (1970, 1971–72)

Kpanten = Kpan

Kpanzon = Kpan

261. Kpasam

- 1.A Passam, Kpasham
- 2.B Nyisam
- 3. Adamawa State, Numan LGA, 1 village only, South of Jalingo
- 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Mumuye–Yendang group: Yendang subgroup

Refs

Wordlist: Meek (1931)

Kpasham = Kpasam

Kpashan = Kafancan: see the Katab cluster

Kpati – an extinct Grasslands language probably spoken by a Cameroon immigrant. Reported only by Meek ms.

Kporo = Nama: see the Mbembe Tigong cluster

Kpugbong – dialect group of South–Western

Mumuye: Mumuye

Kpwate = Kpan

Kpwee – an unclassified blacksmith’s language near Mapeo. Blench 1983)

Kuba = Kubi

262. Kubi

- 1.A Kuba
- 3. Bauchi State, Darazo LGA, 40 km. N.E. of Bauchi town
- 4. 1,090 (1922 Temple); 500 (1973 SIL)
- 5. Chadic: West sub–branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole group

Refs.

Wordlist: Gowers (1907);

Grammar: Schuh (1978)

Kuburi – dialect of Kanembu: Kanuri–Kanembu

Kuche = Rukuba

Kuda = Kudu: see the Kudu–Camo cluster

263. Kudu–Camo cluster

- 3. Bauchi State, Ningi LGA
- 4. Language moribund, perhaps extinct
- 5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: Ningi cluster
- 6. Basa said to be a sub–group

Source(s) Maddieson (1988)

*Kudu

1.A Kuda

4. Probably extinct

9.

Refs.

Wordlist: Shimizu (1982)

*Camo

1.A Chamo

4. Probably extinct

Refs

Wordlist: BCCW

264. Kugama–Gengle

- 1.A Kugamma, Gengle
- 2.A Wegam
- 2.B Wegele
- 3. Adamawa State, Fufore LGA
- 4. Small
- 5. **no data.** Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Mumuye–Yendang group: Yendang subgroup

Kugamma = Kugama–Gengle

265. Kugbo

- 3. Rivers State, Brass LGA
- 4. 2,000 (1973 SIL)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Central Delta group

Source(s)

Refs

Wordlist: Wolff (1969)

Kugong – dialect of Mumuye

266. Kukele

- 1.A Ukele, Ukelle
- 1.B Kukele
- 1.C Bakele
- 3. Cross River State, Ogoja LGA; Anambra State, Abakaliki LGA; Benue State, Okpokwu and Oju LGAs; and in Cameroon
- 4. 31,700 (1953); 40,000 (1980 UBS)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper Cross group Central: North–South
- 6. 4 dialects in north, 3 in south, Ugbala, Mtezi and Mtezi–Iteeji in Anambra State, Abakaliki LGA
- 7. Primer in 5 parts, post–primer books drafted. Literacy programme in progress
- 8. Scripture Portions from (1974), New Testament (1979)

Refs

Comparative: Sterk (n.d.)

Kuki see Cinda–Regi–Rogo–Kuki cluster

Kukuluŋ (Kúkúlún) = Kulung

Kukum = Fer: see the

Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Kukuruku (not recommended) = Etsako = Yekhee

267. Kulere

- 1.B Akande (Kamwai, Àkàndí (Tof), Kande (Richa)
- 2.A Tof, Richa, Kamwai
- 2.B Korom Boye
- 3. Plateau State, Bokkos LGA
- 4. 6,500 (1925 Meek); 4,933 (1943 Ames); 8,000 (1973 SIL)
- 5. Chadic: West sub–branch A: Ron Group
- 6. Tof, Richa, Kamwai: the latter includes Marhai (Marhai)

Source(s) Seibert (2001)

Refs.

Survey: LDF

Comparative: Jungraithmayr (1968); Blench (2001, 2016); Ibrahim (2005)

Grammars: Jungraithmayr (1970)

Ethnographic: Ames (1934); Fievet & Fievet (1955); Frank (1981)

268. Kulu

1.A Ikolu, Ikulu

1.B Ankulu

1.C Bekulu

3. Kaduna State, Kachia LGA

4. 6,000 (NAT 1949)

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Northwestern

Source(s) Shimizu (n.d.); Moser (n.d.)

Wordlists: Blench (2016)

Grammars: Seitz (1993), Shimizu (1996)

269. Kulung

1.B Kúkùlúnj

1.C Bákùlúnj

2.A Bambur, Wurkum

3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA, at Balasa, Bambur and Kirim; Wukari LGA, at Gada Mayo

4. 15,000 (SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantu: Jarawan Bantu

7. Primer 1924

8. Scripture portions from 1926 to 1950, Prayers and hymns 1926

9. **Dictionary:** McBride (ined.)

10. Hausa is the main second language

11. Kulung is currently being passed to the next generation and being learned by neighbouring peoples in contact with the Kulung.

13. In: a survey in 2007, the very oldest generation included some who could read and write Kulung quite fluently, dating from the McBride era. However, this skill has not been passed on the present generation.

Source(s) Adelberger (2008)

Refs.

Survey: Rueck et al. (2007)

Comparative: Maddieson and Williamson (1975); Blench (2016)

Dictionary: Blench et al. (2016)

Ethnographic:

270. Kulung (Chadic)

1.B Kulung [NB speakers consider themselves Kulung i.e. Jarawan Bantu, although their language is Chadic and related to Piya]

2.A Wurkum

3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA

4. ?2000

5. Chadic: West sub-branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole group

Source(s) Blench (2019)

Kuma = Koma

Kumap = Amo

271. Kumba

2.A Sate, Yofo

3. Adamawa State, Mayo Belwa LGA

5. **no data.** Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Mumuye–Yendang group: Yendang sub-group

Kumbo – dialect of Kpan

Kumbo = Kumbowei – dialect of Iẓon: Ijọ cluster

Kumbowei – dialect of Iẓon: Ijọ cluster

Kumbo–Takum – a dialect group of Kpan

Kunabe – dialect of Kuteb

Kun–Bille = Bile

Kunibum = Emai–Iuleha–Ora

Kunini = Nye: member of Shoo–Minda–Nye

Kunshenu – see the Piya–Kwonci

272. Kupa

3. Kwara State, Kogi LGA, around Abugi (52 villages)

5. Benue–Congo: Nupoid: Nupe group

Source(s) Blench (1987)

Kupto = Kutto

273. Kurama

1.B Tikurumi

1.C Akurumi

2.B Bagwama (also refers to Ruma)

3. Kaduna State, Saminaka and Ikara LGAs; Kano State, Tudun Wada LGA

4. 11,300 (NAT 1949)

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: Kauru subgroup

8. Scripture project in progress

Sources: Harley (2016)

Refs

Wordlist: BCCW

Kuri – dialect of Yedina

Kuru (Gyell–Kuru–Vwang) – dialect of Berom

Kuseki – dialect of Yandang

Kushe = Goji

Kushi = Goji

Kushi = Baushi

Kuta – dialect of Gbagyi

274. Kuteb

1.A Kutev, Kutep

2.A Ati (Administrative name in Cameroun)

2.B Mbarike, Zumper (Jompre) (not recommended)

3. Taraba State, Takum LGA and in Cameroon, Furu Awa subdivision

4. 15,592 (1952 W&B); 30,000 (1986 UBS); 1400 in Cameroun (1976)

5. Benue–Congo: Benue: Jukunoid: Yukuben–Kutep

6. Lissam, Fikyu, Jenuwa, Kunabe, Kentin: Fikyu has sub-dialects

7. Literacy programme in progress, dictionary in preparation, primers, folktales

8. Bible translation programme in progress, hymnbooks, New Testament (1990)

9. Dictionary draft: Koops (n.d.). Grammar Koops (n.d.)

Source(s) Koops (2016)

Refs.

Grammar: Koops (2007)

Ethnographic: Pfeiffer (1929)

Kutep = Kuteb

Kutev = Kuteb

Kutin = Pere – Adamawa: Vere group. Formerly in Adamawa State, Ganye LGA. Now only in Cameroon. Blench 1984)

275. Kutto

1.A Kupto

1.B Kúttò

1.C Kúttò

3. Bauchi State, Bajoga LGA, Yobe State, Gujba LGA

4. Two villages. 3000 (1990 est.)

5. Chadic: West sub-branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole group

Source(s)

Refs

Grammar: Leger (1990)

Texts: Leger (1991)

Ethnographic: Adelberger (2014)

Kutùle = Tula

Kuturmi = Obiro, Ikryo

Kuukù – see Guruntum–Mbaaru

Kuvoko = the Lamang cluster

Kuvuri – dialect of Kanembu: Kanuri–Kanembu

Kuzamani = Shuwa–Zamani

Kwa = Baa

Kwa = Ekin: see the Ejagham cluster

Kwaa Bwaare = Bacama: see the Bata cluster

Kwaa–Bwaare = Bacama: see the Bata cluster

Kwa'alang = Kwagallak: see the Pan cluster

276. Kwaami

1.A Kwami, Kwom

1.B Kwáámì

1.C Kwáámì

2.A Komawa

3. Bauchi State, Kwami LGA

4. 10,000 (1990)

5. Chadic: West sub-branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole–Tangale group

6. Kafarati, Dollì

Source(s)

Refs.

Grammar: Leger (1994)

Texts: Leger (1991, 1994)

Ethnographic: Temple (1922); Adelberger (2014)

Kwabzak = Tal

Kwagallak – member of the Pan cluster

Kwaji – dialect of Mumuye

Kwakwi = Firan:

Kwal = Irigwe

Kwale = ̀Kwuani: see the ̀Kwuani–Aboh–Ndoni cluster

Kwali – dialect of Gbari

Kwalla = Kwagallak: see the Pan cluster

Kwami = Kwaami

Kwan = Irigwe

Kwange – dialect of Gbari

Kwanka = Vaghat cluster

Kwapm = Kopti: see the Zari; Zari cluster

Kwarra = Mama

Kwasu – dialect of Ninzam

Kwato = Panda and Igu, dialects of Ebira

Kwayam = Koyam: see Kanuri

Kwaya Maya – Member of Katagum Barebari clan. Abraham (1962)

Kwojjeffa = Bura

Kwooll = Irigwe

Kwolla = Kwagallak: see the Pan cluster

Kwom = Kwaami

Kwomo (Basa Kwomu) – Basa–Benue

Kwonci – Piya

Kwong = Doemak

Kwono = Kono

Kwoode = Widala

Kworko – see Ajanci

Kwotto = Panda and Igu, dialects of Ebira

Kwyeny – member of the Hyam cluster

277. Kyak

1.B Kyāk

1.C Kyāk

2.A Bambuka

3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA, Bambuka

4. 10,000 (SIL)

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Bikwin group

Kyan Kyar – dialect of Gwandara

Kyātō = Etkywan

Kyantōn = Etkywan

278. Kyenga

- 1.B Kyangganya
- 1.C Kyanggani pl. Kyanggana
- 2.A Kenga, Tyenga
- 3. Niger State, Borgu LGA, north of Illo; also in Benin and Niger Republics
- 4. five villages on Nigeria side which speak the language; 7,591 (1925 Meek); 10,000 including Shanga (1973 SIL)
- 5. Niger–Congo: Mande: Southeast Mande

Source(s) Blench (1987)

Refs:

Wordlist: Bertho (1951)

Grammar: Platiel (1982)

Ethnographic: Nicholson (1927)

Kyentu = Kentu: see Icen

Kyibaku = Cibak

L.

laa Fyandigere = Gera

Laamang = Lamang

Laame = Gòmṅome: see the Koma cluster

279. Labir

- 1.A Lábír
- 2.A Jaku, Jaaku
- 2.B Jakanci
- 3. Bauchi State, south of the Bauchi-Gombe Road, from the Gongola River at Kanyallo, in Bauchi LGA, to Gar in Alkaleri LGA
- 4. Spoken in around ten villages, perhaps 5000 speakers (2019 est.)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Bantu: Jarawan

11. Thriving

Source(s) Blench (2019)

Refs.

Overview: Shimizu (1983)

Survey: Rueck et al. (2009)

Lafia (Koro of Lafia) = Migili

Laka – group of Kamuku, west of Zaria, now speaking only Hausa.

280. Laka

- 2.A Lau, Lao Habe
- 3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA, at Lau; Yola LGA; and mainly in Cameroon
- 4. 460 (1952); 500 (1973 SIL)
- 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Mbum group

Lala – used both for the the Lala cluster and as a cover term for Bena, Roba and other groups in Adamawa State, Guyuk, Gombi and Song LGAs, not all of which are clearly defined, e.g. Shere, Tenna: Temple (1922)

281. Lala cluster

- 1.C Bəna
- 3. Adamawa State, Guyuk, Song and Gombi LGAs
- 4. 30,000 (SIL); 44,300 with Bəna (1963)
- 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Yungur group

*Yang

1.A Yan

2.B Lalla

Refs. Temple (1922: 255)

*Roba

2.A Gworam

*Ebode

1.A Èbode

Lalawa = Lela

Lalla = Yang: see the Lala cluster

282. Lamang cluster

1.A Laamang

2.A Waha

4. 15,000 (TR 1970), 40,000 (1963)

5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A:

Mandara/Mafa/Sukur major group: Mandara Group

*Zaladva

1.A Zələdva

2.A Lamang North

3. Borno State, Gwoza LGA

6. Zaladeva (Alataghwa), Dzuuḡa (Dzuuba), Ləghva (Lughva), Gwózà Wakane (Gwozo)

*Ghumbagha

2.A Lamang Central

3. Borno State, Gwoza LGA; Adamawa State, Michika LGA;

6. Həḏkàlà (Xəḏkala, Hidkala, Hitkala), Waga (Wagga, Woga, Waha)

8. Mark in first draft, 1991. Bible translation in progress

Source(s) Roettger (p.c.)

*Ghudavan

1.A Ghudeven, Ghudəvən

2.A Lamang South

3. Borno State, Gwoza LGA; Adamawa State, Michika LGA; and in Cameroon

5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Mandara–Mafa–Sukur major group: Mandara Group

Refs.

Overview: Wolff (2008-2009)

Grammar: Lukas (1964); Wolff (1971,1974/75, 1983, 2014b)

Texts: Wolff (1989, 2006)

Sociolinguistics: Wolff (2008-9)

Ethnographic: White (1941)

283. Lame cluster

3. Bauchi State, Toro LGA, Lame district

4. 2,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantu: Jarawan

Refs. Shimizu (1983)

*Ruhu

- 1.A Rufu, Rùhù
- 2.C Rufawa
4. There were said to be no speakers remaining in 1987

Source(s) Blench (1987)

*Mbaru

- 1.A Mbarù, Bambaro, Bamburo, Bambara, Bombaro, Bomboro, Bamboro
- 2.C Bomborawa, Bunborawa
4. 3500-4500 (CAPRO 1995a). Tulu town, Toro LGA, Bauchi State

Refs

Ethnographic: CAPRO (1995a)

*Gura

- 1.B Tu–Gura
- 1.C sg. Ba–Gura, pl. Mo–Gura
- 2.B Agari, Agbiri

284. Lamja-Deṅsa-Tola cluster

- 1.C Lamjavu, Deṅsavu, Tolavu
3. Taraba State, Mayo Belwa LGAs
4. There are 13 villages of Lamja and Deṅsa. The central town of the Lamja is Ganglamja. The Deṅsa live south of the Lamja.
5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Northern Bantoid: Dakoid
6. These dialects are intercomprehensible with each other. They may not be sufficiently distinct from the Samba Daka cluster (q.v.) to form a separate head-entry.

Source(s) Blench 1987)

Refs.

Ethnographic: CAPRO (1992)

Lam–Nsaw = Lam–Nsɔ

285. LamNsɔ

- 1.A Lam–Nsaw, Lam–Nsɔ
- 1.B Lam–Nsɔ'
- 1.C Nsɔ, Nsaw
3. Taraba State, Sarduana LGA, at Gembu and nearby towns; Takum LGA at Manyà; mainly spoken in Cameroon
4. 125,000 in Cameroon (1987 SIL)
5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Grasslands Bantu
7. Literacy programme in Cameroon
8. New Testament (1989)

Refs:

Phonology: Anderson (2015)

Grammar: Grebe (1975, 1976); Ndzenyuy (1997); Mbiydzenyuy (1999)

Dictionary: Grebe et al. (2016)

Langas – member of the Polci cluster

Languda = Longuda

Lankaviri = dialect of South–Western Mumuye

Lankoviri = dialect of South–Western Mumuye

Lao Habe = Laka

Lardang = Larr: offset of Mernyang: Pan cluster

Lare – dialect of Kanuri: Kanuri–Kanembu

Laro = Shen

Larr – see Mernyang: Pan cluster

Laru = Shen

Laruwa = Shen

Latəghwa = Guduf: Guduf–Gava

Lau = Laka

Laxaya (Ney Laxaya) = Gava: Guduf–Gava

lee Maghdi = Maghdi

LeeMak = Mak

Leekɔ = Samba Leko

286. Leeləu

1.A Lelo

2.A Munga

3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA. 15 km. East of Karim Lamido town.

4. One village and an associated hamlet

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Bikwin group

Source(s) Kleinewillinghöfer (1992)

Leere (Gambar Leere) – dialect of Zaar: see the Guus-Zaar cluster

287. Legbo

1.A Gbo

1.B Legbo

1.C Agbo

2.A Itigidi

2.B Igbo Imaban

3. Cross River State, Obubra LGA; Abia State, Afikpo LGA

4 18,500 (1963); 30,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper Cross group Central: East–West

7. Writing book, 1966

Refs:

Grammar: Spreda & Spreda (1966); Bendor-Samuel & Spreda (1969); Hyman et al. (2002); Paster (2003); Hyman & Udoh (2006); Udoh (2007); Hyman (2009)

Dictionary: Udoh (2004)

Legeri – member of the Vaghat cluster

Leko = Samba Leko

Lela = Lelna

288. cLela

1.B cLela (Clela, C–Lela), Lelna

1.C Kələla sg., Lelna pl.

2.B Chilala Dakarci

2.C Lalawa, Dakarkari, Dakkarkari, Kalla–Kalla, Cala–Cala

3. Kebbi State, Zuru, Sakaba and Wasagu LGAs; Niger State, Rijau LGA. Around Zuru town

4. 47,000 (1949 G&C); 69,000 (1971 Welmers)

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Northwestern
 6. Zuru, Ribah
 7. Reader, 1934, Primer, 1974
 8. Scripture portions 1931–4, Mark, 1934, hymnbook 1947, Scripture portions from 1974

Source(s) Blench 1990); Regnier (1992);

Refs.

Dictionary: Rikoto (2002)

Grammars: Hoffmann (1967), Aliero (2013), Dettweiler (2015)

Ethnographic: Harris (1938);

Lelo = Leeləu

289. Lemoro

- 1.A Limorro
 1.B Emoro
 1.C Anemoro
 2.A Anowuru
 3. Plateau State, Bassa LGA; Bauchi State, Toro LGA
 4. 2,950 (1936 HDG)
 5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: North–central cluster

Refs

Wordlist: Shimizu (1979)

290. Lenyima

- 1.C Anyima
 2.C Inyima
 3. Cross River State, Obubra LGA
 5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper Cross group Central: East–West

Lere – dialect of Kanuri: Kanuri–Kanembu

291. Lere cluster [†]

3. Bauchi State, Toro LGA
 4. 765 (NAT 1949); 1,000 (1973 SIL); languages extinct
 5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group

*Si

1.C Rishuwa

2.A Kauru

2.B Kuzamani

*Gana [†]

4. Extinct

*Takaya [†]

2.B Taura

4. Extinct

Refs.

Wordlists: Gowers (1907); Shimizu (1982)

292. Leyigha

- 1.C Ayiga, Yigha
 2.B Asiga
 3. Cross River State, Obubra LGA

4. 3,150 (1953)

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper Cross group Central: East–West

Refs

Comparative: Blench (2016)

Ləghva = Zaladva: see the Lamang cluster

Libo=Kaan

Libyan Arabic – see Arabic cluster

Ligili = Mijili

Ligri – member of the Jar cluster

Lijili = Mijili

Lila = dialect of Lela

293. Limbum

1.B Limbum

1.C Wimbun

3. Taraba State, Sardauna LGA, Mambila uplands, mainly in Cameroon

4. few in Nigeria; 73,000 in Cameroon (1982 SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid:

Grasslands Bantu

7. Literacy programme in Cameroon

8. Bible translation programme in Cameroon

Refs:

Phonology: Fiore (1987)

Grammar: Mpoche (1993); Franssen (1995); Tabah (2004)

Dictionary: Ndi (2015)

Limorro = Lemoro

Lindiri = Nungu

Likpawa = Mburku and Kariya

Linggava = Gava: Guduf–Gava

Lipedeke = Guduf: Guduf–Gava

Lishàù = Shau

Lissa – Taraba State, Takum LGA, around Bariki:

Benue–Congo: Benue: Jukunoid: Yukuben–Kutep: possibly the same as Lissam

Source(s) Blench 1986) citing: P. Gray

Lissam – dialect of Kutep

294. Lokəə

1.A Lokə, Lokö

1.C Yaka, Yakə, Yakurr, Yakö

2.A Ugep

3. Cross River State, Obubra LGA

4. 38,200 (1953); 100,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper Cross group Central: East–West

6. Ugep, Nkpam

7. Primer 1 1973, Reading and Writing book 1967 and 1973, post–primer 1972

8. New Testament in first draft 1974, Scripture portions from 1967, Catholic catechism 1959

Source(s)

Refs.

Grammar: Winston (1962, 1964–5); Bendor-Samuel (1969); Iwara (1982, 1989); Baker (2005)

Lokə = Lokəə

Lökö = Lokəə

Lokukoli = Nkukoli

Longo – in old Eastern Nigeria. Winston (1964–5)

295. Longuda

1.A Languda, Nunguda, Nungura, Nunguraba

1.B nyà núngúrá Guyuk, Nungurama Nyuar

1.C Núngúráyábá Guyuk, Nùngùrábà Jessu, Lóngúrábá Kola

3. Adamawa State, Guyuk LGA; Gombe State, Balanga LGA

4. 13,700 (1952: Numan Division); 32,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Longuda group

6. Nya Guyuwa (Guyuk plains), Nya Ceriya (Banjiram=Cirimba/Gerembe hill), Nya Tariya (Kola=Taraba), Nya Dele (Jessu=Delebe), Nya Gwanda (Nyuar=Gwandaba)

7. Literacy programme in progress, Primer 1975 Folktales 1975

8. New Testament 1979, Mark 1954 and 1975

Source(s) Kleinewillinghöfer (1992)

Refs.

Survey: Newman & Newman (1977a,b)

Grammar: Newman (1978)

Lóngúrábá = Longuda

296. Loo

1.B Shùńọ

1.C Shùńọ–North, Shùńọ–South

3. Kaltungo LGA, Gombe State, Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA. 30 km. North of Karim Lamido town.

Lo village and associated hamlets.

4. 8,000 (1992 est.)

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Bikwin group

Source(s) Kleinewillinghöfer (1992)

Lopa = Rop, Tsupamini

Lopawa = Rop

Loro = Ribina: see the Jera cluster

Lotsu–Piri = Tsobo

Louome – dialect of Gbagyi

297. Lubila

1.C Kabila

2.B Ojor, Kabila, Kaibre, Kabire

3. Cross River State, Akamkpa LGA, at Ojo Nkomba, and Ojo Akangba

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper Cross group Central: East–West

Refs

Comparative: Blench (2016)

Lovi – dialect of Nzanyi

Lughva = Ləghva; a dialect of Zaladva: see the Lamang cluster

Lukshi = Lushi: see the Zeem cluster

Lukshi – member of the Das cluster

Lundur = Langas: see the Polci cluster

Lungu = Idun

Lupa = Rop

Luri = member of the Polci cluster

Lusa – dialect of Zaar: see the Guus-Zaar cluster

Lushi – member of the Zeem cluster

Luwa – dialect of Huba

Lyase, Lyase–ne = Gwamhi–Wuri

M.

298. Ma

1.B Ma sg. núbá Ma pl.

1.C nyii Ma

2.A Kamo, Kamu

3. Gombe State, Kaltungo and Akko LGAs

4. 3000 (SIL)

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Waja group

7. Reading and Writing Book (2006)

8. NT extracts (2007)

Source(s) Kleinewillinghöfer (1991); Blench (2007)

Ma Giiwo = Giiwo

Maagwaram – west dialect of Bade

299. Maaka

1.A Magha, Maga, Maha

3. Yobe State, Gujba LGA. Gulani and Bara towns and associated hamlets. NE of Dadin Kowa Reservoir.

4. More than 4,000 (1990)

5. Chadic: West sub-branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole group

6. Two dialects; Maaka (at Gulani) and Maha (at Vara)

Source(s) Blench (1990);

Refs:

Grammar: Newman (1965); Suzzi-Valli & Coly (2013); Storch (2014, 2015)

Phonology: Suzzi-Valli (2013)

Texts: Suzzi Valli (2014)

Ethnographic: Harnischfeger (2014)

Maás = Mangas

Mabas – see Vemgo–Mabas

Maci – member of the Iceve cluster

300. Mada

- 1.C Məda
- 2.B Yidda
3. Nasarawa State, Akwanga, Kokona and Keffi LGAs; Kaduna State, Jema'a LGA
4. 25,628 (1922 Temple); 15,145 (1934 Ames); 30,000 (1973 SIL)
5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Ninzic
6. Northern and Western clusters. Dialect survey results in Price 1991).
7. Literacy work in progress
8. New Testament (2000)

Refs.

Phonology: Price (1989)

Dictionary: Blench & Kato (2016)

Mada Eggon = Eggon

Madaka = Ndəkə

Madzarin – member of the Fali cluster

301. Mafa

- 1.A Mofa
- 2.C Matakam (not recommended)
3. Borno State, Gwoza LGA; mainly in Cameroon
4. 2,000 (1963), 136,000 in Cameroon (1982 SIL)
5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Mandara/Mafa/Sukur major group: Mafa group: South
6. Mafa (Mofa) in Nigeria. Cameroon dialects divided into West, Central and Eastern.
8. Scripture portions from 1958, New Testament 1965 [Cameroon], Concordance 1972, Complete Bible, 1989

Sources: Kosack (2000)

Refs.

Overview: Rossing (1978); Dieu and Renaud (1983);

Dictionary: Barreteau & Bleis (1990)

Grammar: Eichenberger & Eichenberger (1978)

Ethnographic: Lavergne (1944, 1949); Hinderling (1969); Martin (1970); Müller-Kosack (2001)

Maga = Maaka

Magara – dialect of Nzanyi

Magha = Maaka

302. Maghdi

- 1.B Mághdì
 - 1.C Mághdì sg., lee Mághdì pl.
 - 2.B Widala also applies to Kholok
 3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA. A section of the Widala
 4. less than 2,000 (1992)
 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Bikwin group
- Source(s)** Kleinewillinghöfer (1992)

Magongo = Ọsayen: member of the Ọko–Eni–Ọsayen cluster

Magu = Mvanọ

Magwaram – W. dialect of Bade

Maha=Maaka

Maiha – dialect of Nzanyi

Majinda = Cinda: see the Cinda-Regi-Rogo-Kuki cluster

303. Mak

- 1.B Mak
 - 1.C LeeMak
 - 2.A Panya, Panyam (From Poonya, the name of a founding hero) Zoo
 3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA. 15 km. north of Karim Lamido town.
 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Bikwin group
 6. Panya, Zo
- Source(s)** Blench (1987); Kleinewillinghöfer (1992)

Makama (Koro–Makama) = Ashe, the Tinor-Myamya cluster

Makurdi (Basa–Makurdī – see the Basa cluster

304. Mala

- 2.A Rumaya, Rumaiya
 - 1.B Tumala
 - 1.C Amala
 3. Kaduna State, Saminaka LGA
 4. 1,800 (NAT 1948)
 5. **no data.** Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: Kauru subgroup
- Source(s)** Blench (1986)

Malabu – dialect of Bata

Maleni = Shagawu

Malgo = Malgwa – member of the Wandala cluster

Malgwa – member of the Wandala cluster

Mama – Marhai

305. Mama

- 2.B Kwarra, Kantana
 3. Nasarawa State, Akwanga LGA
 4. 7,891 (1922 Temple); 6,155 (1934 Ames); 20,000 (1973 SIL)
 5. Benue–Congo: Bantu: Jarawan
- Source(s)**

Mambere = Mambila: see Nor

Mambila = Nor

Mambilla = Nor

Mandara = Wandala

Mang – dialect of Mumuye

Manga – dialect of Kanuri

Mangar – dialect of Daffo–Butura: see the Ron cluster

306. Mambila

- 1.B Ju Nōri
- 1.C Nōr
- 2.A Mambila, Mambilla, Mambere

3. Taraba State, Sardauna LGA. Mambila Plateau. Cameroon.
4 18,000 (1952); 60,000 (1973 SIL); 10,000 in Cameroon
5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Northern Bantoid: Mambiloid: Mambila
6. Almost every village has a separate dialect forming a dialect chain. Dialect centres are: Bang, Dorofi, Gembu, Hainari, Kabri, Mayo Ndaga, Mbamnga, Tamien, Warwar. At least four dialects in Cameroon.
7. Gembu dialect: Primer in 3 parts 1973, pre–primer 1974, 5 post–primer books; Reading and writing book 1973. Cameroon dialect 2 post–primer books in a 1969–70. Reading and writing book 1973. Literacy programme in progress.
8. i. Gembu: Genesis stories 1973, New Testament 1975,
ii. Cameroon: New Testament (19xx)
Source(s) Blench 1983–1999); Connell (1994–1999)
Refs:
Phonology: Connell (2007)

307. Mangas

- 1.A Maás
3. Bauchi State, Bauchi LGA
4 180 (LA 1971)
5. **no data**. Chadic: West sub–branch B: Zaar group: Boghom subgroup

Mangu – dialect of Mwaghavul
Mao – dialect of Kanuri: Kanuri–Kanembu

308. Map

- 1.A Amon, Among
1.B Timap
1.C Kumap pl. Amap
2.B Ba
3. Plateau State, Bassa LGA; Kaduna State, Saminaka LGA
4. 3,550 (NAT 1950)
5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Amic
7. Three reading and writing books
11. Vigorous (Jirgi 2016)
Sources: Jirgi (2016)

Refs.

Grammar: Di Luzio (1972/3); Anderson (1980)

Mapan – part of Mwaghavul cluster
Mapeo (Samba of Mapeo) – dialect of Samba Daka
Mapodi = Gude
Mapuda = Gude
Marahai – a Kamwai dialect of Kulere
Marawa = Sholio: see the Katab cluster

309. Margi

- 1.A Marghi, Margyi
1.B Màrgí
1.C Màrgí

3. Borno State, Askira–Uba and Damboa LGAs; Adamawa State, Madagali, Mubi and Michika LGAs
4. For Margi, Margi South and Putai: 135,000 (1955); 200,000 (1987 UBS)
5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Bura–Higi major group: Bura group
6. Central: Margi babal = ‘Margi of the Plain’ around Lasa,
Margi Dzər̄ɲu = ‘Margi near the Hill ɲu’ around Gulak;
Gwàrà; Mə̀lgwí (Mulgwe, Molgheu); Wúrgà (Urga);
South Margi is counted as a separate language and is more closely related to Huba
7. Pre–primer, primer in 3 parts, 1941
8. Scripture portions from 1940–46, Old Testament stories, song and worship book 1956, Good Manhood 1940/52, New Testament (1984)
Refs.
Wordlist: Reutt & Kogan (1973); Kraft (1981)
Grammar: Hoffmann (1963); Wolff (1974–75); Williams (1976); Tranel (1992–94)

Margi babal – dialect of Margi
Margi Dzər̄ɲu – dialect of Margi
Margi Putai = Putai

310. Margi South

- 2.C Margi ti ntəm
3. Borno State, Askira–Uba LGA; Adamawa State, Mubi and Michika LGAs
4. For Margi, Margi South and Putai: 135,000 (1955)
5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Bura–Higi major group: Bura group¹
6. Wamdiu, Hildi

Margi of Minthla = Putai
Margi ti ntəm = Margi South
Margi West = Putai
Marhai = Marahai: a Kamwai dialect of Kulere
Maroa = Sholio: see the Katab cluster
Maruwa = Sholio: see the Katab cluster
Marwa = Sholio: see the Katab cluster

311. Mashi

3. Taraba State, near Takum
4. One village
5. Benue–Congo: South Bantoid: Beboid
Source(s) Kooops (1971)

Matakam = Mafa
Matchi = Maci: see Iceve cluster
Mavar = Mober: a dialect of Kanuri: see Kanuri–Kanembu

¹ Hoffmann (1963) relates the language of Margi South to Huba rather than to Margi.

Mawa – Small in Bauchi State, Toro LGA: possibly Mara village – language extinct according to Shimizu (ed.) Temple (1922) 271,430; Shimizu (1982)

Mawunci = Kambari II

Máyá = Bali

Maya (Kwaya Maya) = Koyam – a dialect of Kanuri

Mayo Ndaga – a dialect of Nor

Mazgarwa = Bade

Mbaarù = Guruntum–Mbaaru

Mbada = Baḍa: see the Jar cluster

Mbadawa = Baḍa: see the Jar cluster

Mbamnga – a dialect of Nor

Mbamu – dialect of Eloyi

Mbaram = Baram: see the Polci cluster

Mbarike = Kuteb

Mbarmi = Zul: see the Polci cluster

Mbaru (Mbárù) = Guruntum–Mbaaru

Mbat = Bada: see the Jar cluster

312. Mbe

1.B Mbe

1.C Mbè

2.B Ketuen, Mbube (Western)

3. Cross River State, Ogoja LGA

4. 9,874 (1963); 14,300 (1973 SIL); 20-30,000 (2008 est.). Seven villages (Bansan, Benkpe, Egbe, Ikumtak, Idibi, Idum, Odajie)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Ekoid-Mbe group

6. Idum, Ikumtale, Odaje

7. Orthography 1983;

8. RC Catechism 1962 in Mbube; John's Gospel (2001); Liturgy (2007)

Source(s) Paul Schroeder (2008)

Refs.

Grammar: Bamgboṣe (1966a,b; 1967)

Dictionary: Pohlig (2006)

Mbe Afal = Obe cluster

Mbeci – dialect of Eloyi

Mbem = Yamba

313. Mbembe

2.B Okam, Oderiga, Wakande, Ifunubwa, Ekokoma, Ofunobwan (per Thomas)

3. Cross River State, Obubra and Ikom LGAs;

Anambra State, Abakaliki LGA

4. 35,600 (1953); 100,000 (1982 UBS)

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper Cross group Central: East–West

6. Adun, Okom (Eghom) (sub-dialects: Apiapum, Ohana, Onyen), Osopong (Ezopong), Ofombonga (Ewumbonga), Ofonokpan, Okorogbana, Ekama (Akam) in Ikom LGA, Oferikpe in Abakaliki LGA

7. Reading and writing book 1966, revised ed. 1985, Primers 1 and 2 1973–4, folk tales

8. New Testament 1985 (Adun dialect) Hymnbook 1975, Scripture portions from 1967 in Adun and Apiapum

Source(s)

Refs.

Grammar: Barnwell (1966, 1969a,b, 1974)

Dictionary: Barnwell (n.d.)

314. Mbembe Tigong cluster

1.C Noale

2.A Tigong, Tigun, Tugun, Tukun, Tigum

2.B Akonto, Nzare

3. Taraba State, Sardauna LGA; mainly in Cameroon

4. 2,900 in Nigeria (1973 SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Benue: Jukunoid: Central Jukunoid: Jukun–Mbembe–Wurbo group

Refs. Koops (1990)

*Ashuku

1.A Ashaku

1.C Ákátṣàkpá, Ákúçùkpú

2.B Kitsipki

*Nama

1.A Dama, Namu

1.B Kporo

2.B Nzare 'I say so'; Eneeme

Source(s)

Refs.

Overview: Shimizu (1971)

Grammar: Richter (2014)

Dictionary: Eyoh (2010)

Mbenkpe = Nde

Mbeya = Gòmṅome Koma

Mbofon = Nde and Bakor

315. Mboi cluster

1.A Mboire, Mboyi

3. Adamawa State, Song LGA

4. 3,200 (1973 SIL)

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Yungur group

*Gana

1.A Gəna

2.A Mboire, Mboyi

3. Adamawa State, Song LGA, northwest of Song.

Livo village and associated hamlets

4. 1,800 (LA 1971)

Source(s)

*Banga

3. Adamawa State, Song LGA, west of Loko. Banga village and associated hamlets

*Haanda

1.A Handa

3. Adamawa State, Song LGA, west of Loko. Handa village and associated hamlets

4. 1,370 (LA 1971)

Mboire = Mboi: see Mboi

Mbol = Bwol: the Pan cluster

Mbon = Itu Mbon Uzo

316. Mbɔŋnɔ

- 1.A Bungnu
- 1.B Mbɔŋnɔ
- 1.C Mbɔŋnɔ
- 2.A Kamkam
- 2.B Kakaba, Bunu
3. Taraba State, Sardauna LGA, Kakara town
4. 800 (1952 W&B); 3000 est. Blench and Connell (1999)
5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Northern Bantoid: Mambiloid

Sources: Connell (1995);

Refs.

Mboyi = Mboi: see the Mboi cluster

Mbube Eastern = Obe cluster

Mbube Western = the Mbe

317. Mbula cluster

3. Adamawa State, Numan, Shelleng and Song LGAs
4. 7,900 (1952); 25,000 (1972 Barrett); 23,447 (1977) Blench: not clear as to whether for Mbula or both Mbula and Bwazza.)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantu: Jarawan

Source(s) Blench (2008);

Survey: Rueck et al 2009)

*Mbula

12. Radio broadcasts in Mbula

*Tambo

12. Radio and television broadcasts in Tambo

*Bwazza

1.B Bwà Bwàzà pl. àb̀wàzà

1.C Bwázà

2.A Bare, Bere [name of a town]

3. Adamawa State, Demsa, Numan, Shelleng and Song LGAs. Twenty-six villages.

6. No dialects

7. Reading and Writing Bwazza (2007)

8. Luke Gospel ready for printing, other scripture portions in draft

12. Jesus film

Mbuma = Bendeghe: see the Ejagham cluster

Mburkanci = Mburku

318. Mburku

- 1.A Barko, Barke
- 1.B Və Mvəran
- 2.B Mburkanci
- 2.C Burkunawa, Lipkawa (see also Kariya)
3. Bauchi State, Darazo LGA
4. 210 (1949–50); 4,000 (1977 Skinner)
5. Chadic: West sub-branch B: Warji group

Refs.

Comparative: Skinner (1977)

Mbute = Vute

Mbutere = Vute

Mbuzo (Itu Mbuzo) = Itu Mbon Uzo

Meeka – dialect of Mumuye

Megili = Mijili

Megong = Eggon

Mein – a north–western dialect of Izon: Ijò cluster

Mendong–Mufons – Bauchi Province: Temple (1922)

Mernyang – member of the Pan cluster

Mesaka = Iceve

Məda = Mada

Məgang = Bolu: see the Geji cluster

Məlgwa = Malgwa: a member of the Wandala cluster

M’əlgwí – dialect of Margi

Məngàng (ɲwai Məngàng) = Mingang Doso

Mgbakpa = Hausa

Mgbo – member of the Izi–Ezaa–Ikwo–Mgbo cluster

Mgbu = Akpò–Mgbu–Tolu – dialects of Ikwere

Mi (Vəne Mī) = Miya

Miamia = Ejar: see the Tinor–Myamia cluster

Miango = Irigwe

Migili = Mijili

Mijilu (Fali of Mijilu) – dialect of Kamwe

Mikiet – offset of Mernyang: see the Pan cluster

Minda = Shoo–Minda–Nye

319. Mingang Doso

1.A Munga

1.B ɲwai Məngàn

1.C Mingang Doso

2.A Doso

3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA. 15 km. East of Karim Lamido town. One village and associated hamlets.

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Jen group

Source(s) Kleinewillinghöfer (1992)

Mini = Abureni

Minna – South dialect of Kadara

Minna (Koro Funtu of Minna) = Ujjili

Miriam = Mernyang: see the Pan cluster

320. Miship

1.A Ship, Chip, Cip

3. Plateau State, Mangu and Shendam LGAs

4. 10,127 (Ames 1934), 6,000 (SIL)

5. Chadic: West A3

6. Longmaar, Jibaam

Refs.

Wordlist: Jungrathmayr (1965)

Grammar: Mu’azu & Katwal (2010)

321. Miya

1.A Muya

1.C Vəne Mi

2.C Miyawa

3. Bauchi State, Darazo LGA, Ganjuwa district. Miya town and associated hamlets

4. 5,200 (LA 1971)
5. Chadic: West sub-branch B: Warji group
7. Reading and Writing Book (2006)
8. NT extracts (2007)

Refs.

Comparative: Skinner (1977);

Grammar: Schuh (1989a,b,1998, 2001a)

Dictionary: Schuh (n.d.)

Text: Townsend (1976)

Miyamiya = Ejar: see the Tinor-Myamya cluster

Miyango – a dialect of Irigwe

Miyawa = Miya

322. Min

1.B Tiimin

1.C Vwinyi Min pl. Ayi Min

2.A Bauchi Guda, Kukoki (name of largest town)

3. Niger State, Rafi LGA, twenty-seven villages in eight chiefships

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: West: Baushi cluster

Source(s) Blench (2010)

Mo Egon = Eggon

Mo Gura = Gura: see Lame cluster

Mobber = Mober – a dialect of Kanuri

Mober – a dialect of Kanuri

Mocigin – a dialect of Gude

Mofa = Mafa

Mokar = Ga'anda

Molgheu – dialect of Margi

323. Mom Jango

1.B Mom Jango

2.A Vere (see also Momĩ, Were, Verre, Kobo (in Cameroon))

3. Adamawa State, Fufore LGA

4. 20,000 total (including Momĩ, 4,000 in Cameroon (1982 SIL))

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Vere group

Source(s) Blench (1987)

324. Momi

1.B Ziri

2.A Vere (this also includes Mom Jango, q.v.), Were, Verre, Kobo (in Cameroon)

3. Adamawa State, Yola and Fufore LGAs; and in Cameroon

4. 20,000 total (including Mom Jango), 4,000 in Cameroon (1982 SIL)

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Vere group

Source(s) Blench (1986/7)

Refs.

Dictionary: Blench et al. (2016)

Monguna – dialect of Daffo–Butura: see the Ron cluster

Monkin – dialect group of South-Western Mumuye:

see Mumuye cluster

Montoil = Montol

Montol = Tel

325. Məə

1.B ŋwaa Mòò

1.C yáá Mòò

2.A Gwomo, Gwom, Gwomu, Gomu

3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Bikwin group

Source(s) Kleinewillinghöfer (1992)

Mora = Mura: see Wandala

Moroa = Sholio: see the Katab cluster

Morwa = Sholio: see the Katab cluster

Motchekin – a dialect of Gude

Movar – dialect of Kanuri: Kanuri–Kanembu

Mtezi – a dialect of Kukele

Mtezi–Iteji – dialect of Kukele

Mubako = Mumbake

Mubi = Gude

Mubi (Fali of Mubĩ = Mucella (Fali of Mucella) – Fali cluster

Mucella (Fali of Mucella) – Fali cluster

Mudaye – a dialect of Gude

Mufons = Mendong–Mufons

Mulgwe – dialect of Margi

Mulyen – dialect of Bacama: see the Bata cluster

326. Mukta

1.A Mukta

3. Adamawa State

4. Mukta village

5. Central Chadic. Kamwe ckuster. A dialect cluster with Hya in Cameroun

Source(s): Blench and Ndemsai (2007);

Refs:

Survey: Rueck et al. (2011)

Mumbake = Nyong

327. Mumuye cluster

3. Taraba State, Jalingo, Zing, Yorro and Mayo Belwa LGAs

4. 103,000 (1952); 400,000 (1980 UBS)

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Mumuye–Yendang group:

Mumuye subgroup

*North–Eastern Mumuye

1.A Zing group

3. Taraba State, Zing, Yorro and Mayo Belwa LGAs

6. Bajama (Gnoore) and Jeng, Zing (Zinna, Zeng) and Mang, Kwaji and Meeka, Yaa, also Yakoko (according to Meek)

7. Primer in Zinna before 1925, folk tales 1974

8. In: Zinna: Mark 1938, hymnbook before 1925

9. **Grammar:** Shimizu (1983)

*South–Western Mumuye

3. Taraba State, Jalingo LGA

6. Monkin group: Kugong, Shaari, Sagbee; Kpugbong group: Kasaa, Yɔrɔ, Lankoviri (Lankaviri, Saawa, Nyaaja, and Jaalingo

7. Primer in 2 parts 1974 in Lankoviri

8. New Testament translation in progress

Source(s): Danujma Gambo (p.c.)

Refs.

Comparative: Shimizu (1979)

Grammar: Shimizu (1983)

Ethnographic: Meek (1931,I:446–531);

328. Mundat

3. Plateau State, Mangu LGA

5. Chadic: West sub–branch A: Ron group

Mundu: see Dulumi

Munga = Leeləu

Munga = Mingang Doso

Munshi (not recommended) = Tiv

Mupun = Mwaghavul

Mura – a dialect of Wandala

Mushere = Cakfem–Mushere

Mutidi – a dialect of Nzanyi

Mùùn – see Jar cluster

Muya = Miya

Mvanɔ = Mvanip

329. Mvanip

1.C Mvanɔ

2.A Magu

3. Taraba State, Sardauna LGA. A single quarter of Zongo Ajiya town in the northwest of the Mambila Plateau.

4. 100 (Blench 1999)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Northern Bantoid:

Mambiloid: Mambila

Source: Blench & Connell (1999)

Refs:

Wordlist: Meek (1931)

Mvəran (Və Mvəvran) = Mburku

nnwa' Dza = Dza

330. Mwaghavul cluster

*Mwaghavul

1.A Mwahavul

2.B Sura

2.C Sura

3. Plateau State, Barkin Ladi and Mangu LGAs

4. 20,000 (1952 W&B); 40,000 (1973 SIL); current informal estimates suggest around 200,000 speakers

5. Chadic: West sub–branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: A3

7. Primers 1912, 1915, 1950s

8. Scripture portions 1915–1966, Genesis 1920, Old Testament stories 1927/29, hymnbook, catechism

1915 and 1930 Hymns and Prayers *Kwop naan shi kook mo* 1981, New Testament 1992; Old Testament in progress

Source(s) Jacob Bess, Raymond Dawum (2019)

Ref(s)

Orthography: Nyang et al. (2nd ed. 2019)

Grammar: Blench & Dawum (2019)

Dictionary: Blench, Dawum, Daapya & Bess (2019)

Historical: Dahip (2011)

*Mupun

1A Mapan

Source(s) Blench (2012)

Ref(s)

Dictionary: Frajzyngier (1992)

Grammar: Frajzyngier (1993)

*Takas

1.A Toos

Source(s) Blench (2012)

Mwahavul = Mwaghavul

Mwana – Cam–Mwana

Mwona = Cam–Mwana

Mwulyin – dialect of Bacama: see the Bata cluster

Myamya – see the Tinor-Myamya cluster

Myet = Tapshin

Nafunfia = Shagawu

Nakanyare – dialect of Samba Daka

Nakare = Jidda–Abu

331. Naki

1.C Bunaki

3. Taraba State, ca. 6°57N, 10°13E, Furu-Awa and other subdivisions in Cameroun

4. 1 village (Belogo=Tosso 2) in Nigeria; 3000 in Cameroun (1976)

5. Benue-Congo: South Bantoid: Beboid

Refs.

Survey: Breton (1993)

Nama = see the Mbembe Tigong cluster

Namu = Nama: see the Mbembe Tigong cluster

Narabuna = Ribina: see the Jera cluster

Naraguta = Iguta

Nda Dia = Dadiya

Nda Zora = Izora

Ndaga = Mayo Ndaga: see Nor

Ndaghan = Ngoshe Ndhang: see Gvoko

Ndangshi – see Jar cluster

Ndara = Wandala cluster

Nde – a member of the Bakor cluster

Ndele – dialect of Ikwere

Ndem = Nnam: see Bakor

Ndera = Koma Ndera: see Koma

332. Ndəkə

- 1.A Madaka
- 1.B Tundəkə
- 1.C Vundəkə pl. Andəka
- 3. Niger State, Rafi LGA, Madaka town
- 5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: West: Baushi cluster
- 6. Shena may be a dialect

Source(s) Blench (2010)

Ndhang = Ngoshe Ndhang: see Gvoko
Ndir = Iyive

333. Ndoe cluster

- 3. Cross River State, Ikom LGA
- 4. 3,000 (1953)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Ekoid Bantu

Refs.

Wordlist: Crabb (1965)

333.a *Ekparabong

- 1.A Akparabong
- 3. Akparabong Town, Bendeghe Affi
- 4. Towns above 2,102 and 310, respectively, (1953)

Refs

Wordlist: Dayrell (1911); Byström (1954)

333.b *Balep

- 2.B Anep, Anyeb
- 3. Balep and Opu
- 4. 619 (1953)

334. Ndoola

- 1.A Ndoró
- 1.B Ndoola
- 1.C Ndoola
- 2.A Njoyame (in Cameroon)
- 3. Taraba State, Sardauna and Gashaka LGAs; and in Cameroon (1 village only)
- 4. 1169 (1952 W&B); 10,000 total, 1,300 in Cameroon (1982 SIL); estimated more than 15,000 (1999)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Northern Bantoid: Mambiloid
- 6. At least 2 dialects

Source(s) Blench & Connell (1990, 1999)

Refs.

Survey: Dieu & Renaud (1983)

Ndoró = Ndoola

335. Ndun-Nyeng-Shakara cluster

2A. Ahwai [recently adopted name for the three languages]

*Ndun

- 1A. Nandu
- 10. Hausa

*Nyeng

- 1.B
- 1.C
- 2.A Ningon
- 10. Hausa

*Shakara

- 1.A
- 1.B iShákára
- 1.C sg. kùShákára pl. úShákára
- 2.B Tari
- 3. Kaduna State, a line of villages 7 km. due west of Mayir on the Fadan Karshe-Wamba road

4. Shakara 3000 (Blench est. 2003)

- 5. Benue-Congo: Plateau: Ndunic
- 10. Hausa

Source(s) Blench (2003)

Refs

Wordlists: Blench (2016)

Survey: xx

336. Ndunda

3. Taraba State, Sardauna LGA. In: the northwest of the Mambila Plateau.

- 4. 400 (Blench 1999)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Northern Bantoid: Mambiloid: Mambila

Source: Blench & Connell (1999)

337. *Nembe–Akaha cluster

2.A Brass–Ijọ

3. Rivers State, Brass LGA

- 4. 71,500 (1977 Voegelin and Voegelin)

*Nembe

- 1.A Nimbi
- 1.C Nembe
- 2.A Brass, Nempe, Itebu (Cust 1883); (Nembe) Brass (Tepowa 1904); Nembe–Brass (Book of Common Prayer, 1957); Ijọ (Nembe) (Bible, 1956); Brass–Nembe–Ijaw (Rowlands, 1960); Nembe–Ijọ (Alagoa, 1967). Brass is the older term giving way to Nembe, the speakers' own name.

3. Rivers State, Brass LGA, Nembe, Okpoma and Tụwọn (Brass) towns and nearby villages

- 4. 66,600 (1963)

7. Primers 1862, 1911, Traditional folktales 1963, Rivers Readers Project Reader 1 1970, , English–Nembe Phrase book 1967, Numerals (Alagoa, 1967), part of Plato's Phaedo (1968), book on traditional culture (1989) and other literature

8. Bible 1956, New Testament 1927, Scripture portions from 1856, Catechism 1886, various prayer

and hymnbooks 1856–1962, Pilgrim's Progress (abridgement) 1967, Genesis 1939

Refs

Grammar: Tepowa (1904); Rowlands (1960); Maduka-Durunze (1988, 1990, 1992, 1995)

Dictionary: Kaliai (1964–6) [updated version online Blench 2016]

Pedagogic: Efebo (1967); Williamson (1970)

*Akaha

1.A Akasa, Akassaa

1.B Akaha

1.C Akaha

3. Rivers State, Brass LGA, Opu–Akassa town and nearby hamlets

4. 4,913 (1963)

Nempe = Nembe

Ney Laxaya = Gava: Guduf–Gava

Nfachara = Cara

Nfua = Bokyi

338. Ngamo

1.A Gamo

3. Borno State, Fika LGA; Bauchi State, Darazo LGA, Darazo district and Dukku LGA, Nafada district

4. 17,800 (1952 W&B)

5. Chadic: West sub-branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole group

Refs

Grammar: Schuh (2005); Ibrizimow (2006); Grubic & Zimmermann (2011)

Dictionary: Schuh (2004)

Ngangi = Nzanyi

339. Ngas

1.A Nngas Ngas

1.C Kerang

3. Plateau State, Pankshin, Kanam and Langtang LGAs

4. 55,250 (1952 W&B)

5. Chadic: West: A3

6. Hill and Plain

7. Reading and Writing book; Folktales (2) 1969; Trial Primer 1975

8. New Testament 1976; Scripture portions from 1916

10. Hausa

Refs:

Phonology: Burquest (1971)

Grammar: Ormsby (1913, 1913, 1914, 1914); Foulkes (1915); Burquest (1973); Jungraithmayr et al. (2016)

Dialects: Shimizu (1974)

Texts: Jungraithmayr (1964)

Ngatlawe – West of Mandara but not a Mandara dialect: possibly Gatlaghwe, a Dghwede village: Westermann and Bryan (1952)

Ngazar – dialect of Kanuri: Kanuri–Kanembu

Ngbo = Mgbo: see the Izi–Ezaa–Ikwo–Mgbo cluster

Nge (Basa Nge) = Nupe Tako

Ngell = Gyell: see Berom

Ngene = Engenni

Ngenge – dialect of Gbagyi

Ngezzim = Ngizim

340. Nggwahyi

1.A Ngwaxi, Ngwohi

3. Borno State, Askira–Uba LGA

4. One village

5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub-branch A: Bura–Higi major group: Bura group

Refs.

Wordlist: Kraft (1981)

Nggweshe = Gvoko

Nggwoli – a dialect of Nzanyi

Ngizim –dialect of Kanuri

341. Ngizim

1.A Ngezzim

3. Borno State, Damaturu LGA

4. 39,200 includes Bade and Duwai (1952 W&B); 25,000 Schuh (1972)

5. Chadic: West Branch B: Bade/Warji major group: Bade group

10. Hausa

11, Vigorous

Source(s)

Refs.

Overview: Schuh (1981)

Wordlists: Schuh (1975)

Grammar: Schuh (1971, 1972a, 1977, 1978a, 1982b)

Dictionary: Schuh (1981, 2004); Bedu et al. (2004)

Sociolinguistics: Schuh (2003)

342. Ngmgbang

1.A Ribam

1.B Rigmgbang

1.C

2.B

3. Kaduna State, Saminaka LGA

4. few villages (Ajaegbu et al. 2013)

5. **no data.** Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: group A

6. Formely listed as a dialect of Bishi, but is clearly a distinct language

Refs

Survey: Ajaegbu et al (2013)

Ngo – dialect of Obolo

Ngoshe Ndaghang = Gvoko

Ngoshe Ndhang = Gvoko
Ngoshe Sama = Gvoko
Ngoshie – dialect of Glavda
Ngoug – Adamawa–Eastern? Welmers (1971)
Ngwa – dialect of Igbo

343. Ngwaba

2.C Gombi, Goba
3. Adamawa State, Gombi LGA, at Fachi and Gudumiya
4. less than 1000
5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Bata group
Source(s) Blench (1987)

Ngwajum – dialect of Karekare
Ngwaxi = Nggwahyi
Ngwənci = Nwanci: see Kambari II
Ngwe = Hungwəryə
Ngweshe = Ngoshie: see Glavda
Ngweshe Ndaghan = Gvoko
Ngweshe Ndhang = Gvoko
Ngwohi = Nggwahyi
Ngwoi = Hungwəryə
Nidem = Nindem: see the Kanufi–Kaningkon–Nindem cluster
Nife = Nupe

344. Nigbo [†]

4. near Agameti on the Fadan Karshi–Wamba road.
5. Eastern Benue–Congo: Plateau: Alumic: probably close to Akpondu (q.v.)
10. Hausa
Sources: Kato (2003)

nii Bánjùṅ = Bangwinji
ní Dìjí = Dijim: Dijim–Bwilim
Nimalto = Nyimatli: see the Tera cluster
Nimana = Numana: see the Numana–Nunku–Gbantu–Numbu cluster
Nimbia = Gwandara–Bara: – dialect of Gwandara

345. Nincut

2.B Aboro
3. Kaduna State, ?? LGA. ca. 7 km. north of Fadan Karshe
4. 8 villages (5000 ? Blench 2003 est.)
5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Beromic: Berom
10. Hausa
11. Threatened by switch to Hausa
Sources: Kato (2003)
Refs:
Wordlist: Blench & Kato (2016)

Nindam = Nindem: see Ninkyop–Nindem cluster
Nindem – member of the Ninkyop–Nindem cluster
Ningawa = Ningi
Ningi – member of the Buta–Ningi cluster

Ningon = – member of the Nandu–Nyeng–Shakara cluster

346. Ninkyop–Nindem cluster

3. Kaduna State, Jema’a LGA
5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Ninzic
10. Hausa
* Ninkyop
1.A Kaningkwom, Kaninkon
1.C Ninkyop, Ninkyob
4. 2,291 (1934)
7. Reading and Writing Books
Sources: Kadima (2001)

Refs

Wordlist: Blench (2016)
Phonology: Harley (2012)
Grammars: Abdulkadir (2011)
*Nindem
1.A Inidem, Nindam, Nidem

347. Ningye

1.B Ningye
1.C Ningye
1.A Ningeshe
3. Kaduna State. Five villages along the Fadan Karshe–Akwaṅga road, directly north of Gwantu. Villages are; Kobin, Akwankwan, Wambe, Ningeshen Kurmi, Ningeshen Sarki.
4. <5000 (Blench 2003)
5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Ninzic
10. Hausa
Source(s) Blench (2003)

Refs

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

348. Ninka

2.A Sanga
3. Kaduna State, Sanga LGA
4. <5000
5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Ninzic
10. Hausa
Source(s) Blench (2005)
Refs
Wordlist: Blench (2016)

349. Ninzo

- 1.A Ninzam, Ninzom
- 2.B Gbhu
3. Kaduna State, Jema'a LGA; Nasarawa State, Akwanga LGA
4. 6,999 (1934 Ames); 35,000 (1973 SIL) 50,000 (Blench 2003)
5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Ninzic
6. Àmàr Ràndá, Àmàr Titá, Ancha (Închá), Kwásù (Ákizà), Sàmbè, Fadan Wate (Hátè)
7. Reading and Writing Book (199x)
8. New Testament

Source(s) Blench (2001);

Refs

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Grammar: Hörner (1980)

Pedagogic: Enene (2001)

Niragu = Gbiri–Niragu

Niten = Aten

Njai = Nzanyi

Njanya = Nzanyi

Njei = Nzanyi

Njoyamɛ = Ndoola

Njuku = Jukun

Njwande = Bitare

Nkafa – dialect of Kamwe

Nkari – dialect of Ibibio. Probably a separate language: but no firm data (Bruce Connell)

Nkem–Nkum – member of the Bakor cluster

Nki = Bokyi

Nkim = Nkem

Nkim – dialect of Mbe East: see the Mbe cluster

350. Nko

- 2.A Agyaga
3. Nasarawa State, Akwanga West LGA. Single village about 15 km southwest of Nunku, which is 20 km north of Akwanga
4. 1000 (2008 est.)
5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Ninzic: Mada cluster

Source: Blench & Kato (2008)

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Nkokolle = Nkukoli

351. Nkọrọ

- 1.A Nkoro
- 1.B Kirika (autonym c.f. Opu Kirika for Kirikẹ)
3. Rivers State, Bonny LGA; Opu–Nkọrọ town and 11 villages
4. 20,000 (1963)
8. Part of the Book of Common Prayer (ms)

Refs.

Comparative: Harry (1989)

Grammar: Harry (1978); Akinlabi et al (2009);

Obikudo (2012)

Nkpam – dialect of Lokəə

352. Nkukoli

- 1.A Nkokolle
- 1.B Lokukoli
- 2.A Ekuri
3. Cross River state, Ikom, Obubra and Akamkpa LGAs, Iko Ekperem Development Area
4. 17,831 (1926 Talbot); 10,000 (1973 SIL)
5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper Cross group Central: East–West

Nkum – dialect of Yala

Nkum – member of Bakor cluster

Nkum Akpambe – dialect of Yala

Nkwoi = Hungwəryə

Nnakanyere (Samba Nnakanyere) – dialect of Samba Daka

Nnam – member of the Bakor cluster

Nnerigwe = Irigwe

Nngas = Ngas

nnwa' Dzâ = Dza

Noale = Mbembe Tigong cluster

Nokwu (Idoma Nokwu) = Alago

Nor–Khana – dialect of Kana

North (Arewa) = Hausa

North (Etung North) – a dialect of Ejagham

North (Idoma North) – a dialect of Idoma

North (Ivbie North) – see the Ivbie North–Okpela–Arhe cluster

North (Lamang North) = Zaladva: see the Lamang cluster

North–East Duguri: see the Jar cluster

North–Eastern Mumuye: see the Mumuye cluster

Nori (Ju Nori) = Mambila

Nsaw = Lam–Nsə'

Nsele – member of the Nde–Nsele–Nta cluster: see Bakor

Nsit – dialect of Ibibio

Nsə = Lam–Nsə'

Nsuka = Nsukka – dialect of Igbo

Nsukka – dialect of Igbo

Nta – member of the Nde–Nsele–Nta cluster: see Bakor

Nteng (Jasikit) – 600: related to Kwagallak: see the Pan cluster: Gospel Recordings (1971)

Ntrigom – Cross River State, Ogoja LGA: South–Eastern State (1971)

353. Nu

1B Tinu

1C Binu pl. Anu

2.A Kinugu, Kinuka, Kinuku

3. Kaduna State, Saminaka LGA

4. 460 (NAT 1949); 500 (1973 SIL); 3000 (est. 2016). About seven villages

5. Benue–Congo: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: Kauru subgroup

11. Vigorous

Source: Blench (2016)

Refs:

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Nùbá Ma = Kamo

Nuadhu = Como–Karim

354. Numbu–Gbantú–Nunku–(Numana)–cluster

2.A Sanga [mistakenly applied to this cluster, but see entry under Ninka]

3. Kaduna State, Jema’ a LGA; Nasarawa State, Akwanga LGA

4. 11,000 (1922 Temple); 3,818 (1934 Ames); 15,000 (SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Ninzic

10. Hausa

*Numbu

3. Kaduna State, Jema’ a LGA; Nasarawa State, Akwanga LGA

4. The main settlements of the Numbu are àzà Wúùn, Àmbèntòk, Ànèpwa, Àkoshey, Àm̀k̀p̀ong, Gbancùn, Àmfòor and Àdangarj. There are likely to be several thousand speakers.

Refs

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

*Gbantú

1.A Gwanto

3. Kaduna State, Jema’ a LGA; Nasarawa State, Akwanga LGA

*Nunku

3. Kaduna State, Jema’ a LGA; Nasarawa State, Akwanga LGA

4.

6. Nunku has three sub-dialects, Nunku [spoken in Nunku and Ungwar Mallam], Nunkucu [in Nunkucu and Anku] and the speech of Nicok [Ungwar Jatau] and Ungwan Makama villages

Refs

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

*Numana

1.A Nimana

3. Kaduna State, Jema’ a LGA; Nasarawa State, Akwanga LGA

4.

Refs

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Numbu: part of the Numana–Nunku–Gwantú–Numbu cluster

Numgwar = Mada

Nunguda = Longuda

Nungura = Longuda

Nùngùràbà = Longuda

Nungurama = Longuda

Nùngùráyábá Nungura: see Longuda

Nunku – member of the Numana–Nunku–Gwantú–Numbu cluster

355. Nupe–Nupe Tako cluster

3. Niger State, Lavun, Mariga, Gbako, Agaie, and Lapai LGAs; Kwara State, Edu and Kogi LGAs; Federal Capital Territory; Kogi State, Bassa LGA.

4. 360,000 (1952); 1,000,000 (1987 UBS) may include closely related languages

5. Benue–Congo: Nupoid

6. Nupe (Central) has become the accepted literary form.

*Nupe (Central)

1.A Nife, Nyffe, Anupe

1.B Nupe

1.C Nupe

2.A Nupe Central

2.B Ampeyi, Anupecwayi, Anuperi, Tappah, Takpa, Tapa, Nupenci, Nupencizi

2.C Anufawa, Nyffe

3. Niger State, Mariga, Gbako, Agaie, and Lapai LGAs; Kwara State, Edu and Kogi LGAs. Small but well established Nupe communities in Ibi (Taraba State) & Nasarawa State. Nupe was still spoken in Brazil at the end of the nineteenth century and Nupe was recorded in Cuba as Lucumu Tacua

4. 283,000 (1931 DF); estimated 1,000,000 (2000)

7. Primer 1905. Literacy program, Official orthography

8. Scripture portions from 1860, Bible 1953, 1989; New Testament 1927/30, 1983;

Refs:

Comparative: Westermann (1927); Blench (1986, 1989a,b)

Dictionary: Banfield (1914, 1916)

Grammars: Crowther (1864); Banfield & Macintyre (1915); Smith (1964, 1967a,b, 1969a,b, 1970, 1971, 1980); Madugu (1970, 1971, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986a,b, 1987);

Hyman (1970a,b, 1972, 1973) Harms (1973); Krohn (1975); Roberts (1976); Baker & Kandybowicz (2003); Kandybowicz (2000, 2002a,b, 2004a,b, 2005, 2008, 2009); Tswana (1989); Kawu (1990, 1999, 2000a,b, 2002)

Pedagogic: Crowther (1860); Baker (2005)

Sociolinguistics: Blench (1982); Jacob (1999);

Ethnographic: Nadel (1942); Blench (1984); Man et al (2003);

*Nupe Tako

2.B Ibara

2.C Basa Nge

3. Kogi State, Bassa LGA, Kwara State

4. 19,100 (1931 DF)

Source(s) Blench (1992)

Nupenci = Nupe

Nupencizi = Nupe

Nwanci – dialect of Kambari II
nwi Nyé = Nye: member of the Shoo–Minda–Nye cluster
nwii Shóó = Shoo: member of the Shoo–Minda–Nye cluster
nya Ceriya = Longuda
nya Dele = Longuda
nya Gwanda = Longuda
nyà Núngúrá = Longuda
nya Tariya = Longuda
Nyaa Bàà = Baa
Nyaaja – dialect of Mumuye

356. Nyam

1.C Nyambolo
3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA, at Andami village
4. A single village
5. Chadic: West sub–branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole–Tangale group
Source(s) Blench (1983, 1986); Leger (1990);
Refs
Grammar: Andreas et al. (2009); Andreas (2012)

Nyambolo = Nyam
Nyamnyam = Niamniam, Nimbari, Bari, Suga (Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Nimbari group). Formerly Taraba State, Sardauna LGA, in Gashaka Game Reserve, now only in Cameroon.
Nyamzax = Langas: see the Polci cluster
nyan Wíyáú = Waja
Nyandang = Yandang
Nyanga nya Ba = Ba
Nyango = Irigwe

357. Nyankpa

1.B Nnaŋkpa pl. Anaŋkpa
1.C Nyankpa
2.A Yasgwa, Yeskwa
2.B Sarogbon [a greeting]
3. Nasarawa State, Kauru LGA; Kaduna State, Jema’a LGA
4. 13,000 (1973 SIL)
5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Koro:
6. Mbgwende=Ambofa [Bade dialect], Ambo Tem [Panda, Tattara, Buzi]. Tattara is said to be the ‘standard’ form of Yeskwa.
7. Reading and writing books
8. Bible translation in progress,
12. Radio broadcasts in Nasarawa State
Source(s) Kato (2003); Blench (2008, 2009)

Nyatso = Kpan
Nye – member of the Shoo–Minda–Nye cluster
Nyemathi = Nyimatli: see the Tera cluster
Nyffe = Nupe Central
nyi Tsó = Tsobo
Nyidu = Etkywan

nyii Ma = Kamo

358. Nyifon

2C. Iordaa
3. Buruku LGA, Benue State
4. 1000 (CAPRO n.d. but probably 1990s)
5. **No data.** Said to be Jukunoid

Refs

Ethnographic: (CAPRO n.d.)

Nyikobe = Yukuben
Nyikuben = Yukuben
Nyimatli – member of the Tera cluster
Nyimwom = Kam
Nyisam = Kpasam
nyiyo Dadiya = dadiya
Nyongnepa = Nyong

359. Nyong

1.A Nyɔŋ
1.B Nyɔŋ Nyanga
1.C sg. Nyɔŋvena, pl. Nyɔŋnepa (Nyongnepa)
2.A Mumbake, Mubako
3. Adamawa State, Mayo Belwa LGA, West of Mayo Belwa town, Bingkola and five other villages
4. 10,000 (SIL)
5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Leko group
Source(s) Blench (1987)

Refs

Wordlist: Meek (1931)

Nyonyo = Kpan
Nyɔŋ Nyanga = Nyong
Nyɔŋ nepa = Nyong
Nyɔŋ gvena = Nyong
Nyuar – dialect of Longuda
Nzangɪ = Nzanyi

360. Nzanyi

1.A Njanyi, Njai, Njei, Zany, Nzangi, Zani, Njeny, Jeng, Njegn, Njeng,
1.B Wur Nzanyi
1.C Nzangɪ sg., Nzanyi pl.
2.A Jenge, Jeng, Mzangyim, Kobochi, Kobotshi
3. Nigeria: Adamawa State, Maiha LGA. Cameroon: West of Dourbeye near Nigerian border in Doumo region, Mayo-Oulo Subdivision, Mayo-Louti Division, North Province.
4. 14,000 in Nigeria (1952), 9,000 in Cameroon.
5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Bata group
6. Paka, Rogede (Rigudedede), Nggwoli, Hoode, Maiha, Magara, Dede, Mutidi; and Lovi in Cameroun
Source(s) Blench (1987, 1992)

Refs

Grammar: Benson (2014)

Nzare = Nama: see Mbembe Tigong
ŋwaa Mòò = Moo

ɲwai Məngàn = Mingang Doso
 ɪwənci = Nwanci: a dialect of Kambari II
 Ọba – a dialect of Yoruba
 Obani = Ịbani: member of KOIN: see Ijọ cluster

361. Obanliku cluster

1.A Abanliku
 3. Cross River State, Obudu LGA
 4. 19,800 (1963); estimated 65,000 (Faraclas 1989)
 5. Benue–Congo: Unclassified: Bendi

*Basang

1.A Bàsáú

*Bebi

Source(s)

*Bishiri

*Bisu

2.B Gayi

*Busi

Source(s)

362. Obe cluster

2.A Mbube Eastern (a geographical name); Ogberia
 2.B Mbe Afal (by the Mbe)
 4. Cross River State, Obudu LGA. 16,341 (1963) Six villages; Nkim, Ogboria Ogang, Ogboria Uchuruo, Ojerim (Ojirim), Arágbán and Obósó.
 5. Benue–Congo: Unclassified: Bendi

Refs. Otronyi et al 2009)

*Mgbenege

3. Cross River State, Obudu LGA

*Utugwang

1.A Otugwang

3. Cross River State, Obudu LGA

*Okwọrọgung

1.A Okorogung

3. Cross River State, Obudu LGA

*Ukwortung

1.A Okorotung, Okwọrọtung

3. Cross River State, Obudu LGA

Obiaruku – dialect of Ụkwuani: see Ụkwuani–Aboh–Ndoni

Obini = Abini: see the Agwagwune cluster

Obio – dialect of Ikwere

363. Obiro

1.B sg. óbirò pl. òbirò

1.C ibirò

2.B West Kuturmi

3. Kaduna State, Kachia LGA

4. Antara village

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Northwestern group

Refs

Survey: Yoder et al. (2011)

Obolo = Iko (incorrectly)

364. Obolo

1.C Òbólo

2.A Andoni

3. Rivers State, Bonny LGA: western dialects; Akwa–Ibom State, Ikot–Abasi and Eket LGAs: eastern dialects

4. 22,400 (1944 F&J); 90,000 (1983 Aaron); 100,000 (Faraclas 1989)

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross: West

6. From West to East: Ataba, Unyeada, Ngo, Okoroete, Ibot Obolo

7. Primer 1968, 1972, 1985, 1986; Reading and Writing 1978, 1985; Magazine from 1988

8. Mark trial ed. 1987, Genesis, hymnbooks 1970, Catholic liturgy and hymns 1970 New Testament 1991, Complete Bible 2012

Refs.

Grammar: Faraclas (1984); Rowland (1999, 2003)

Oboso – dialect of Obe

Ọbọtẹbẹ – dialect of Iẗon: Ijọ cluster

Obubra (Yala Obubra) – dialect of Yala

365. Obulom

1.A Abuloma

3. Rivers state, Okrika LGA, Abuloma town

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Central Delta

Òbúsu – a dialect of Mbe East: see the Mbe cluster

Ochebe = Baceve: see the Iceve cluster

Ochekwu – dialect of Idoma North

Ocheve = Baceve: see the Iceve cluster

366. Ọchịchị

1.B Ọchịchị

1.C Ọchịchị

3. Rivers State, Etche LGA, towns of Ikwerengwo and Umuebulu

4. A few, language is moribund and speakers have switched to Echie

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Central Delta (closest relative is probably Obulom)

10. Echie

11. Moribund

Source(s) Williamson (2003)

Ref. Ndimele & Williamson (2002:157)

Òdàjẹ – a dialect of Mbe West: see Mbe

Oderiga = Mbembe

Odim = Adim: see Agwagwune

Ododop = Kọrọp

367. Ọdual

1.B Ọdual

1.C Ọdual

2.C Saka

2.A Magongo (town name)
4. 3,000 (1970??)

372. Ọkọbọ

3. Akwa-Ibom State, Okobo LGA
4. 11,200 (1945 F&J); 50,000
5. Benue-Congo: Cross River: Delta-Cross: Lower Cross:

Refs.

Comparative: Connell (1991)

Ọkọdì – member of the Inland Ijọ cluster: see Ijọ
Okoloḃa = Iḃani: member of KOIN: see Ijọ cluster
Okom – dialect of Mbembe
Okonyong = Kìyong
Okordia = Akjta: see Inland Ijọ: Ijọ cluster
Okoroete – dialect of Obolo
Okorogbana – dialect of Mbembe
Okorogung – member of the Obe cluster
Okorotung – member of the Obe cluster
Okoyong = Kìyong
Ọkpamẹ (Yala Ọkpamẹ) – dialect of Yala Ogoja

373. Ọkpamheri

1.A Opameri
1.C Aduge (appears to be a town name)
3. Edo State, Akoko-Edo LGA, Kwara State, Oyi LGA
4 18,136 (1957 Bradbury); 30,000 (1973 SIL)
5. Benue-Congo: Edoid: North-Western Edoid: Southern
6. Ọkpamheri means ‘we are one’: Okulosho (Okurosho), Western Okpamheri, Emhalhe (Emarle, Somorika, Semolika). Subdialects of Okulosho: Ojirami (Eekunu), Dagbala (Dangbala), Oja (Oza), Makeke (Uuma), Oma. Subdialects of Western Okpamheri: Ekpe, Bekuma, Lankpese (Lampese, Lankpeshi), Imoga (Imorga, Uma), Eko (Ekon, Ekor), Eḃe (spoken at Ikiran); Ikaran-Oke (Ikeram-Oke), Ebunn-Oke, Ikaran-Ele (Ikeran-Ile), Ebunn-Ugbo, Ikpesa, Igbo-Ola-Sale (Ugboshi-Sale), Aiyegunle (Oshi), Igbo-Ola-Oke (Ugboshi-Oke), Onumo (Onumu), Ogugu, Ogbe-Sale, Ogbe-Oke.

Refs.

Grammar: Oyebiyi (1986); Abiodun (1983); Ogunwale (1985)

374. Okpe

1.A Ukpe
3. Delta State, Okpe LGA
4. 8,722 (1957 Bradbury)
5. Benue-Congo: Edoid: South-Western Edoid
7. Reader 1967

Refs

Phonology: Hoffmann (1973); Pulleyblank (1986); Omamor (1988)

375. Ọkpẹ-Idesa-Akuku

3. Edo State, Akoko-Edo LGA
5. Benue-Congo: Edoid: North-Western Edoid: Southern
6. Ọkpẹ, Idesa, Akuku

Okpela = next Okpella – member of the Ivbie North-Okpela-Arḃe cluster
Ọkpòḃma (Yala Ọkpòḃma) – dialect of Yala Ogoja
Okpoto – member of the Oring cluster
Okrika = Kìrìkẹ: a member of the KOIN cluster: see Ijọ
Okuloma = Iḃani: member of KOIN: see Ijọ cluster
Okulosho – dialect of Ọkpamheri
Okundi – dialect of Bokyi
Okuni = Olulumọ: see Olulumọ-Ikọm
Okurosho = Okulosho: see Ọkpamheri
Okwọrọgung – member of the Obe cluster
Okwọrọtung – member of the Obe cluster
Ole = Oleh – dialect of Isoko
Oleh – dialect of Isoko
Olit = Maci: see Iceve cluster
Oliti = Maci: see Iceve cluster
Olodiana – dialect of Izọn: Ijọ cluster
Oloibiri – member of the Kolo cluster

376. Ọlọma

3. Edo State, Akoko-Edo LGA
4. 353 (1957 Bradbury)
5. Benue-Congo: Edoid: North-Western Edoid: Southern

Refs.

Grammar: Elugbe and Schubert (1976)

Olomoro – dialect of Isoko
Ọlụ – a dialect of Igbo

377. Olulumọ-Ikọm cluster

2.A Ọkúní
3. Cross River State, Ikom LGA
4. 9,250 (1953)
5. Benue-Congo: Cross River: Delta-Cross: Upper Cross: Central:
East-West

Refs.

Comparative: Blench (2016)

*Olulumọ

1.A Ọlúlùmọ

4. 1,730 (1953); 5,000 (Faraclas 1989)

*Ikọm

4. 7,520 (1953); 25,000 (Faraclas 1989)

Omagwana – dialect of Ikwere
Omerelu – dialect of Ikwere
Omuanwa – dialect of Ikwere
Omudioga – dialect of Ikwere
Omuegwana – dialect of Ikwere
Ondo – dialect of Yoruba

Onicha = next
 Onitsha – dialect of Igbo
 Onumu Egon = Eggon
 Onyen – sub-dialect of Mbembe
 Oohum = Yukuben
 Opalo – dialect of Bacama: v the Bata cluster
 Opameri = Okpamheri
 Operemo – a North–West Central dialect of Iẓon: Ijo cluster
 Operemor = Operemo
 Opokuma – a clan speaking Kolokuma: see Iẓon: Ijo cluster
 Oporoma – a South–East Central dialect of Iẓon: Ijo cluster
 Oporoza – a Western Delta dialect of Iẓon: Ijo cluster
 Ora – member of the Emai–Iuleha–Ora cluster
 Ora – a dialect of Yoruba (Ajowa town)

378. Oring cluster

1.A Orri
 1.B Koring
 3. Benue State, Okpokwu LGA; Anambra State, Ishielu LGA
 4. at least 25,000 (1952 RGA); 75,000 (Faraclas 1989)
 5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper Cross: Central: North–South

Refs

Grammar: Anagbogu (2005)

*Ufia

2.A Utonkon

3. Benue State, Okpokwu LGA

4. 12,300 (1952 RGA)

*Ufiom

1.A Effium

3. Benue State, Okpokwu LGA; Anambra State, Ishielu LGA

4. 3,000 (1952 RGA)

*Okpoto

3. Anambra State, Ishielu LGA

4. 6,350 (1952 RGA)

Orlu – dialect of Igbo

Oro = Orọ

379. Orọ

1.A Oron

1.B Orọ (Oro)

1.C Orọ (Oro)

3. Akwa–Ibom State, Oron LGA

4. 319,000 (1963 per Kuperus)

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross:

Refs.

Comparative: Connell (1991)

Grammar: Simmons (1956, 1965); Kuperus (1978)

Oron = Orọ

Orri = Oring cluster

Orum = Adim: see the Agwagwune cluster

Oruma – member of the Ijọ Inland cluster: see Ijọ

Osanga = Gusu: see Jere cluster

Osanyin = next

Ọsayen – member of the Ọkọ–Eni–Ọsayen cluster

Osholio = Sholio: see the Katab cluster

Ọshùn = Ọshùn: a dialect of Yoruba

Osisi = Yumu: see the Kambari I cluster

Osokum – dialect of Bokyi

Osopong – dialect of Mbembe

380. Ọsọsọ

3. Edo State, Akoko–Edo LGA

4. 6,532 (1957 Bradbury)

5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: North–Central Edoid ii.

Refs:

Comparative: Elugbe (1989)

Ọtabha – dialect of Abua

Otanga = Otank

381. Otank

1.A Utanga, Otanga

3. Cross River State, Obudu LGA; Benue State, Kwande LGA

4. 2,000 (1953 Bohannan); 2,500 (SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Tivoid

Source(s) TCNN project;

Refs

Survey: Rueck et al (2011)

Ọtapha – dialect of Abua

Otugwang = Utugwang: see the Obe cluster

Otuọ = Ghotuọ

Oturkpo = Idoma Central

Otwa = Ghotuo

Ouled Suliman – member of the Arabic cluster

Ovande = Evant

Oviedo = Edo (Binĩ)

Ovioba = Edo (Binĩ)

Owe – dialect of Yoruba

Owe – dialect of Isoko

Owere = next

Owerri – dialect of Igbo

Owhe = Owe: a dialect of Isoko

Orwọ – dialect of Yoruba

Owon Afa = Afa: see the Arigidi cluster

Oyede – dialect of Isoko

Oyin – member of the Akoko cluster

Ọyọ – dialect of Yoruba

Ozoro = next

Orzọrọ – dialect of Isoko

Orọgo = Rogo

Ọshùn – a dialect of Yoruba

382. Pa'a

- 1.A Paha, Afa
- 1.B FuCaka
- 1.C sg. FuCiki, pl. Foni
- 2.B Pa'anci
- 2.C Fa'awa, Afawa
- 3. Bauchi State, Ningi and Darazo LGAs
- 4. 8,500 (LA 1971); 20,000 (Skinner, 1977)
- 5. Chadic: West sub-branch B: Bade–Warji major group: Warji group

Refs.

Grammar: Jungrathmayr (1965/1966); Skinner (1977, 1979)

Texts: Skinner (1974)

Ethnographic: Temple (1922):

Pabir = Bura–Pabir

Paha = Pa'a

Paiem = Fyam

Paiko – dialect of Gbari

Paka – dialect of Nzanyi: the Nzanyi cluster

Pakara = Cara

Pakaro – dialect of Karekare

Pala = Pa'a

Palci = next

Palsawa = Polci: see the Polci cluster

383. Pan cluster

- 1C. Kofyar
- 3. Plateau State, Shendam, Mangu and Lafia LGAs
- 4. 72,946 (1963)
- 5. Chadic: West sub-branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: A3

Refs.

Survey: Hon *et al.* (2014)

*Mernyang

1.A Mirriam

3. Plateau State, Shendam LGA

4. 16,739 (1963)

6. Larr/Lardang and Mikiet are said to be 'offsets' of Mernyang

Refs.

Temple (1922)

Grammar: Dotun (2011)

*Doemak

1.A Dəmak, Dimmuk

1.C Kofyar

2.A Kwong

3. Plateau State, Shendam LGA

Refs.

Wordlist: Netting (1967)

Ethnographic: Netting (1968)

*Təŋ

1.A Teng

3. Plateau State, Qa'an Pan LGA

no data

*Kwagallak

1.A Kwa'alang

2.B Kwalla, Kwolla

3. Plateau State, Shendam LGA

4. 25,403 (1963)

6. Nteng (Jasikit)? no data

Source(s)

*Bwol

1.A Bwal, Mbol

3. Nasarawa State, Lafia LGA

4. 3,853 (1963)

*Gworam

1.A Giverom, Goram

3. Nasarawa State, Lafia LGA

4. 3,055 (1952)

*Jipal

1.A Jepel, Jepal, Jibyal

3. Plateau State, Mangu LGA

*Shindai

3. Plateau State, Qa'an Pan LGA, Namu District

no data

Panawa = Bujiyel: see the Jere cluster

Panbe = Gomme: see the Koma cluster

Panda – dialect of Ebira

384. Pangseng

3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Mumuye–Yendang group: Mumuye subgroup

6. Pangseng, Komo, Jega

Refs.

Wordlist: Shimuzu (1979)

Pangu = Rin

Pani = Pana

Panseng = Pangseng

Panya = next

Panyam = Mak

Passam = Kpasham

Patani = Kabu: see Iẓon: Ijọ cluster

Patapori = Kotopo

385. Pe

- 1.A Pai
- 2.B Dalong
3. Plateau State, Pankshin LGA, in seven villages
4. 2,511 (1934 Ames); 2,000 (1973 SIL); 5000 (1996)
5. Benue–Congo: Tarokoid

Source(s) Blench 1996)

Refs

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Peere = Kotopo

Péerò = Pero

Pela (Bura Pela) – dialect of Bura–Pabir

Pelu = Bolu: see the Geji cluster

Pem = Fyam

Pena = Pere

Pere = Kotopo

386. Pere

- 1.B Perema
- 1.C sg. Pena, pl. Pereba
- 2.A Wom (town name)
3. Adamawa State, Fufore LGA
4. Spoken in ten villages around Yadim: less than 4,000
5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Leko group

Source(s) Blench 1985/7)

Refs

Wordlist: Blench (2000)

Pereba = next

Perema = Pere

387. Pero

- 1.A Walo
- 1.B Péerò
- 1.C sg. Péerò, pl. Pipéerò
- 2.A Filiya [town name]
3. Gombe State, Shongom LGA, around Filiya. Three main villages; Gwandum, Gundale and Filiya.
4. 6,664 (1925 Meek); 20,000 (1973 SIL)
5. Chadic: West sub-branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole group
6. Dialects associated with three major settlements
7. Primer 1–4 (1931); Reading & Writing Book (2006)
8. Scripture portions & other literature 1936–40; Scripture portions in progress

Refs.

Grammar: Frajzyngier (1989)

Dictionary: Frajzyngier (1985) includes a complete bibliography of publications in Pero.

Peski – dialect of Bana

Petel (Hoai Petel) = Tita

Pəku–Nu = Kag: see Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Pəlci = Polci

Phelá – dialect of Gbe

Pia = Kholok

Pia = Piya: member of Piya–Kwonci cluster

Piapun = Pyapung

Pidlimdi – member of the Tera cluster

388. Pidgin

1A. Pijin

3. Spoken as a trade language widely throughout the southern states and in Sabon Garis of the northern states, also spoken as a first language by some people

5. Largely English vocabulary superimposed on West African–local grammatical structures

7. Used in newspaper columns, radio, and television.

8. Various Scripture portions, Catechism 1957

11. Vigorous

Refs

Grammar: Agheyisi (1971); Obilade (1976);

Faraclas (1984, 1989, 1996, 2004, 2013); Walker-

Nthenda (1980); Marchese & Schnukal (1982, 1983)

Sociolinguistics: Oloruntoba (1992); Deuber (2005);

Piika = next

Pikkà = Bole

Pipéerò = Pero

Pipero = Pero

Pire = next

Piri = Tsobo

Piti = Bishi

Pitiko – see Piya–Kwonci cluster and Kholok

Pitti = Bishi

389. Piya–Kwonci cluster

1.A Pia

2.A Wurkum, Pitiko

3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA, near Didango

4. 2,500 (1977 Voegelin & Voegelin)

5. Chadic: West sub-branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole group

*Piya

1.A Pia

2.A Wurkum

Source(s)

*Kwonci

4. More than 4000 (1990)

6. Kunshenu

Source(s) Blench (1983, 1986); Leger (1990)

390. Polci cluster

2.C Barawa, Palsawa

3. Bauchi State, Bauchi and Toro LGAs

4. 6,150 or more (1971)

5. Chadic: West branch B: Zaar group

*Zul

1.B Bi Zule

1.C Nya Zule pl. Man Zule

2.B Mbarmi, Barma

2.C Zulawa

3. Bauchi State, Bauchi and Toro LGAs

4. 2,400 (LA 1971). 15 villages (2007)

6. Zul is mutually comprehensible with Mbaram (next)

7. Reading & Writing Book (2006); Blench (2012)

Source(s): Davies (2011)

Refs

Wordlist: Cospes (1999)

Grammar: Blench (2014)

*Mbaram

1.A Barang, Mbaram

3. Bauchi State, Bauchi LGA

4. 250 CAPRO (1995a). One settlement only

Refs

Ethnographic: CAPRO (1995a)

*Dir

1.A Diir

4. 'a few hundred' (Caron 2005)

*Buli

1.A Bələ

4. 600 (LA 1971), 4000 (CAPRO 1995a), 'a few hundred' (Caron 2005)

Refs

Ethnographic: CAPRO (1995a)

*Langas

1.B Nyamzax

2.A Lundur

4. 200 (LA 1971), 'a few hundred' (Caron 2005)

*Luri

1. Lúr

3. Bauchi State, Bauchi LGA

4. 30 (1973 SIL), 2 (Caron 2002)

5. Chadic: West: South Bauchi

10. Hausa, Langas

11. Moribund, probably extinct (2016). Nearly all the ethnic Luri have switched to speaking Hausa

Ref:

Overview: Caron (2004)

*Polci

1.A Posə, Polshi, Palci, Pəlci

4. 2,950 (LA 1971); 70,000 (Caron 2005)

Polshi = Polci

Pongo = Rin

Posə = Polci

Pte (Tili Pte) – dialect of Kamwe

Ptsəke = Kapsiki: see Kamwe

Puku = Kag: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Purra – Bena

391. Putai

2.B Margi West

2.C Margi Putai = 'West Margi', Margi of Minthla

3. Borno State, Damboa LGA

4. Language dying out, but ethnic population large

5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Bura–Higi major group: Bura group

Source(s)

Putukwam = the Obe cluster

392. Pyam

1.A Fyem, Pyem, Paiem, Fem, Pem

3. Plateau State, Jos, Barkin Ladi and Mangu LGAs

4. 7,700 (1952 W&B); 14,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Southeastern

7. Reading and writing book (2018)

11. Endangered

13. Android dictionary (Fleesin 2018)

Source(s) Blench (2004)

Refs: Fleesin (2018)

Orthography: PLDBTC (2018)

Wordlist: Blench (2004)

Grammar: Nettle (1998)

Pyapun = Pyapung

393. Pyapung

1A. Piapun, Pyapun

3. Plateau State, Shendam LGA

4. 5,167 [including 'few hundred Tal speakers' (Ames 1934); 10,000 (RMB est. 2016)]

5. Chadic: West sub–branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: A3 : Talic

Sources: Blench (2016)

Refs

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Pyem = Fyam

Q.

Qua = Ekin: see the Ejagham cluster

R.

Ra Báà = Baa

Raga – sub dialect of Abu: see the Jidda–Abu cluster

Randa (Amar Randa) – dialect of Ninzam

394. Rang

3. Taraba State, Zing LGA

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Mumuye–Yendang group: Mumuye subgroup

Refs.

Overview: Shimizu (1979)

Rebina = Ribina: see the Jera cluster

Regi: see the Cinda-Regi-Rogo-Kuki cluster
Rendre = Nungu

395. Reshe

- 1.A Tsure Ja
- 1.B Tsureshe
- 1.C Bareshe
- 2.B Gunganci
- 2.C Gungawa, Yaurawa
3. Kebbi State, Yauri LGA; Niger State, Borgu LGA
4. 15,000 (1931 G&C); 30,000 (1973 SIL)
5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji; Lake
6. Birāmi (South), Bāmāmādu (Northwest), Bəpalame (Northeast). Harris (1930:321) claims a ‘secret dialect’ called Tsudalupe which = Bāmāmādu.
7. Seven readers prior to 1967;
8. Gospel of Mark; Life of Christ. Bible translation in progress

Source(s): Agamalafiya (2008)

Refs.

Survey: Regnier (1992); Dettweiler & Dettweiler (2002)

Grammar: Harris (1946)

Dictionary: Blench (2013)

Ethnographic: Harris (1930)

Rianga – 95 in Bauchi Emirate: Temple (1922: 339,430)

Ribah – dialect of Lela

Ribam = Ngmgbang

Riban = Ngmgbang

Ribaw – dialect of Bata

Ribina – member of the Jera cluster

396. Rigwe

- 1.A Aregwe, Irigwe
 - 1.B rīg^wè, Rigwe
 - 1.C yīrīg^wè pl. yīrīg^wè
 - 2.A Miango, Nyango, Kwā, Kwoll, Kwan
 3. Bassa local government, Plateau State and Kauru local government, Kaduna State
 4. 13,500 (HDG); 40,000 (1985 UBS)
 5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Central: South–central subgroup
 6. Northern (Kwan), Southern (Miango)
 7. Reading and Writing Irigwe (2006)
 8. Scripture portions between 1923 and 1936, Old Testament stories. *Katikism* /Irigwe Catechism (Anon 1935), nine NT books (1935), Irigwe Hymnbook (1986), Alphabet chart (1986). NT translation complete, Old Testament in progress
 9. Complete grammar in progress (Blench & Gya)
 10. Hausa is the common market language but English is widely known due to proximity to Jos
 11. Not currently endangered
 12. Some radio broadcasts in Plateau State; orthography used for texting and on Facebook
- Source(s):** Gya (2016)

Ref(s):

Orthography: Anonymus (2006)

Grammars: Gya (2012)

Rim – dialect of Berom

397. Rin

- 1.A NB, despite the indigenous name, forms of Pangu are preferred by the community for publications purposes
 - 1.B Tàrí, Tārin
 - 1.C sg. Bùrí, pl. Arí
 - 2.A Arringeu, Pongu, Pongo, Pangu
 3. Niger State, Rafi LGA, near Teginā
 4. 3,675 (1949 HDG); >20,000 (1988)
 5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Shiroro group
 6. Awəgə is sometimes classed as a dialect of Rin, but there is every reason to think it is a distinct but vanishing language spoken by one Rin clan.
 7. Reading and writing books.
 8. Scripture portions
 13. Literacy programme in progress since 2004
- Source(s)** Blench (1981, 1988); MacDonell (2012)

Refs.

Survey: Dettweiler (1992);

Grammar: MacDonell & Smith (2004)

Rindiri = Rindre

398. Rindre

- 1.A Rendre, Rindiri, Lindiri
 - 2.A Wamba, Nungu
 3. Nasarawa State, Akwanga LGA
 4. 10,000 (1972 Welmers); 25,000 (SIL)
 5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Ninzic
 6. Rindre, Gudi
 10. Hausa
- Source(s)** Kato (2008)

Rishuwa = Si: see the Lere cluster

Riyom = Rim: see Berom

Rīgudede – a dialect of Nzanyi

Roba – member of Lala cluster

Ro Bambami = Agoi

Rogdo – Referred to in Temple (1922:347). No further information.

Rogede – dialect of Nzanyi

Roma listed by Rowlands (1962); now speak Lela

Ron – Run, also used of Ron, Sha and Kulere as a group

399. Rop

- 1.A Lupa, Lopa
- 1.B Kirikjir
- 1.C Djiri
- 2.C Lopawa

3. Niger State, Borgu LGA, Kebbi State, Yauri LGA.
At least six villages on the east shore of the Lake plus
two others on the western shore.

4. 960 (NAT 1950); 5,000 (1992 est.)

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Lake group

Source(s) Blench (1992); Blench & McGill (2011)

Refs

Wordlist: Blench & McGill (2011)

Ropp – dialect of Berom

RuBasa = Basa–Benue

400. Rubu

3. Niger State, Rafi LGA, Rubu town

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: West: Baushi cluster

Source(s) Gimba (2010); McGill (2012)

Rufawa = Rùhù: see the Lame cluster

Rufu = Rùhù: see the Lame cluster

Rùhù: see the Lame cluster

Rukuba = Che

401. Ruma

1.A Rurama

1.B Turuma

1.C Arumaruma

2.B Bagwama (also refers to Kurama)

3. Kaduna State, Saminaka LGA

4. 2,200 (NAT 1948)

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos
group: Kauru subgroup

Source(s) Blench (1981–2)

Rumada – name for settled former Fulbe slaves, some
speak Fulfulde, some Hausa

Rumadawa – name for settled former Fulbe slaves,
some speak Fulfulde, some Hausa

Rumaiya = Mala

Rumaya = Mala

Rumuji – dialect of Ikwere

402. Run cluster

1.A Ron

1.B Run

2.C Challa, Cala, Chala, Challawa

3. Plateau State, Bokkos LGA

4. 13,120 (1934 Ames); 60,000 (1985 UBS)

5. Chadic: West sub–branch A: Ron group

6. Bokkos and Daffo–Butura are more closely related
than Sha

7. Alphabet book 1985; Alphabet chart 1995

8. Bible translation in progress

Source(s)

Refs.

Comparative: Rabin (1982);

Grammar: Jungrauthmayr (1965, 1968a, 1968b,
1970, 1981); Seibert (1994, 1998)

Ethnographic: Mohr (1960)

*Run Bokkos

1.B Lis ma Run

2.A Bokos

2.C Challa, Cala

6. Bokkos, Baron

7. Primer 1 (1986)

9.

Refs

Dictionary: Akila & Blench (2007)

* Run Daffo–Butura

1.A Ron

1.B Alis I Run

2.A Batura

2.C Challa

6. Daffa, Butura

7. Primer 1 (1986)

Refs:

Grammars: Seibert (1995)

* Manguna

3. Plateau State, Mangu LGA

*Mangar

3. Plateau State, Mangu LGA

*Sha

3. Plateau State, Mangu LGA

4. 500 (SIL); about 1,000 (1970 Jungrauthmayr)

5. Chadic: West sub–branch A: Ron group

Rurama = Ruma

S.

Saare – member of Hun–Saare cluster

Saawa – dialect of Mumuye

Sade – Sade, Bauchi State: Darazo LGA Ballard
(1971)

Sagbee – dialect of Mumuye

Sago = Diriya

Saik – member of Hyam cluster

Saka = Oḍual

403. Sakun

1.B Sakun, Gemasakun

1.C Gèrà Sákún

2.A Sugur

2.B Adikummu Sukur

3. Adamawa State, Madgali LGA

4. 5,000 (1952); 10,000 (1973 SIL). Seven villages

5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Mandara–

Mafa–Sukur major group: Sukur group

Source(s) Blench (1991);

Refs.

Survey: Wolff (1974)

Grammar: Thomas (2014)

Sociolinguistics: Thomas (2012)

Ethnographic: Sterner (1998)

Sákwún (Gèrà Sákún) = Sakun

Sale = Rukuba

Salka – member of the Kambari I cluster

Sama = Samba Leko or Samba Daka

Sama (Ngoshe Sama) = Gvoko

Samabu = Samba Daka

Samang = Shamang

Samba = Samba Leko or Samba Daka

404. Samba Daka cluster

1.A Chamba–Daka, Samba, Chamba, Tchamba, Tsamba, Jama, Daka

1.B Sama Mum

1.C Samabu

3. Taraba State, Ganye, Jalingo, Bali, Zing, and Mayo Belwa LGAs

4. 66,000 (1952); 60,000 (1982 SIL); more than 100,000 (1990)

5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Northern Bantoid: Dakoid

6. These dialects may form a dialect or language cluster together with Lamja & Taram (q.v.). It is not clear whether Dirim is another dialect or just a name for the Samba Daka.

8. Samba Daka: Mark 1933, OT Stories 1937

Source(s) Blench (1987);

Classification: Boyd (1994, 1996-7)

Grammar: Boyd (2004)

Dictionary: Boyd & Sa'ad (2010)

*Samba Daka

*Samba Jangani

*Samba Nnakenyare

*Samba of Mapeo

Samba Leeko = Samba Leko

405. Samba Leko

1.A Chamba Leko, Samba Leeko

1.B Sama

1.C Samba

2.B Leko, Suntai

3. Taraba State, Ganye, Fufore, Wukari & Takum LGAs; mainly in Cameroon

4. 42,000 total (1972 SIL); 50,000 (1971 Welmers)

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Leko group

7. Literacy programme in Cameroon

8. Some religious literature published and New Testament in first draft in Cameroon (UBS)

Refs

Phonology: Noss (1976)

Grammars: Essamba (2002); Fabre (2003); Kong

Limnyuy (2004)

Samban = Shamang

406. Sambe

1.B Sambe

1.C Sambe

3. Kaduna State.

4. 2 (2005)

5. Benue-Congo: Plateau: Alumic

10. Ninzo

11. Moribund; some rememberers existed in 2005 but probably now extinct (2016)

Source: Blench & Kato (2005)

Refs

Overview: Blench (2015)

Sambuga – member of Shama–Sambuga cluster

407. Samburu

3. Niger State, Rafi LGA, Samburu town

5. **no data** Benue–Congo: Kainji: West: Baushi cluster

Source(s) Gimba (2010)

Sanga = Numana–Nunku–Gwantu–Numbu cluster

408. Sanga

1.B Anjma Asanga

1.C Asanga

3. Bauchi State, Toro LGA, Lame district

4. 1,700 (NAT 1950); 5,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: North–central cluster

Source(s)

Sangawa = Sanga

Sar = Sarawa

Sarkanci = next

Sarkawa = Sorko

Sarawa – In the Sara Hills south of Leri: Temple (1922: 324,431)

409. Sasaru–Enwan–Igwe

3. Edo State, Akoko–Edo LGA

4. 3,775 (1952)

5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: North–Central Edoid ii.

6. Enwan, Igwe, Sasaru

Refs.

Comparative: Elugbe (1989)

Sate = Kumba

Savi – dialect of Gbe

Saya = Zaar: the Guus-Zaar cluster

Sayanci = Zaar: Guus-Zaar cluster

Sayirr – Offset of Tarok or Zaar in the Guus-Zaar cluster? Temple (1922)

Schoa = Shuwa: member of the Arabic cluster Segiddi = Sigidi: see the Guus-Zaar cluster

Seimbiri – a north–western dialect of Iẓon: Ijo cluster

Seiyara = Zaar: see the Guus-Zaar cluster

Selemo = Işekiri

Semolika = Ẹmhalhe

Serim = Geeri–Ni: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Seya = Zaar: see the Guus–Zaar cluster

Səlyər – a dialect of Tarok

Səna – dialect of Kamwe

Sərzakwai = Warji

Sha – member of the Ron cluster

Shaari – dialect of Mumuye

Shagau = Shagawu

410. Shagawu

1.A Shagau

2.B Nafunfia, Maleni

3. Plateau State, Mangu LGA

4. 20,000 (SIL)

5. Chadic: West sub-branch A: Ron group

Shaini = Sheni

Shakoyi (Koro of Shakoyĩ = Ujijili)

411. Shall–Zwall cluster

3. Bauchi State, Dass LGA

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Beromic

*Shall

*Zwall

Source(s) Usman (ined.)

Refs

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

412. Shama–Sambuga cluster

1.B Tushama

1.C sg. Bushama, pl. Ushama

2.C Kamuku

3. Niger State, Rafi LGA;

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Kamuku–Basa group

Source(s) Blench (1987); Regnier (1992)

*Shama

1.B Tushama

1.C Bushama sg. Ushama pl.

3. Niger State, Rafi LGA, Ushama [=Kawo] town. 15 km northwest of Kagara

Source(s) Blench (1987)

*Sambuga (†)

3. Niger State, Rafi LGA, Sambuga town. 10 km northwest of Kagara

4. Possibly extinct (2008)

Source(s) Regnier (1992)

413. Shamang

1.A Samban

1.B Shamang

1.C Samang

3. Kaduna State, Kachia and Jama'a LGAs

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Hyamic

Source(s) Blench (1981)

414. Shang

1.A Kushampa

1.B u-faŋ pl. afaŋ

1.C faŋ

3. Kaduna State, Kachia and Jama'a LGAs. The Shang live in two settlements, Kushampa A and B. Kushampa A is on the road between Kurmin Jibrin and Kubacha on the Jere road.

5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Hyamic

Source(s) Blench (2009)

Refs

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

415. Shanga

1.A Shonga

3. Kebbi State, Bagudo and Yauri LGAs

4. 10,000 including Kyenga (1973 SIL): language dying out

5. Niger–Congo: Mande: Southeast Mande

Source(s) Ross (n.d.)

Shani = Dera

Shani = Sheni

416. Shau

1.A Sho

1.B Lisháù

3. Bauchi State, Toro LGA, villages of Shau and Mana

4. Almost extinct

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: Lame cluster

Refs.

Survey: Campbell and Hoskison (1970); Shimizu (1982)

Ethnographic: Temple (1922);

Shaushau = Berom

Shede = Guḍe

Shekiri = Iṣekiri

Shellem – dialect of Dera

417. Shen

1.A Laro, Laru

2.C Laruwa

3. Niger State, Borgu LGA

4. 1,000 (1992 est.)

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Kainji Lake group

Source(s) Blench (1992); Blench & McGill (2011)

Refs:

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

418. Sheni–Ziriya–Kere cluster

*Sheni

1.A Shani, Shaini

1.B tiSeni

1.C one person onoSeni, people anaSeni
 3. Kaduna State, Lere LGA. Two settlements, Sheni (N10° 22.6, E 8° 45.9) and Gurjiya (N10° 21.5, E 8° 45.2)
 4. 6 fluent speakers remaining out of ethnic community of ca. 1500 (Blench 2003)
 5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: group c.
Source(s) Meek (ined.) Blench (2003)
 *Kere [†]
 3. Kaduna State, Lere LGA. Kere
 4. extinct (Blench 2003)
 5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: group c.
Source(s) Blench (2003)
 *Ziriya [†]
 1.A Jiriya
 3. Bauchi State: Toro LGA: Ziriya (N10° 22.6, E 8° 50)
 4. extinct (ethnic community ca. 2000)
 5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group c
Source(s) Blench (2003)
Refs. Campbell and Hoskison (1969); Shimizu (1982)

Shere – dialect of Izere
 Shere – Lala
 Shigokpna – dialect of Gbari

419. Shiki

2.A Gubi, Guba
 2.C Gubawa
 3. Bauchi State, Bauchi LGA
 4. 300 (LA 1971)
 5. Benue–Congo: Bantu: Jarawan
Refs.
 Comparative: Shimizu (1982)

Shifinagh = Tamajeq
 Shingini = Cishingyini: see Kambari I
 Ship = Miship
 Shirawa – extinct Chadic language in the Katagum region

420. Shira [†]

1.A Shirawa
 4. Shira town, Jigawa State, Keffin Hausa LGA; extinct
 5. Chadic: West branch B: Bade group
Refs.
 Classification: Broß (1996); Schuh (2001)

Shitako = Dibo
 Sho = Shau
 Sholio – member of the Katab cluster
 Shomo = next
 Shomoh = next
 Shomong = Como–Karim

Shonga = Shanga
 Shongom – dialect of Tangale

421. Shoo–Minda–Nye cluster

3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA
 4. 10,000 (SIL)
 5. Benue–Congo: Benue: Jukunoid: Central Jukunoid: Jukun–Mbembe–Wurbo group: Wurbo cluster
 6. May be related to Jessi spoken between Lau and Lankoviri
Source(s) Leger (1990); Kleinewillinghöfer (1992)
Refs. Shimizu (1980)
 *Shoo
 1.A Shóó
 1.B dàŋ Shóó
 1.C Nwii Shóó
 2.C Banda, Bandawa
 *Minda,
 2.A Jinleri
 *Nye
 1.A Nyé
 1.B Nyé
 1.C Nwi Nyé
 2.C Kunini

Shooa = Shuwa: member of the Arabic cluster
 Shosho = Berom
 Shua = next
 Shuge = Shuwa: member of the Arabic cluster
 Shùŋò = Loo
 Shuwa – member of the Arabic cluster

422. Shuwa–Zamani

3. Kaduna State, Saminaka LGA
 5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: Kauru subgroup
Source(s) Blench (1986)

Si: see the Lere cluster
 Sigdi = next
 Sigidi – member of the Guus-Zaar cluster
 Sine = Berom

423. Siri

1.B Siri
 2.B Siryanci
 3. Bauchi State, Darazo and Ningi LGAs
 4. 2,000 (LA 1971); 3,000 (1977 Skinner)
 5. Chadic: West sub-branch B: Bade–Warji major group: Warji group
Refs.
 Comparative: Skinner (1977)

Siryanci = Siri
 Skrubu = Srubu
 Sobo = Isoko and Urhobo
 Somorika = Ẹmhalhe

424. Somyev

- 2.A Kila, Zuzun
3. Taraba State, Sardauna LGA, (Blacksmiths' dialect). Kila Yang village, 10 km. west of Mayo Ndaga. Also formerly spoken in Cameroun
4. 4 speakers (2006)
5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Northern Bantoid: Mambiloid: Mambila
Source(s) Blench 1990); Connell (1996, 2006)
Refs. Meek (1931)

Songo = Burak
Sôougé = Shuwa: member of the Arabic cluster

425. Sorko [†]

- 2.A Bozo (not recommended)
2.B Sarkanci
2.C Sarkawa
3. Niger, Kwara & Kebbi States; fishermen on Lake Kainji
4. Most Sorko now speak only Hausa. Mainly in Mali
5. Niger–Congo: Mande: Central Mande
Source(s) Blench (1980)

Refs

Survey: Blecke & Blecke (1997)

Grammar: Lauschitzky (2007)

Ethnographic: Ligers (1964-1969)

South (Etung South): see the Ejagham cluster
South (Idoma South): see the Idoma cluster
South Ivbie = Etsakɔ = Yɛkhee
South Khana – a dialect of Khana
South (Lamang South): see the Lamang cluster
South – see Margi South
South Ogbah – a dialect of Ogbah
South–West Duguri: see the Jar cluster
South–Western Mumuye: see the Mumuye cluster
Southern Zaria – a dialect area of Fulfulde
Srubu = Vori
Ssaare = Saare: member of Hun–Saare cluster
Standard: see Igbo; and Iẓon: Ijọ cluster
Subku a subgroup of Bena: Westermann and Bryan (1952)
Sudanese Arabic = Baggara: member of the Arabic cluster
Sugudi = Sigidi: see the Guus-Zaar cluster
Sugur = Sakun
Sugurti – dialect of Kanembu: Kanuri–Kanembu
Suliman (Uled Suliman) – member of the Arabic cluster
Sum – a dialect of Geruma
Sumwəkpna – dialect of Gbari
Suntai = Samba Leko
Supana = Hipina

426. Sur

- 1.A Suru, Tapshin
2.A Myet
3. Bauchi State, Dass LGA
4. Tapshin, Myet villages
5. Benue–Congo: Tarokoid
Sources: Blench (2004)

Refs

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Sura = Mwaghavul
Suru = Tapshin
Surubu = Vori
Swabou – dialect of Tsobo
Tai = Tɛɛ
Takas – dialect of Mwaghavul
Takat = Atakar: see the Katab cluster
Takaya – member of the Lere cluster
Tako (Nupe Tako) – see the Nupe–Nupe Tako cluster
Takpa = Nupe Central
Takum = Jukun of Takum and Donga
Takum – dialect of Kpan

427. Tal

- 1.B Amtul [=Hampul]
2.A Kwabzak
3. Plateau State, Pankshin LGA
4. 9,210 (1934 Ames); 10,000 (1973 SIL); 26,000 (2014 estimate). Live in 52 settlements
5. Chadic: West sub–branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: A3: Talic cluster (with Pyapung and Koenoem)
6. Six dialects recognised, although all are mutually intercomprehensible
8. Hymnbooks (2007, 2008)
13. Android phone dictionary in circulation. Tal in use in social media.

Source(s) Bulkaam (2019)

Dictionary: Bulkaam & Blench (2018)

Ethnographic: Baklit (2014)

428. Tala

3. Bauchi State, Bauchi LGA, Zungur district
5. Chadic: West sub–branch B: Zaar group: Guruntum subgroup

429. Tamajeq

- 1.B Tamajeq; Tifinagh, Shifinagh script
1.C sg. Targi pl. Tuareg (Twareg)
2.C Buzu, Bugaje, Azbinawa
3. In: northern towns; mainly in the Republics of Niger, Algeria and Mali
4. Probably no settled rural populations in Nigeria; 360,000 total (Glover 1987)
5. Afroasiatic: Berber: Tuareg
7. A literary language with its own script.
8. Scripture translation in progress; portions 1986

430. Tambas

- 1.A Tembis
3. Plateau State, Mangu LGA
4. 3,000 (SIL)
5. Chadic: West sub-branch A: Ron group

Tambo = Mbula–Bwazza
Tambu = Mbula–Bwazza
Tamien – a dialect of Nor

431. Tangale

- 1.A Tangle
- 1.B Tánjlè
- 2.A Billiri
3. Gombe State, Kaltungo, Alkaleri and Akko LGAs
4. 36,000 (1952 W&B); 100,000 (1973 SIL)
5. Chadic: West sub-branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: Bole–Tangale group
6. Ture, Kaltungo, Shongom, Billiri
8. New Testament 1932, 1953 and 1963, Scripture portions 1920–1941
9. Dictionary

Source(s)

Refs.

Classification: Takács (2000); Jungrathmayr (2014)
Phonology: Kidda-Awak (1993)
Grammar: Jungrathmayr (1956, 1971, 1995a,b); Kenstowicz (1985)
Dictionary: Jungrathmayr (1991)
Texts: Tadi (2013)
Historical: Harnischfeger (2002)
Ethnographic: Temple (1922: 347,235,430); Mohr (1960)

Tangle = Tangale
Tanjijili = Ujjijili
Tánjlè = Tangale
Tapa = Nupe Central
Tappah = Nupe Central
Taraba – dialect of Longuda
Tarakiri – two dialects of Iẓon: Ijọ cluster
Taram – dialect of Samba Daka
Targi = Tamajeq
Tari = Shakara, part of Nandu–Ningon-Shakara
Tariya = Cara
Tariya (nya Tariya) – dialect of Longuda

432. Tarok

- 1.B iTarok
- 2.B Appa, Yergam, Yergum
3. Plateau State, Langtang, Wase LGAs,
4. 68,000 (1971 Welmers); 140,000 (1985 UBS)
5. Benue–Congo: Benue: Tarokoid
6. iTarok (Plain Tarok), iZini (Hill Tarok), Səlyər, iTarok Oga aSa, iGyang
7. Primer 1915, Primers and readers in 3 volumes (1988), literacy work in progress:

8. Scripture portions 1917, 1966, Catechism 1917, New Testament 1988

9. Dictionary draft; Longtau & Blench (n.d.); Grammar (Longtau 2008)

Source(s) Longtau, Blench (2012)

Refs.

Grammar: Dangel (1929); Blench & Longtau (1995); Longtau (2003, 2007b, 2008); Sibomana (1980, 1981a, 1981b)

Dictionary: Longtau & Blench (in prep.)

Texts: Bali (1985, 1987); Longtau (1997); Sibomana (1981/82c)

Sociolinguistic: Mamfa (1998)

Ethnographic: Fitzpatrick (1910/11); Banfa (1982); Smith & Smith (1990); Longtau (1991, 2007a, 2010); Famwang (1999); Anonymous (2000);

Taura = Takaya: see the Lere cluster

Tawari – dialect of Gbagyi

Tchade = Gudè

Tchamba = Samba Daka

Tcheke = Gudè

433. Teda

- 1.A Tubu, Kecherda, Daza
3. Borno State, Northeastern LGAs. Mostly in Niger and Chad.
4. A few villages. Less than 2000 in Nigeria
5. Nilo–Saharan: Saharan
6. Teda has many dialects –Kecherda is spoken in Nigeria

Source(s) Blench 1990

Refs

Overview: Chonai (1998); Cyffer (2000)

Phonology: Bougnol (1975)

Grammar: Jourdan (1935); Lukas (1953); Le Cœur & LeCoeur (1956); Abdoulaye (1985); Amani (1986); Alidou (1988); Wolff & Alidou (1989); Wolff (1991, 1992, 2011); Allanga (2013); Walters (2016) [Daza];

Dictionary: Walters & Hagar (2005)

Ethnographic: Nachtigal (1870); Cline (1950); Baroin (1997)

434. Tẹẹ

- 1.A Tai
- 1.B Tẹẹ
- 1.C Tẹẹ
3. Rivers State, Tẹẹ Local Government Area (TALGA)
4. 313,000 (2006)
5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Ogoni: West group

Source(s) Williamson (p.c.)

Refs.

Grammar: Anyanwu & Omega (2015)

Dictionary: Nwi-Bari (2002)

Teel = Tel

435. Tel

- 1.A Teel, Tehl
- 2.A Baltap, Montoil, Montol
- 3. Plateau State, Shendam LGA
- 4. 13,386 (1934 Ames); 20,000 (1973 SIL)
- 5. Chadic: West sub-branch A: Bole–Ngas major group: A3

Refs.

Wordlist: Jungrathmayr (1965)

Temageri – dialect of Kanuri: Kanuri–Kanembu

Tembis = Tambas

436. Teme

- 1.A Temme
- 3. Adamawa State, Mayo Belwa and Fufore LGAs
- 5. **no data**. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Mumuye–Yendang group: Yendang subgroup

Temme = Teme

Ten = Aten

Tenna – Lala

437. Tep

- 3. Taraba State. Mambila Plateau
- 4. A single village and associated hamlets. <4000
- 5. Benue-Congo: North Bantoid: Mambiloid

Source: Connell (1998)

Ref(s):

Comparative: Blench (1993)

438. Tera cluster

- 3. Borno State, Biu LGA; Gombe State, Gombi LGA, Kwami district, Ako LGA, Yamaltu and Ako districts, Dukku LGA, Funakaye district
- 4. 46,000 (SIL); 50,000 (Newman 1970)
- 5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub-branch A: Tera group

Refs.

*Nyimatli

- 1.A Yamaltu, Nimalto, Nyemathi
- 3. Gombe State, Ako, Gombe, Kwami, Funakai, Yamaltu LGAs; Borno State, Bayo LGA
- 6. Wuyo-Balbiya-Wafe; Deba-Zambuk-Hina-Kalshingi-Kwadon [orthography based on this cluster]
- 7. Let's Develop Nyimatli language (2004); Reading and writing book ready for press (2008)
- 8. Gospel of John, Catechism, song book (1930); Gospel of Luke in trial edition; scripture portions in progress
- 11. Jesus Film (2004)

Refs

Wordlist: Newman (1964); Mu'azu & Magaji (2014)

Phonology: Tench (2007)

Grammar: Newman (1970)

*Pidlimdi

2.B Hinna, Hina, Ghəna

- 3. Borno State, Biu LGA

Source(s) S. Lukas wordlist

*Bura Kokura

- 3. Borno State, Biu LGA

Terea = Cara

Teria = Cara

Terri = Cara

439. Teshena [†]

- 1.A Teshenawa

4. Teshena town, Jigawa State, Keffin Hausa LGA; extinct

- 5. Chadic: West branch B: Bade group

Refs

Temple (1922: 32 **check**)

Classification: Broß (1996); Schuh (2001)

Təcəp = Sagamuk

Tə̄rə̄ = Rin

Təsəgə̄muk = Sagamuk

tFere = Fer: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Tghuade = Dghwedé

440. Tha

- 3. Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA and Adamawa State, Numan LGA. Joole Manga Didí village
- 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Bikwin-Jen group

Source(s) Kleinwillinghöfer (1995); Nlabephee (2017)

Thər – Adamawa State: Gombi LGA: north of Ga'anda; Tentatively Chadic: Biu Mandara branch A: Tera group. Said not to be the same as Ga'anda. Blench (1987)

Thlukfu – dialect of Bana

tHun – member of Hun–Saare

Tifinagh = Tamajeq

Tigong = Mbembe Tigong including Ashuku and Nama (Kporo); but also used for other groups around Tigong: Abon, Batu and Bitare

Tigum = next

Tigun = Mbembe Tigong

Tijanji = Janji

Tikurumi = Kurama

Tili Pte – dialect of Kamwe

Tim – Cakfem–Mushere: Ballard (1971)

Timap = Map

441. Tinər-Myamya cluster

1.A The peoples falling under the name Tinər-Myamya have no common name for themselves but refer to individual villages when speaking, apply noun-class prefixes to the stem. Hence the great multiplicity of names, none of which are authoritative. The name Begbere comes from

Bàgbwee, a Myamya village and Ejar from Ìzar (see 2.A). There has been a recent proposal to adopt the name DAWN for Koro as a whole.

- 2.A Begbere-Ejar. The Tinor-Myamya share a common ethnonym with the Ashe (q.v.) which is Uzar pl. Bazar for the people and Ìzar for the language. This name is the origin of the term Ejar.
- 2.C Koro Agwe, Agwere, Koro Makama
3. Kaduna State, Kagarko LGA
4. 35,000 including Ashe (1972 Barrett)
5. Benue-Congo: Plateau: Koro
10. Ashe, Hyam and Gbagyi are nearby languages often spoken by the Tinor. Hausa and English are known as languages of wider communication.

Source(s) Blench (1982, 2009);

Refs:

Survey: Rueck et al (2010)

***Tinor**

- 1.A Waci
- 1.B iTinor
- 1.C uTinor pl. baTinor
- 2.C Waci [widely adopted name], Ala, Koron Ala, Koro Makama
4. Seven villages south and west of Kubacha. Uca, Uner, Ùsám, Marke, Pànkòrè, Ùtúr, Geshèberè
13. Preliminary work on an alphabet has begun

***Myamya**

- 2.C Koro Myamya = Miamia = Miyamiya
4. Three villages north and west of Kubacha. Ùshè, Bàgàr [includes Kùràtām, Ùcèr and Bòdú] and Bàgbwee.

Tita – Taraba State, Jalingo LGA, at Hoai Petel: Benue-Congo: Benue: Jukunoid: Central Jukunoid: Wurbo. Meek m.s. (wordlist). The language can be identified as Jukunoid from Meek's data, but I have been unable to identify the place or the people subsequently.

442. Tiv

- 1.A Tív, Tivi
- 2.C Munshi (not recommended)
3. Benue State, Makurdi, Gwer, Gboko Kwande, Vandeikya and Katsina Ala LGAs; Nasarawa State, Lafía LGA; Taraba State, Wukari, Takum, Bali LGA; and in Cameroon
4. 800,000 (1952); 1,500,000 (1980 UBS)
5. Benue-Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Tivoid:
7. Primer 1914, grammar, school text books, literacy programme in progress; orthography published 1983
8. Scripture portions from 1916, New Testament 1942, Bible 1964, hymnbook, catechism, commentaries on parts of the Bible, other Christian literature
11. Vigorous

Refs:

Wordlists: Dayrell (1908)

Dictionaries: Malherbe (1934), Abraham (1940, 1968 [1940]), Terpstra (1968)

Grammar: Judd (1916, 1917); Abraham (1933); McCawley (1970); Jockers (1991); Voeltz (2005)

Ethnographic: Abraham (1940)

Tivi = Tiv

Tiya = Ya: see the Vaghat cluster

Tiyal = next

Tiyar = see the Cinda-Regi-Rogo-Kuki cluster

tJiir = Jiir: see the Kag-Fer-Jiir-Kar-Koor-Ror-Us-Zuksun cluster

tKər = Kar: see the Kag-Fer-Jiir-Kar-Koor-Ror-Us-Zuksun cluster

tKag = Kag: see the Kag-Fer-Jiir-Kar-Koor-Ror-Us-Zuksun cluster

tmaKoor = Koor: see the Kag-Fer-Jiir-Kar-Koor-Ror-Us-Zuksun cluster

Tochipo = Sagamuk

Tof = Kulere

Toganchi – Hausa

Toghwe = Dghwe

Tola – dialect of Samba Daka

Tolu: Akpọ-Mgbu-Tolu – dialect of Ikwere: Igbo

Toni – dialect of Gwandara

Toni – Nasarawa State, near Keffi: 1,351: Temple (1922: 353–4). An unclassified Niger-Congo language; no subsequent evidence – Blench

Tourou = Xedi

443. Toro

1.C Tɔrɔ

2.A Turkwam

3. Nasarawa State, Akwanga LGA

4. 6,000 (1973 SIL). 2000 (Blench 1999). The Toro people live in one large village, Turkwam, some two km. southeast of Kanja on the Wamba-Fadan Karshi road

5. Benue-Congo: Plateau: Alumiic

Source: Blench (1999)

Refs

Wordlist: Blench (2016)

Traude = Dghwe

Traude = Dghwe

tRor = Ror: see the Kag-Fer-Jiir-Kar-Koor-Ror-Us-Zuksun cluster

Tsábe – dialect of Yoruba

Tsaganci = next

Tsagu = Ciwogai

Tsamba = Samba Daka

Tshekeri = Işekiri

Tsigadi – dialect of Kambari I

Tsikimba – dialect of Kambari II

Tsivadi – dialect of Kambari I

Tsiwanci – dialect of Kambari II

444. Tsobo

1.A Cibbo
 1.B Tsóbó
 1.C nyi Tsó
 2.A Lotsu–Piri, Pire, Fire
 2.B Kitta
 3. Gombe State, Kaltungo LGA, Adamawa State, Numan LGA
 4. 2,000 (1952)
 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Waja group
 6. B̄rbou, Guzubo, Swabou
Source(s) Kleinewillinghöfer (1992)

Tsudalupe – Reshe

445. Tsupamini

1.A Lopa
 2.B Lopanic
 2.C Lopawa
 3. Niger State, Borgu LGA, Kebbi State, Yauri LGA. At least six villages on the east shore of the Lake plus two others on the west shore.
 4. 960 (NAT 1950); 5,000 (1992 est.). Global estimate with Rop
 5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Lake group
Source(s) Blench (1992); Blench & McGill (2011)

Tsure Ja = Reshe
 Tsureshe = Reshe
 Tuareg = Tamajeq
 Tubu = Teda
 Tudawa d-Gwan = Ror: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster
 Tufungwa = Fungwa
 Tugbeni = next
 Tugbeni Kaiama = Oruma: member of Inland Ijo: Ijo cluster
 Tugum = next
 Tugumawa = Tigong
 Tugun = Tigong
 Tuguru = Gura: see Lame cluster
 Tuhungw̄ɔɔ = Hungw̄ɔɔ
 Tukun = Tigong

446. Tula

1.A Ture
 1.B yii K̄itule
 1.C Naba K̄itule pl. K̄itule
 3. Gombe State, Kaltungo LGA. Tula is 30 km. east of Billiri.
 4. 19,209 (1952 W&B); 12,204 (1961–2 Jungrauthmayr); 19,000 (1973 SIL). ca. 50 villages ?100,000 est.
 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Waja group
 6. Baule, Wangke [used for literacy development], Yiri
 7. Reading and Writing Books (I, II) (1991, 2001); Folk Stories (2007);

8. John (1929); Hymnbook (2006); Gospels John, Luke (2007)
 9. Language Cassettes (7)
 10. Video (traditional Christian hymns) (2006)
 11. History of Christianity in Tula (2006); Tula Land: a community designed neglect (2007); Adventure to Tula land (2005)
Source(s) Kleinewillinghöfer (1992);

Refs.

Wordlist: Jungrauthmayr (1968/9)
 Comparative: Boyeldieu (1980); Kleinewillinghöfer (1996)

Grammar: Lukas (1955/6); Kleinewillinghöfer (2006)

Dictionary: Blench & Tula (2012); Mu’azu & Polo (2015)

Ethnographic:

Tulai = Zeem
 Tum = Kaningkon: see the Kaningkon–Nindem cluster
 Tumala = Mala

447. Tumi

1.B Tutumi
 2.A Kitimi
 3. Kaduna State, Saminaka LGA
 4. 635 (NAT 1949)
 5. **no data.** Benue–Congo: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: Kauru subgroup
Source(s) Blench 1984)

Tungbo – North–Western dialect of Iẓɔn: Ijɔ cluster

448. Tunzu

1.B one person Tunzú, people àTunzú
 1.C iTunzú
 2.A Dugusa, Duguza
 3. Plateau State, Jos East Local Government (5 villages), main settlement at N10° 02, E 9° 06. Bauchi State, Toro LGA (2 villages)
 4. 2500 speakers (Blench 2003 est.). There are probably another 2000 ethnic Tunzu who don’t speak the language.
 5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: group c
 10. Izere, Ibunu, Hausa
 11. Threatened by switch to Hausa
Source(s) Blench & Nengel (2003)

Tuomɔ – a North–West dialect of Iẓɔn: Ijɔ cluster
 Tur – Xedi
 Ture = Tula
 Ture = Tangale
 Turegi = Regi: see the Cinda-Regi-Rogo-Kuki cluster
 Turɔɔ = Rogo
 Turu = Xedi
 Turu = Etulo

Turuma = Ruma
Turumawa = Etulo
tUs = Us: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster
Tushama = Shama: Shama–Sambuga cluster
Tusundura = Sundura
Tutumi = Tumi
Twareg = Tamajeq
Tyab = next

449. Tyap cluster

1.A Kataf
3. Kaduna State, Kachia, Saminaka and Jema'a LGAs
5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Central
*Tyap
1.A Atyab, Tyab
1.B Tyap
1.C Atyap, Atyab,
2.A Katab, Kataf, Katap
3. Kaduna State, Kachia and Jema'a LGAs
4. estimate more than 130,000 (1990)
7. Primer 1990, 1991, literacy programme in progress
8. Bible Translation in Progress

*Gworok

1.B Agwolok, Agwot, Gworog
2.A Agolok, Kagoro
2.B Aguro
3. Kaduna State, Jema'a LGA
4. 9,300 (NAT 1949)
8. New Testament

Refs

Grammars: Adwiraah & Hagen (1983)

Dictionaries: Didam (1999)

Ethnographic: Tremearne (1912)

*Atakar

1.A Atakat, Attaka, Attakar, Takat
3. Kaduna State, Jema'a LGA
4. 5,000 (1950 HDG)
5. **no data**

*Sholio

1.C Asholio, Asolio, Osholio, Aholio
2.B Marwa, Morwa, Moroa, Marawa, Maroa
3. Kaduna State, Jema'a LGA, around Manchok town
4. 5,700 (NAT 1949)
5. **no data**

*Kacicere

1.A Aticherak
2.B Daroro
3. Kaduna State, Kachia and Jema'a LGAs
4. 700 (NAT 1949)
5. **no data**

*Kafanacan

1.A Fantuan, Kafanchan, Kpashan

3. Kaduna State, Jema'a LGA
4. 970, (1934 HDG)
5. **no data**

Tyenga = Kyenga

tZuksun = Zuksun: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

450. Ubaghara cluster

3. Cross River State, Akamkpa LGA
4. 30,000 (1985 UBS)
5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper Cross group Central: North–South
*Biakpan
3. Ubaghara Development Area
8. New Testament draft being revised (UBS 1989)
*Ikun
3. Ubaghara Development Area
*Etono
3. Ubaghara Development Area
*Ugbem
3. Egup–Ita Development Area
*Utuma
3. Umon Development Area

451. Ubang

1.B Ûbânj
3. Cross River State, Obudu LGA
5. Benue–Congo: Unclassified: Bendi

Ûbânj = Ubang

Ûbani = Ìbani: member of KOIN: see Ijò cluster

Ubeteng = Ehom: see the Akpet–Ehom cluster

Ubima – dialect of Ikwere

Ubwəbwə = Rin

Ubye – dialect of Èkpeye

Ucanja = Rogo

Ucəpə = Səgəmək

Ucinda = Cinda: see the Cinda–Regi–Rogo–Kuki cluster

452. Uda

1.B Uda
3. Akwa Ibom State, Mbo LGA
4. 10,000 plus (1988)
5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross

Refs.

Comparative: Connell (1991)

Udam – Tiv name for Bete and Bekwarra. Stanford (1976)

Udekama = a clan name of the Degema

Udo – member of Arigidi cluster

Udom = Nde: see the Bakor cluster

Udsə = Ijò

Udū = Idun

Udzo = Ijọ
 Ufe = Yoruba
 Ufia – member of the Oring cluster
 Ufiom – member of the Oring cluster

453. Ugarə

2.B Binangeli, Messaka
 3. Cassetta & Cassetta (1994) say ‘Probably 75–80% of Ugare speakers live on the Cameroon side of the border, in the Akwaya subdivision of Cameroon’s Southwest Province. The Ugare speakers who live in Nigeria are primarily in the Benue and Taraba States. There is also a large settlement of Ugare speakers in the New Town Berumbe district of Kumba in Cameroon’s Southwest Province.’
 4. 5000 (1994 est.)
 5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Tivoid.

Refs:

Grammar: Cassetta & Cassetta (1994a,b,c)

Ugbala – dialect of Kukele
 Ugbe (Ugee) – Sub-tribe of Tiv in Cameroon near Turan. Population 800. Gospel Recordings (1971). Not Tiv (Maaki Adam).
 Ugbem – member of the Ubaghara cluster
 Ugee = Ugbe
 Ugep = Lokaa

454. Uhami

2.B Isua
 3. Ondo State, Akoko–South and Owo LGAs
 4. 5,498 (1963)
 5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: North–Western Edoid ii.

Uhungwəɾə = Hungwəryə
 Uive = Iyive
 Ujagbo – Bendel State, Agbasko LGA; dialect of Esan? Bradbury (1957)
 Ujo = Ijọ
 Ujọ = Izon: Ijọ cluster
 Ukää = Ukaan

455. Ukaan

1.A Ìkàn, Ikani, Ikaan
 1.B Ukää, Ìkã
 2.A Anyaran
 2.B Aika (Acronym of town names but not widely accepted)
 3. Ondo State, Akoko North LGA, towns of Kakumo–Aworo (Kakumo–Keji, Auga and Işe; Edo State, Akoko Edo LGA, towns of Kakumo–Akoko and Anyaran
 5. Benue–Congo: Ukaan
 6. Ìshè, Èkakuṃṃ, Auga
Source: Salffner (2005)

Refs.

Grammar: Jungrathmayr (1973); Olukoju (1985); Abiodun (1997, 1999, 2001); Salffner (2010, 2012)

Ukanafun – dialect of Anaang
 Ukele = Kukele
 Ukelle = Kukele
 Uki = Bokyi
 Ukpe – see the Ukpe–Bayobiri cluster
 Ukpe = Ukue

456. Ukpe–Bayobiri cluster

3. Cross River State, Obudu and Ikom LGAs
 4. 12,000 (1973 SIL)
 5. Benue–Congo: Unclassified: Bendi
 *Ukpe
 *Bayobiri

457. Ukpet–Ehom cluster

1.A Akpet–Ehom
 3. Cross River State, Akamkpa LGA
 5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper Cross: East–West group
 *Ukpet
 1.B Akpet
 *Ehom
 1.B Ubeteng
 1.C Ebeteng

Ukpɛ = Okpɛ
 Ukpilla = Okpela: member of the Ivbie North–Okpela–Arhe cluster
 Uku = Oko: see the Oko–Eni–Osayen cluster

458. Ukue

2.A Ukpe, Èkpenmi
 3. Ondo State, Akoko South LGA
 4. 5,702 (1963)
 5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: North–Western Edoid ii.

Refs

Sociolinguistics: Oyebade & Agoyi (2004); Mordi & Opone (2009)

Ukwali = Ukwuanj: see Ukwuanj–Aboh–Ndonj

459. Ukwa

3. Cross River State, Akampka LGA
 5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross
Source(s) Connell (1991)

Ukwani = Ukwuanj: see the Ukwuanj–Aboh–Ndonj cluster
 Ukwese – Live among the Tiv

460. Ukwuanj–Aboh–Ndonj cluster

3. Delta State, Ndokwa LGA; Rivers State, Ahoada LGA
 4. 150,000 (SIL)
 5. Benue–Congo: Igboid: Ukwuanj
 *Ukwuanj

- 1.A Ukwani, Ukwali, Kwale
- 3. Delta State, Ndokwa LGA
- 6. Utaaba, Emu, Abbi, Obiaruku
- 7. 1 Primer

*Aboh

1.A Eboh

3. Delta State, Ndokwa LGA

*Ndonj

3. Rivers State, Ahoada LGA

Ula = Fungwa

Uled Suliman – member of Arabic cluster

Uleme = Uneme

461. Ulukwumi

1.A Unukwumi

3. Delta State, Aniocha and Oshimili LGAs

4. less than 10,000

5. Benue–Congo: Defoid: unclassified Yoruboid language

Source(s) Elugbe (p.c.)

Ume – dialect of Isoko

462. Umon

1.C Amon

3. Cross River State, Akamkpa LGA

4. 25 villages

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper Cross: Central: North–South

8. Scripture portions 1895

Umuahia – dialect of Igbo

Unege – Igbo

463. Uneme

1.A Uleme, Ileme, Ineme

3. Edo State, Etsako, Agbazilo and Akoko–Edo LGAs. The Uneme are a casted blacksmith group and live scattered among other language groups.

4. 6,000 (1952).

5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: North–Central Edoid ii.

7. 1 primer

Ungu = Idun

Ungwe = Hungweryə

Union = next

Union Igbo: see the Igbo cluster

Unogbokō – dialect of Isoko

Unwana – dialect of Igbo

Unyeada – dialect of Obolo

Uokha – listed in Ethnologue (2009) as a separate language, but simply an Emai placename

Upata – dialect of Ekpeye

Ura = Fungwa

Urahuli = Huli: member of Fali cluster

Ura Madzarín = Madzarín: member of Fali cluster

Urambween = Bween: member of Fali cluster

Uregi = Regi: see the Cinda-Regi-Rogo-Kuki cluster
Urga – dialect of Margi

464. Urhobo

1.A Sobo (not recommended) (See also Isoko)

2.C Biotu (See also Isoko)

3. Delta State, Ethiope and Ughelli LGAs

4. at least 173,000 (1952 REB); 340,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: South–Western Edoid

6. Several dialects, Agbarho accepted as standard.

Okpe and Uvbię, often regarded as dialects of Urhobo, are treated as distinct languages (q.v.) on purely linguistic grounds

7. Primers 1927, 1959, 1976, Reading Book 1963

8. Scripture portions from 1927, New Testament 1951 and 1962, Bible 1977

Refs

Comparative: Kelly (1968)

Grammars: Welmers (1969); Blanc (1986); Aziza (1997); Iweh (1983)

Dictionary: Usobele (2001); Ukere & Blench (2005)

Ethnographic: Hubbard (1951)

Uro – member of the Akoko cluster

Urōgō = Rogo

Uroovin = Vin: member of Fali cluster

465. Usaghade

1.A Usakade(t)

1.B Usaghade

2.A Isangele

3. Cross River State, Odukpani LGA; mainly in Cameroon, Isangele sub-division

4. estimate 10,000 (1990) although mostly in Cameroon

5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Lower Cross

Source(s) Connell (1990)

Refs

Comparative: Connell (2001)

Ushama = Shama: see Shama–Sambuga cluster

Usokun = Degema

Utaaba – dialect of Ukwuani

Utanga = Otank

Uti – dialect of Isoko

Utonkon = Ufia: see the Oring cluster

Utse = Baceve

Utser = Baceve

Utseu = Baceve: see the Iceve cluster

Utugwang – member of the Obe cluster

Utuma – member of the Ubaghara cluster

Utur = Etulo

466. Uvbię

- 1.A Uvwie, Evrie, Uvhria, Effurum, Effurun, Evhro (not recommended)
 3. Delta State, Ethiope LGA
 4. 6,000 (1952)
 5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: South–Western Edoid

Uvhria = Uvbię
 Uvin = Vin: member of Fali cluster
 Uvwie = Uvbię
 Uwepa–Uwano – dialect of Etsako = Yękhee
 Uwet = Bakpinka
 Uwoękwu – dialect of Igede

467. Uwu

- 1.A Ayere
 3. Kwara State, Oyi LGA, Kabba District
 5. Benue–Congo: Uwu–Ahan

Source(s) Choon (p.c.)

Uyanga = Doko–Uyanga
 Uzairue – dialect of Etsako = Yękhee

468. Uzekwe

- 1.A Ezekwe
 3. Cross River State, Ogoja LGA
 4. 5,000 (1973 SIL)
 5. Benue–Congo: Cross River: Delta–Cross: Upper Cross: Central: North–South

Uzere – dialect of Isoko
 Uzo = Itu–Mbon–Uzo
 Uzo = Baatonun
 Uzọ = Izon: Ijo cluster

469. Vaghat–Ya–Bijim–Legeri cluster

3. Plateau State, Mangu LGA; Bauchi State, Tafawa Balewa LGA
 5. Benue–Congo: Plateau: Tarokoid

469.*Kwang

- 1.B Kwang
 2.B Ti Vaghat
 3.C sg. Vaghat, pl. aVaghat
 2.A Kadun, Kwanka
 3. Plateau State, Mangu LGA; Bauchi State, Tafawa Balewa LGA

469.*Ya

- 1.B Tiya
 1.C sg. Ya, pl. a-Ya
 2.A Boi
 3. Bauchi State, Tafawa Balewa LGA. 10 villages 20 km. South of Tafawa Balewa
 4. less than 5,000 (1990)

Source(s)

Refs

Ethnographic: CAPRO (1995a)

469.*Bijim

3. Bauchi State, Tafawa Balewa LGA

Source(s)

Refs

Ethnographic: CAPRO (1995a)

469.*Legeri

3. Plateau State, Mangu LGA

Source(s) Blench (1990)

Vęcәмwe = Kamwe

Vө Mvөran = Mburku

470. Vemgo–Mabas

5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Mandara–Mafa–Sukur major group: Mandara Group

*Vemgo

3. Borno State, Gwoza LGA; Adamawa State, Michika LGA; and in Cameroon

Refs. Wolff (1971,1974); Dieu & Renaud (1983)

*Mabas

3. Adamawa State, Michika LGA. 10 km. S.E. of Madagali

4. A single village on the Nigeria/Cameroon frontier

Refs. Dieu & Renaud (1983), Blench (1990)

Vere = next

Verre = Momi, Mom Jango

Vөne Mi = Miya

Vigzar = next

Vik Zaar = Zaar: see the Guus–Zaar cluster

Vimtim = Vin: member of Fali cluster

VinaHө = Kariya

Vina Zumbun = Zumbun

Visik = next

Vizik – dialect of Lamang Central: see the Lamang cluster

Vodni = Badni – dialect of Mwaghavul?

Vomni = Ndera: see the Koma cluster

471. Vono

- 1.B Kivөno
 1.C Avөno
 2.B Kibolo, Kiwollo, Kiballo
 3. Kaduna State, Saminaka LGA
 4. 335 (NAT 1949); 500 (1973 SIL)
 5. **no data.** Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: Kauru subgroup
Source(s) Blench (1986)

472. Vori

- 1.B TiVori
 1.C PiVori pl. AVori
 2.B Fiti
 2.A Srubu, Skrubu, Surubu, Zurubu
 3. Kaduna State, Saminaka LGA
 4. 1,950 (NAT 1948)
 5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: Kauru subgroup
Source(s) Blench (2016)

473. Voro

- 1.A Vɔrɔ
 - 1.B Ebɔna, Ebina
 - 1.C Bena
 - 2.A Woro
 - 2.B Yungur
 - 3. Adamawa State, Song and Guyuk LGAs, South of the Dumne road. Waltande and associated hamlets.
 - 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Yungur group
- Source(s)** Blench 1987); Kleinwillinghöfer (1992)

Voute = Vute

vuBaangi = Baangi: see the Kambari I cluster

474. Vute

- 1.A Bute, Mbute, Wute, Voute
- 1.C Mbutere
- 3. Taraba State, Sardauna LGA; northeast Mambila Plateau, but mainly in Cameroon
- 4. 1,000 or less in Nigeria; 30,000 in Cameroon (1985 EELC)
- 5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Northern Bantoid: Mambiloid
- 6. At least 6 dialects

Source(s)

Refs.

Grammars: Hofmeister (1918-1919); Guarisma (1978); Thwing (1987);
Historical: Seige (2002);

Vwang (Gyell–Kuru–Vwang) – dialect group of Berom

Vwezhi – dialect of Gbagyi

Wa–Duku – a dialect of Bacama: see the Bata cluster

Wa–Gwamhi = next

Wa–Wuri = Gwamhi–Wuri

Wa’a = Dghwede

Wa Bambami = Agoi

Wadi – dialect of Bata

Waga – dialect of Ghumbagha: see the Lamang cluster

Wagga = Waja

Wagga = Waga: dialect of Ghumbagha: see the Lamang cluster

WaGoi = Agoi

Waha = Waga: see Lamang cluster, Lamang Central

Wahe – dialect of Gbari

Waja = Wiyaa

475. Waka

- 3. Adamawa State, Fufore, Mayo Belwa LGAs
- 5. **no data**. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Mumuye–Yendang group: Yendang subgroup

Wakande = Mbembe

Wakane (Gwoza Wakane) – a dialect of Lamang

North: see the Lamang cluster

Wake = Kwange: refers to Gbari and Gbagyi

Wakirike = Kirike: member of KOIN: see Ijo cluster
Wakura – cover term for several languages in the Michika LGA of

Borno State. See Lamang, Glavda, Guduf

Walo = Pero

Wamba = Nungu

Wamdiu – dialect of Margi South

476. Wandala cluster

- 1.A Mandara, Ndara
- 3. Borno State. Bama, Gwoza LGAs.
- 4. 19,300 in Nigeria (1970); 23,500 in Cameroon (1982 SIL)
- 5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Mandara–Mafa–Sukur major group: Mandara group
- 8. Mark in Cameroon dialect 1967

*Wandala

1.C Wandala

2.A Mandara

4. Used as a vehicular language in this locality of Nigeria and Cameroon

*Mura

1.C Mura

2.A Mora, Kirdi Mora

3. Uncertain if this member of the cluster is spoken in Nigeria

4. An archaic form of Wandala spoken by non–Islamized populations

*Malgwa

1.C Məlgwa

2.C Malgo, Gamargu, Gamergu

3. Borno State, Damboa, Gwoza and Konduga LGAs

4. 10,000 (TR 1970)

6. Gwanje

9.

Source(s)

Refs.

Overview: Dieu & Renaud (1983)

Historical: Wolff & Naumann (2004)

Wordlists: Klaproth (1826); Koenig (1839); Eguchi (1969)

Grammars: Eguchi (1969); Lohr (2002); Frajzyngier (2012)

Wandi – member of the Das cluster

Wangday = Wand: see Das cluster

Wange – dialect of Tula

Wapan = Abinsi, Wapan: see Kororofa cluster

Wara = Akimba: see Kambari II cluster

477. Warji

- 1.B Sərzakwai, Sirzakwai
- 2.B Sar
- 2.C Sarawa
3. Bauchi State, Darazo LGA, Ganjuwa district, and Ningi LGA, Warji district; Jigawa State, Birnin Kudu LGA
4. 28,000 (LA 1971); 50,000 (Skinner, 1977)
5. Chadic: West sub-branch B: Bade–Warji major group: Warji group
6. Gala (?)

Refs.

Wordlist: Jungraithmayr (1967); Blench (n.d.)
Comparative: Skinner (1977);

Warri = Işəkiri

Warwar – a dialect of Nor

Wase = Jukun of Wase: see the Jukun cluster

wasFer = Fer: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Wate (Fadan Wate) – dialect of Ninzam

Wau – see Jiir, Kar, Koor, Ror, Us and Zuksun; in the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Wawa – dialect of Busa

Wayam = Wāyā

478. Wāyā

- 1.A Wayam
 - 1.B Tūwāyā
 - 1.C Vūwāyā pl. Āwāyā
 3. Niger State, Rafi and Shiroro LGAs, Wayam town
 5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: West: Baushi cluster
- Source(s)** Blench (2001), McGill (2010)
Refs. Temple (1922: 341, 518, 523); Gunn and Conant (1960: 63)

Wedu – Less than 1000 scattered among the Ngas; Related to Tal. Gospel Recordings (1971)

Wegam = Kugama

Wegele = Gengle

Wéme – dialect of Gbe

Weppa–Wano = Uwepa–Uwano: see Etsakọ = Yekhee

Were = Mom Jango

Were = Momi

West Gwari = Gbari

West Ogbah – a dialect of Ogbah

West (Idoma West) – a dialect of Idoma

West (Margi West) – a dialect of Putai

West (Mbe West) – a dialect of Mbe

Western Hausa – a dialect of Hausa

Western Olodiama – a dialect of Iẓon: Ijọ cluster

Western Okpamheri – a dialect of Okpamheri

Western Tarakiri – a dialect of Iẓon: Ijọ cluster

Western (Mbube Western) – a dialect of Mbe

Wi = Kwange: a dialect of Gbari

Widala=Kholok

Wihə = Kariya

Wimbun = Limbum

Wipsi–Ni (Kukum Wipsi–nī = Fer: see Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun

Wipsi–Ni (Zusu Wipsi–nī = Zuksun: see Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun

479. Wiyaa

1.A Wagga

1.B Nyan Wiyáù

1.C Wiyáà

2.A Waja

3. Gombe State, Balanga and Kaltungo LGAs, Waja district. Taraba State, Bali LGA.

4. 19,700 (1952 W&B); 50,000 (1992 est.)

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Waja group

6. Plain and Hills

7. Primer 1924; Reading and Writing Book (2006); Counting & Numbering (2006)

8. John 1926, Matthew 1935. NT extracts (2007)

Source(s) Blench (1990, 2007)

Refs.

Comparative: Kleinwillinghöfer (1996a, c)

Phonology: Kleinwillinghöfer (1991)

Text: Kleinwillinghöfer (2014)

Ethnographic: Woodhouse (1923/1924);

Kleinwillinghöfer (1996b)

Kleinwillinghöfer (1989, 1990a,b)

Wiyáà = Waja

Wiyáù (nyan Wiyáù) = Waja

Wiyap = Jiru

Woga = Waga: dialect of Ghumbagha: Lamang cluster

Wom = Pere

wooKag = Kag: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Worku – dialect of Igede

Woro = Voro

Worom = Berom

Wudufu – Bauchi State, Darazo LGA, related to Zumbun. Nitecki (1972); Gunn (1953). Probably Mburku

480. Wuri-Gwamhyə–Mba

1.A Gwamfi

1.C wa–Gwamhi sg. a–Gwamhi pl. and wa–Wuri sg. a–Wuri pl.

2.B Banganci

2.C Lyase–ne Dəknú Bangawa for Gwamhi

3. Kebbi State, Wasagu LGA; Gwamhi around Danko town and Wuri around Maga town

4. Two peoples with one language

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Western Kainji: Northern Group

Source(s) Regnier (1992); Blench & McGill (2011)

Refs.

Wordlist: Rowlands (1962)

Wula – dialect of Kamwe
 Wúlâ – dialect of Bokyi
 Wukari = Jukun of Wukari: see the Kororofa cluster
 Wur Nzanyi = Nzanyi
 Wurbo – a dialect of Central Jukun?
 Wúrgà – dialect of Margi
 Wurkum – see Jukun of Wurkum
 Wurkum – ‘hill people’ a cover term used for the peoples of the Wurkum area, Taraba State, Karim Lamido LGA. The term Wurkum is applied to the following groups Kyak, Banda, Kulung, Kwonci, Maghdi, Kholok, Mingang, Pero, Piya and Nyam. Several of these groups remain to be investigated.
 Wutana – 1075 in Bauchi Emirate. Temple (1922: 367,431). No further information
 Wute = Vute
 Xədkala = Hədkàlà: dialect of Ghumbagha: see the Lamang cluster
 Xədi = Xedi
 Ya – member of Vaghat cluster
 Yaa – dialect of Mumuye
 Yáá Mòò = Mò
 Yaata – member of Hyam cluster

481. Yace

1.A Yache, Yatye, Iyace
 1.C Ekpari?
 3. Cross River State, Ogoja LGA
 4. 6,600 (1937 RGA); 10,000 (1982 UBS)
 5. Benue–Congo: Idomoid
 6. Alifokpa, Ijiegü
 8. Gospel of Mark in print, 1980

Refs.

Wordlist: Armstrong (1979)

Yache = Yace
 Yagba – dialect of Yoruba
 Yaghwatadaxa = Guduf
 Yaká = Lokəə
 Yakə = Lokəə
 Yakö = Lokəə
 Yakoko – a dialect of North–Eastern Mumuye: see the Mumuye cluster
 Yakoro = Bekwarra
 Yakurr = Lokəə

482. Yala

1.C Iyala
 4. 25,650 (1952); 50,000 (1973 SIL)
 5. Benue–Congo: Idomoid: Idoma

482.a *Yala Ikom

1.A Nkum
 3. Cross River State, Ikom LGA

Refs. Armstrong (1968)

482.b *Yala Obubra

2.A Nkum Akpambe
 3. Cross River State, Obubra LGA

482.c *Yala Ogoja

3. Cross River State, Ogoja LGA
 6. Yala Ọkpõma (Central Yala) spoken in all hamlets comprising Ọkpõma village; Yala Igbeeku spoken between Igbeeku Rikọ and Oloko; Yala Ọkpame, spoken in Okkpame, Yẹhẹ and Ebo.
 7. Pre–reading book, Primers 1–5 1973, Folk Stories 1975, Health Stories (2) 1974–5, stories by students, literacy programme in progress
 8. Bible translation in progress, Mark 1975,

Refs.

Grammar: Bunkowski (1972, 1976), Oko (1986, 1989)

Yamaltu = Nyimatli: see the Tera cluster

483. Yamba

1.C Yamba
 2.B Mbem
 2.C Kaka (not recommended)
 3. Taraba State, Sardauna, Gashaka LGAs, Antere and other border villages; mainly spoken in Cameroon
 4. few in Nigeria; 25,000 in Cameroon (1982 SIL)
 5. Benue–Congo: Bantoid: Southern Bantoid: Grassfields; Mbam-Nkam; Nkambe cluster

Source(s) Blench 1990

Refs

Phonology: Scruggs (1980)

Grammar: Nzenge (2001)

Yamma (Gwari Gamma) = Gbari
 Yan = Yang: see the Lala cluster
 Yandang = Yendang
 Yang – member of the Lala cluster

484. Yangkam

1.C Yarıkam
 2.A Bashiri
 2.C Basharawa
 3. Plateau State, Langtang and Wase LGAs, Bashartown
 4. [20,000 (1977 Voegelin and Voegelin)]. N.B. All published population figures refer to the ethnic population. However, these groups now speak only Hausa. The likely number of speakers in 1996 was less than 400, all over 40 years of age.
 5. Benue–Congo: Benue: Tarokoid

Source: Blench (1996)

Refs. Temple (1922: 503); Shimizu (1980a:I)

Yangur = Bena
 Yagua = Yeskwa
 Yatye = Yace
 Yaurawa = Reshe
 Yauri – dialect of Reshe
 Yawotatacha = next
 Yawotataxa = next
 Yaxmare = Gava: Guduf–Gava cluster

485. Yebu

- 1.B Yěbù
- 1.C Níin Yěbù
- 2.A Awok
3. Gombe State, Kaltungo LGA: 10 km northeast of Kaltungo
4. 2,035 (1962);
5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Waja group i.
7. Reading and Writing Book (2007);
8. Hymnbook (2007); Gospel of Luke ready for printing
11. Cassettes of Gospel of Luke

Source(s) Kleinewillinghöfer (1991); Blench (2008)

Refs. Jungraithmayr (1968); Kleinewillinghöfer (1998)

486. Yedina

- 1.A Yídánà
- 2.C Buduma
3. Borno State, islands of Lake Chad and mostly in Chad
4. 20,000 in Chad; 25,000 total (1987 SIL)
5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara branch B: Yedina group
6. Yedina, Kuri (not in Nigeria)

Source(s)

Refs.

Survey: Talbot (1911)

Grammars: Gaudiche (1938), Lukas (1939), Awagana (2001)

Yeghe – dialect of Kana

487. Yẹkhee

- 1.B Yẹkhee: not all speakers of the language recognise this as the name of the language.
- 2.A Etsako: the language is not the only language listed as being spoken in Etsako LGA.
- 2.B Iyẹkhee, Afenmai, Kukuruku (not recommended)
3. Edo State, Etsako, Agbako and Okpebho LGAs
4. 73,500 (1952), 150,000 (UBS 1987)
5. Benue–Congo: Edoid: North–Central Edoid
6. Auchi, Uzairue, South Ivbie, Uwepa–Uwano, (Weppa–Wano), Avbianwu (Fugar), Avbiele, Ivbiadaobi
8. New Testament, translation of Psalms in progress (UBS 1989)

Refs.

Comparative: Elugbe (1989)

Overviews: Ezejideaku & Louis (2011)

Grammars: Strub (1915/16); Elimelech 1976);

Yele = Burak

Yendam = Yandang

488. Yendang

- 1.A Yendam, Yandang, Yundum, Nyandang
 3. Adamawa State, Numan, Mayo Belwa, and Karim Lamido LGAs
 4. 8,100 (1952); 10,000 (1973 SIL)
 5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Mumuye–Yendang group: Yendang subgroup
- Source(s)** Kato (2009); Boyd (p.c.)

Yenegue = Epie

Yergam = Tarok

Yergum = Tarok

Yerwa – dialect of Kanuri: Kanuri–Kanembu

yes Bèfiràn = Firan

yes Firàn = Firan

Yeskwa = Nyankpa

Yidda = Mada

Yídánà = Yedina

Yigha = Leyigha

yii Kùtùle = Tula

Yiive = Iyive

Yikuben = Yukuben

Yimtim = Fali

Yiri – dialect of Tula

Yofu = Kumba

Yorda = Kpan

Yorọ – dialect of Mumuye

489. Yoruba

- 1.A Yorouba, Yariba (Cust)
 - 1.B Yorùbá
 - 1.C Yorùbá
 - 2.A Aku, Akusa, Eyagi, Nago
 3. Most of Kwara, Lagos, Osun, Oyo, Ogun and Ondo States; western LGAs in Kogi State; and into Benin Republic and Togo. Yoruba is spoken as a ritual language in Cuba and Brazil
 4. 5,100,000 (1952), 15,000,000 (UBS 1984)
 5. Volta-Niger; Yoruboid; West
 6. Many dialects: Afo, Akono, Amusigbo, Awori, Aworo, Bunu, Egba, Egbado, Ekiti, Gbedde, Igbomina, Ifaki, Ife, Ifira, Igbena, Ijebu, Ijẹsa (Ijọsha), Ijo Akpoi, Ijumu, Ikafe, Ila, Ilaje, Oba, Ondo, Ora, Owe, Owọ, Oyọ, Ufe, Yagba.
- A partial and preliminary subgrouping is:
- Central, including Ifẹ, Ijẹshà, Èkìtì;
 - North West, including Oyó, Ègbá, Oshùn;
 - Okun, including Yagba, Gbédé, Ijùmú;
 - South West, including Tsábe and Kétu (both spoken in Benin and adjacent border areas of Kwara and Ogun States);
 - South East, including Ondo, Owọ, Ijẹba, Ìkálé, Ìlàjẹ and Ijò–Àpòì
7. Much literature for over 100 years; Official Orthography

8. Scripture Portions from 1850, Bible 5 editions
1884–1966, New Testament 8 editions 1865–2005
14. Many internet sites. Google offered in Yoruba.
Sources: Blench (2017)

Refs.

Wordlists: Wilson (1849); Pott (1854); Rohlf (1872);
Person (1956); Fodor (1980)

Comparative: Olmsted (1953); Adetugbo (1967);
Akinkugbe (1976); Capo (1989)

Dictionaries: Crowther (1852); Bowen (1858);
Abraham (1958); Delano (1969); Laptukhin (1987);
Grammars: Church Missionary Society (1914);
Crowther et al 1937); Jakovleva (1963); Oyelaran
(1971); Awobuluyi (1978); Folarin (1987); Adewole
(1995); Przedzicki (2005); Ajiboye (2006)

Sociolinguistics: Salami (1987)

Pedagogic: Ashiwaju (1968); Rowlands (1969);
Schleicher (2008)

Ethnographic: Avezac (1845)

490. Yoti

1.A Yoti

3. Adamawa State, Numan LGA

5. Adamawa–Ubangi: Adamawa: Mumuye–Yendang
group: Yendang subgroup

Source: Kato (2009)

Youtubo = Gõmñõme: see the Koma cluster

491. Yukuben

1.A Nyikuben, Nyikobe, Ayikiben, Yikuben

1.C Oohum, Uuhum

2.B Boritsu, Balaabe

2.C Uuhum-Gigi in Cameroun

3. Taraba State, Takum LGA; and in Furu-Awa
subdivision, Cameroon

4. 10,000 (1971 Welmers); 1,000 in Cameroun (1976)

5. Benue–Congo: Benue: Jukunoid: Yukuben–Kutep

Source: Rennison (2005)

Refs.

Overview: Shimizu (1980); Koops (1990); Breton
(1993)

492. Ywom

1.A Yiwom

2.B Gerkanci, Gurka

2.C Gerkawa

3. Plateau State, Shendam and Langtang LGAs

4. 2,520 (Ames 1934); 8,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Chadic: West: Branch A3

7. Reading and Writing Books (2011, 2018)

Source(s) Ruth Pam (p.c.)

Refs.

Orthography: YLDBTC (2018)

Grammar: Jungraithmayr (1965a); Kazeem (2011)

Ethnomusicology: Jungraithmayr (1963)

Yukutare = Bitare

Yumu – dialect of Kambari 1

Yundum = Yandang

Yungirba = Bena

Yungur = Bena

Z.

Za = Ghye: see Kamwe

493. Zaar

1.A Za'r, Zar

1.B Vik Zaar, Vigzar,

1.C Zaar pl. Zàrsè

2.B Sáyánci

2.C Bàsáyè pl. Sáyá:wá, Saya, Seya, Seiyara [Saya
terms are now considered derogatory]

3. Bauchi State, Tafawa Balewa LGA. West of
Tafawa Balewa town.

4. 50,000 (1971 Schneeberg); 50,000 (1973 SIL)

5. Chadic: West branch B: Zaar group

6. Kal, Gambar Leere, Lusa

7. Newsletter *Konu ya Mbi* in 5 vols. since 2004;
Reading and Writing Book (2006)

8. NT extracts (2007)

Source(s)

Refs:

Vocabulary: Shimizu (1975)

Grammar: Schneeberg (1974); Caron (2003, 2005,
2009)

Zabarma = next

Zabermawa = Zarma

Zaghvana = Dghwedè

Zakshi – member of the Zari cluster

Zaksə = Zakshi: the Zari cluster

Zaladeva = next

Zaladva – member of the Lamang cluster

Zamani = Shuwa–Zamani

Zamfarawa – Western dialect of Hausa

Zana = Baatõnun

494. Zangwal

3. Bauchi State, Bauchi LGA

5. **no data.** Chadic: West sub-branch B: Bade–Warji
major group: Zaar group: Guruntum sub-group

Zany = Nzanyi: the Nzanyi cluster

Zar = next

Zar = Zaar: see Guus-Zaar cluster

Zaranda – member of the Geji cluster

Zarazon (Jos Zarazon) – dialect of Izere

Zarbarma = Zarma

Zarek = Izere

495. Zari cluster

- 2.C Barawa
 3. Bauchi State, Toro and Tafawa Balewa LGAs; Plateau State, Jos LGA
 5. Chadic: West branch B: Zaar group
 *Zakshi
 1.A Zaksə
 4. 2,950 (1950 HDG)
 *Boto
 1.A Boot
 2.C Bibot
 4. 1,000 (1950 HDG)
 *Zari
 2.A Kopti, Kwapm

Zaria – dialect of Fulfulde

496. Zarma

- 1.A Zerma, Dyerma, Dyarma, Djerma
 2.A Songhai
 2.C Zabarma, Zarbarma, Zaberma
 3. Kebbi State, Argungu, Birnin Kebbi and Bunza LGAs; Niger State, villages between Mokwa and Kontagora; also in Republics of Benin, Burkina Faso and Niger
 4. 12,400 (1931 W&B); 50,000 in Nigeria (1973 SIL), 1,495,000 in Niger (1986)
 5. Nilo-Saharan: Songhai
 8. New Testament 1954, portions 1934; Complete Bible 1990
 9. Dictionaries:

Refs

Wordlist: Williamson (1967)
 Grammar sketch: Westermann (1920-1921), Tersis (1968, 1972), Sibomana (2008)

Dictionaries: Bernard & White-Kaba (1994)

Zauranchi – Hausa

497. Zeem-Caari-Danshe-Dyarim cluster

- 2.C Barawa
 3. Bauchi State, Toro LGA
 5. Chadic: West branch B: Zaar group

*Zeem [†]

4. Extinct (Caron 2005)

*Tule [†]

2.C Tulai

4. Extinct (Caron 2005)

*Danshe

4. Extinct (Caron 2005)

1.B Chaari

4. ‘few hundred’ speakers (Caron 2005)

*Dyarim

- 1.B one person Mən Dyarim, people Dyarim
 1.C Ndyarim Tə
 2.A Kaiwari

3. Their main settlement is about 7 km. south of Toro town in Toro LGA (N10° 02, E 9° 04).
 4. ca. 2000 ethnic Dyarim with a fraction speaking the language well, i.e. ca. 100. (Blench 2005 est.)
 10. Hausa, Fulfulde, Izere, Tunzu, Loro
 11. Threatened by switch to Hausa
Source(s) Blench (2003, 2005)

Refs

Grammar: Blench (2007)

*?Lushi

- 1.A Lukshi
 1.B Dokshi

Zendi dialect of Izere

Zeng = Zing – dialect of Mumuye

Zerma = Zarma

Zələdvə = Zaladva: see Lamang cluster

Zhar – member of the Jar cluster

498. Zhire

- 2.B Kenyi
 3. Kaduna State, Kachia and Jama’a LGAs
 5. **no data.** Benue–Congo: Plateau: Hyamic
Sources: Blench (1982)

Zhiru = Jiru

Zhitako = Dibo

Zilivə = Zizilivakan

Zing – dialect of Mumuye

Zinna = Zing – dialect of North–Eastern Mumuye:

Mumuye cluster

Ziri = Momi

Zitako = Dibo

499. Zizilivəkan

1.B Zilivə

1.C ÀmZírív

2.A Fali of Jilbu

3. Adamawa State, Mubi LGA, Jilbu town; and in Cameroon

4. ‘a few hundred’ in Cameroon

5. Chadic: Biu–Mandara sub–branch A: Bata group
Source(s) Wade (1990)

Refs.

Survey: Dieu & Renaud (1983)

Zlogba – Dialect of west side of Mandara.

Westermann and Bryan (1952)

Zo = Mak

Zodi = Dot: see the Das cluster

Zogbeya = Kaiama: see Busa cluster t

Zogbme = Kaiama: see Busa cluster

Zomo – Less than 1000 south of the Cip language

area. No trace of such a population in modern times.

Zoo = Mak

500. Zora

1.B iZora

1.C uZora pl. aZora

2.C Cikobu, Chokobo

3. Plateau State, Bassa LGA

4. 425 (1936 HDG), 19 speakers (March 2016); ten settlements close to N10° 21.7, E 8° 50.6. About 3-4000 ethnic Zora.

5. Benue–Congo: Kainji: Eastern Kainji: Northern Jos group: North–central cluster

10. Hausa is the second language of the whole community and the first language of most of the population

11. Highly endangered; not actively spoken by the younger generation

Source(s) Blench (2003, 2016)

Refs

Wordlist: Blench (2015)

Zubakpna = dialect of Gbari

501. Zubazuba

1.B Gamazuba

3. Igwama, Mariga LGA, Niger State

Source(s) McGill (2012)

Zugweya = Kaiama: see Busa cluster

Zul = member of the Polci cluster

Zulawa = Zul – member of the Polci cluster

Zumbul – member of the Das cluster

502. Zumbun

1.A Jimbin

1.B Vina Zumbun

3. Bauchi State, Darazo LGA

4. 1,500 (LA 1971)

5. Chadic: West sub–branch B: Warji group

6. Wudufu (possible dialect)

Refs.

Comparative: Skinner (1977)

Zumper (not recommended) = Kuteb

Zumu – dialect of Bata: see the Bata cluster

Zungur = Gingwak, Bada: see the Jar cluster

Zuru – dialect of Lela

Zusu (Wipsi–ni Zusu) = Zuksun: see the Kag–Fer–Jiir–Kar–Koor–Ror–Us–Zuksun cluster

Zurubu = Vori

Zwall – member of the Shall–Zwall cluster

Zyemawa – only known from Temple (1922:

395,431) 240 in Bauchi Emirate. Perhaps Gyem?

The languages of Nigeria by language family

NIGER-CONGO

MANDE

- Central Mande
 - Sorko [?]
- Southeast Mande
 - a. Busa cluster
 - Bisā
 - Bokobaru
 - Boko
 - b.
 - Kyenga
 - Shanga

ATLANTIC

- Fulfulde

IJOID

- a. Defaka
- b. Ijo
 - i. Inland Ijo
 - Biseni
 - Akita
 - Oruma
 - ii. Izon
 - a. West
 - b. Central (North-East, North-West, South-West, South-East)
 - iii. Nembe-Akaha
 - Nembe
 - Akaha
 - iv. KOIN
 - a. KAKIBA
 - Kalabari
 - Kirike
 - Ibani
 - b. Nkorō

GUR

- Baatōnun

ADAMAWA-UBANGI

ADAMAWA

- a. Waja group
 - i. Wiyaa [=Wiyaa]
 - Tula
 - Awak

- Kamo
- Dadiya
- Bangwinji
- ii. Dijim-Bwilim
 - Tsobo
- b. Bikwin group
 - Burak
 - Loo
 - Mak
 - Tala?
 - Kyak
 - Moo
 - Leelau
 - Maghdi
- c. Longuda
 - Longuda cluster
- d. Yungur group
 - i.
 - Lala cluster (Yang, Roba, Ēbode)
 - Voro
 - Bəna
 - ?Shaama
 - ii. Mboi cluster
 - Gana
 - Banga
 - Haanda
 - iii. Kaan
- e. Kwa group
 - Baa
- f. Jen group
 - Dza
 - Mingang Doso
 - Joole
 - Tha
 - Kanawa?
- g. Mbum group
 - Laka
- h. Mumuye-Yendang group
 - i. Mumuye
 - Mumuye (North East and South West)
 - Rang
 - Pangseng
 - ii. Yendang group
 - a.
 - Maya (=Bali)
 - Kpasham
 - b.
 - Waka
 - Yendang
 - Yoti
 - c.
 - Teme

d.
Kugama-Gengle
Kumba

i. Vere-Duru
Vere
Momi
Mom Jango
Koma cluster
Gomme
Gomnome
Ndera

j. Leko group
Samba Leko
Pere
Nyong

k. Kam

UBANGI

Gbaya

KWA

Gbe cluster (Alada-Asento-Gun-Phela-Weme)

VOLTA-NIGER

Yoruboid
West
a. Yoruba
i. Central Ede (Ifẹ, Ijesha, Ekiti etc.)
ii. Okun (Yagba, Gbẹḍe, Ijumu etc.)
iii. South West Ede (Tsabẹ, Ketu, Ana etc.)
iv. North West Ede (Ọyọ, Eḡba, Ọsun etc.)
v. South East Ede (Ikale, Ilaje, Ijo-Akpōi)

b. Ọwọṛọ

c. Ulukwumi
East
Igalala
Southeast
Isekiri

Akpes cluster
Akpes, Ashe, Daja, Efifa, Esuku, Gedegede, Ibaram, Ikorom, Iyani

Akokoid
Arigidi cluster
(incl. Arigidi, Afa, Erusu, Ese, Igasi, Oge, Ojo, Oyin, Udo, Uro)

Ahan-Ayere

Edoid

a. Delta Edoid
Epie-Atisa
Eḡene
Degema

b. Southwestern
Uvbiẹ
Urhobo
Okpe
Isoko
Eruwa

c. North-Central
i.
Edo
Esan
Emai-Iuleha-Ora

ii.
Ghotuo
Uneme
Etsako/Yekhee
Ivbie North-Okpela-Arhe
Ososo
Sasaru-Enwan-Igwe
Ikpeshi

d. Northwestern
i. Southern
Okpe-Idesa-Akuku
Okpamheri
Oloma
Emhalhe

ii. Osse Group
Uhami
Iyayu
Ukue
Ehueun

Igbooid
a.
Igbo
Izi-Ezaa-Ikwo-Mgbo
Ika
Ukwuanj-Aboh-Ndonj
Ogbah
Ikwere

b.
Ekpeye

Nupoid
a. Ebira cluster
Okene-Etuno
Koto

b. Gade

c. Gbari
Gbagyi
Gbagyi Nkwa

- Gbari
- d. Nupe group
 - i. Asu
 - ii. Kupa
 - iii. Kakanda (Budon, Gbanmi-Sokun)
 - iv.
 - Dibo
 - Kami
 - Gupa-Abawa
 - v. Nupe cluster
 - Nupe Central
 - Nupe Tako

Ọkoid cluster

- Ọkọ
- Eni
- Ọsayen

Idomoid

- a.
 - Yace
 - Akpa
- b.
 - Igede
 - Etulo
- c. Idoma cluster
 - Agatu
 - Alago
 - Idoma Central
 - Idoma West
 - Idoma South
- d. Yala (Ikom, Obubra, Ogoja)

EAST BENUE CONGO

IKAAN

- Auga
- Ishe
- Ikaan
- Ikakomọ

KAINJI

- a. Reshe
- b. Lake
 - Shen [=Laru]
 - Rop [=Lopa]
 - Tsupamini
- c. Kambari
 - i. Kambari 1 cluster
 - Ashingini
 - Agadi
 - Avadi
 - Baangi

- Yumu
- ii. Kambari 2 cluster
 - Agaushi
 - Akimba
 - Nwanci
- iii. Cipu
- e. Basa
 - Rubasa (Basa-Benue)
 - Basa-Gurara
 - Basa-Makurdi
 - Basa-Kontagora
 - Basa-Gumna (†)
 - Koromba (Basa-Gurmana)
- f. Kamuku cluster
 - Hungwerye
 - Cinda-Regi-Rogo-Kuki
 - Sagemuk
 - Zubazuba
 - Rubaruba
 - Shyabe
 - Makici
 - Shama-Sambuga(†)
- g. Baushi
 - Fungwa
 - Rin
 - Baushi
 - Min
 - Wayā
 - Ndakə
 - Samburu
 - Rubu
 - Hipina
 - Gurmana
- h. Northwestern group
 - i. cLela
 - ii. Hun-Saare
 - iii. Kag cluster (= ut-Main)
 - Kag
 - Fer
 - Jiir
 - Kar
 - Koor
 - Ror
 - Us
 - Zuksun
 - iv. Gwamhi-Wuri
 - v. Damakawa (†) (?)
- i. East Kainji
 - i.
 - Bishi
 - Ngmgbang
 - Tsam
 - ii.

- Map
- iii. Northern Jos group
- a.
- Ningi cluster
- Kudu-Camo (almost extinct)
- Gamo-Ningi (Butu-Ningi†)
- b.
- Lame cluster
- Gyem
- Shau (almost extinct)
- c.
- Lere cluster
- Si-Gana (almost extinct)
- d. North-central cluster
- Izora
- Lemoro
- Sanga
- e. Kauru
- Gbiri-Niragu
- Vori
- Kurama
- Mala-Ruma
- Bin
- Kono
- Kaivi
- Vono
- Tumi
- Nu
- Dungu
- f.
- Ziriya (†), Kere (†)
- Sheni (almost extinct)
- g.
- Janji
- Boze-Lore-Panawa-Gusu-Jere-Ibunu (Jere cluster)
- Iguta
- Tunzu (=Duguza)

PLATEAU

a. Northwestern

- a. Kuturmi
- Obiro
- Ikryo
- b. Kulu
- c. Kadara
- Eda-Edra-Enezhe
- Idon-Doka-Makyali
- Ankwa-Ejiya [=Iku-Gora-Ankwe}

b. Koro

- a. Koro cluster
- Zar [=Ashe]
- Tinor [=Waci-Myamya]

- b. Nyankpa-Idū cluster
- Nyankpa-Barde [=Yeskwa]
- Idū
- Gwara
- c. Hyamic-Gyongic**
- a. Hyamic
- Shamang
- Cori
- Hyam cluster (incl. Kwyeny, Yaat, Sait, Dzar, Hyam of Nok)
- Zhire
- Shang
- Kurmin Dangana
- b. Gyongic
- Gyong (=Kagoma)
- Kamantam
- d. Ninzic**
- Ninzo
- Ce
- Bu-Ninƙada
- Mada-Nkɔ-Gbɔtsu
- Numana-Nunku-Gbantu-Numbu-Ninka
- Ningye
- Anib
- Ninkyop-Nindem
- Ayu?
- e. Beromic**
- i. Beromic
- Berom
- Cara
- ii. Iten
- iii. Shall-Zwall
- f. Central**
- i. Rigwe
- ii. Izeric
- northwest Izere
- northeast Izere
- Icèn
- Ganàng
- Firà̀n
- iii. Tyapic
- Jju
- Tyap cluster
- Tyap
- Gworok
- Atakar
- Kacicere
- Sholyo
- Kafancan
- g. Ndunic**
- Ndun
- Nyeng
- Shakara [=Tari]

h. Alumic

- i.
 - Toro
 - Alumu-Təsu
 - Akpondu (†)

- ii.
 - Hasha
 - Sambe (†)

j. Southeastern

- Fyem
- Horom
- Bo-Rukul

k. Eggonic-Jilic

- i. Jilic
 - Jili
 - Jijili
- ii. Eggonic
 - Eggon
 - Ake
 - Nungu

l. Tarokoid

- Tarok
- Yanƙam [=Bashar]
- Pe [=Pai]
- Sur
- Vaghat-Ya-Bijim-Legeri

m. Eloyi

- Eloyi

JUKUNOID

a. Yukuben-Kutep

- Yukuben
- Shibong
- Bete
- Lufu
- Kuteb
- Kapya
- Lissa?

b. Central Jukunoid

- i. Kpan-Etkywan
 - Kpan (Western: Kumbo-Takum, Donga; and Eastern: Apa, Kente, Eregba)
 - Etkywan
- ii. Jukun-Mbembe-Wurbo
 - a. Mbembe Tigong cluster
 - Ashuku
 - Nama
 - b. Jukun cluster
 - Jibu
 - Takum and Donga
 - Wase
 - c. Kororofa cluster
 - Abinsi

- Wapan
- Hone
- Jan Awei ?
- Dampar

- d. Wurbo
 - Shoo-Minda-Nye
 - Como-Karim
 - Jiru

Unclassified Jukunoid language

Akum

CROSS RIVER

Delta-Cross

Central Delta group

- a.
 - Abua
 - Ođual
- b.
 - Kuḡbo
 - Mini
 - Kolo cluster (incl. Kolo, Oloibiri, and Anyama)
 - Ogbronuagum
 - Obulom
 - Ochichi
 - Ogbogolo

Ogoni

- a.
 - Elemé
 - Tẹ
 - Ban
- b.
 - Kana
 - Gokana

Lower Cross

- a. Central
 - Anaang
 - Efai
 - Efik
 - Ekit
 - Etebi
 - Ibibio
 - Ibuoro
 - Itu Mon Uzo
 - Nkari
 - Ukwa
- b. Periphery
 - Ebughu

Enwang
 Uda
 Ibinọ
 Iko
 Ilue
 Obolo
 Okọbọ
 Orọ
 Usakade (in Cameroon)

Upper Cross

- a. North-South
 - Oring cluster (incl. Ufia, Ufiom, and Okpoto)
 - Kukele
 - Uzekwe
 - Ubaghara cluster (incl. Biakpan, Ikun, Etono, Ugbem, and Utuma)
 - Kohumono
 - Agwagwune cluster (also incl. Erei, Abini, Adim, Abayongo, and Etono II)
 - Umon
- b. East-West
 - Olulumọ-Ikọm
 - Lokaa
 - Nkukoli
 - Lubila
 - Mbembe
 - Legbo
 - Leyigha
 - Lenyima
 - Ukpet-Ehom
 - Agoi
 - Doko-Uyanga
 - Bakpinka (nearly extinct)
 - Kiọng (nearly extinct)
 - Korop

BANTOID

NORTHERN

MAMBILOID

- a. Mambila
 - Nor cluster
 - Mvanọ
 - Mbọngnọ
 - Somyev
- b.
 - Ndoola (Ndoro)
 - Fam
- c. Vute
- d. Tep

DAKOID

- a. Samba cluster
 - Samba Daka
 - Samba Jangani
 - Samba of Mapeo
 - Samba Nnakenyare
 - Samba Tola
 - Dirim
- b. Gaa (=Tiba)
- c. Dong

SOUTHERN BANTOID

a. Tivoid

- Tiv
- Abon
- Batu cluster (Amanda-Afi, Angwe, Kamino)
- Bitare
- Evant
- Iceve-Maci
- Iyive
- Otank
- Ugare

b. Buru

- Buru

c. Ekoid-Mbe

- Ndoe cluster (incl. Ekparabong and Balep)
- Ejagham cluster (also incl. Bendeghe, Northern Etung, Southern Etung, Ekin)
- Bakor cluster (incl. Nde-Nsele-Nta, Abanyom, Efutop, Nkem-Nkum, Nnam, Ekajuk)
- Mbe

d. Grassfields Bantu

- Dzodinka
- Lam Nso
- Limum
- Yamba

e. Beboid

- Bukwen
- Mashi
- Naki

f. Bendi

- i. Bendi
 - Bekwarra
- ii. Bete-Bendi

Obanliku cluster (incl. Basang, Bebi, Bishiri, Bisu, and Busi)	CHADIC	
Ukpe-Bayobiri		
Ubang		
Alege		
Afrike-Irungene cluster		
Obe cluster (incl. Obe, Mgbenege, Utugwang, Okworoṅung, and Okworoṅtung)		
Bumaji		
Bokyi		
g. Jarawan Bantu		
ʼBile		
Damlanci		
Mbula-Bwazza		
Mama		
Lame cluster (incl. Ruhu, Mbaru and Gura)		
Labir		
Shiki		
Kulung		
Jar cluster (incl. Zhar, Ligri, Kanam, Bobar, Gwak, Doorì)		
Dulbu		
Gwa		
Unclassified Benue-Congo languages:		
Fali (in Baissa area; virtually extinct)		
Kaura		
II. NILO-SAHARAN	WEST	
SONGHAI		
Zarma		
Dendi		
SAHARAN		
Kanuri-Kanembu-Manga		
Teda		
III. AFROASIATIC		
SEMITIC		
Arabic cluster		
Shuwa		
Uled Suliman		
Baggara		
BERBER		
Tamachek		
		Sub-branch A
		Hausa group
		Hausa
		Gwandara
		Bole-Ngas major group
		Bole group
		a.
		i. Kàrekàre
	ii.	
	Gera	
	Geruma	
	Deno	
	Bure	
	Kubi	
	Giiwo	
	Galambu	
	Daza	
	iii.	
	Bole	
	Ngamo	
	Maaka	
	Beele	
	b.	
	i.	
	Kwaami	
	Pero	
	Piya-Kwonci	
	Maghdi	
	Kholok	
	Nyam	
	Kushi	
	Kutto	
	Tangale	
	ii. Dera	
	A3 group	
	North	
	Ngas-Bəlnəŋ	
	Mwaghavul-Takas-Mupun	
	Cakfem-Mushere	
	Miship (incl. Doka)	
	Pan [=Kofyar] cluster (incl. Mernyang, Doemak, Kwagallak, Bwol, Gworam, Jipal)	
	South	
	Goemaic	
	Goemai	
	Chakato	

Talic	Polci
Tal	Zeem cluster
Koenoem	Zeem
Pyapun	Danshe
Tel	Lushi
Ywom	Dyarim
Ron group	Das cluster
South Ron cluster	Lukshi
Bokkos	Durr-Baraza
Daffo-Butura	Zumbul
Sha	Wandi
Kulere	Dot
Karfa	Zari cluster
Shagawu	Zakshi
Mundat?	Boto
North	Zari
Fyer	Guus-Zaar cluster
Tambas	Sigidi
	Zaar
Sub-branch B	b. Guruntum sub-group
Bade/Warji major group	Zangwal
Bade group	Tala
Bade	Ju
Duwai	Guruntum-Mbaaru
Ngizim	c. Boghom sub-group
Warji group	Boghom
Diri	Kir-Balar
Pa'a	Mangas
Sirzakwai (=Warjĩ	d. Jimi?
Kariya	
Mburku	BIU-MANDARA
Miya	Sub-branch A
Zumbun	Tera group
Siri	a.
Ciwogai	Tera (incl. Nyimatli, and Pidlimdi, Bura Kokura)
Zaar group	Jara
a. Barawa cluster	b. Hwana
Geji cluster	c.
Məgang [=Bolu]	Ga'anda
Geji	Boga
Pyaaalu [=Pelu]	Ngwaba
Buu [=Zaranda]	
Polci cluster	Bura/Higi major group
Zul	Bura group
Baram	a.
Dir	Bura-Pabir
Buli	Cibak
Langas	Putai
Luri (†)	Nggwahyi
	b.

Huba	Sub-branch B
Margi	
Margi South	Kotoko group
	Afaɗe
Higi group	Jilbe
Kamwe	
Kirya-Konzəl	Yedina group
Mukta-Hya	Yedina
Mandara/Mafa/Sukur major group	Unclassified Chadic language
Mandara group	Kofa
a.	Pidgins
Wandala cluster	Pidgin (including Nigerian English, English based)
(incl. Wandala,	
Mura, Malgwa)	
Glavda	Official Language
Guduf	English
Gava	
Cinene	Language Isolate
Cikide	Jalaa (=Cuŋ Tuum)
Dghwedɛ	Further unclassified languages
Gvoko	Dzuwo
b.	Kpwee
Lamang cluster (incl. Zaladva, Ghumbagha,	
Ghudavan)	
Vemgo-Mabas	
Xedi	
Mafa group	
Mafa	
Sukur group	
Sakun	
Daba group	
Daba	
Bata group	
a.	
i. Bata cluster	
Bata	
Bacama	
ii.	
Gudɛ	
Zizilivəkən	
Fali cluster (incl. Vin, Huli, Madzarin,	
Bween)	
iii.	
Nzanyi	
b. Gudu	

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