5 The languages of Wetar: recent survey results and word lists, with notes on Tugun grammar

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1 Introduction

To date, very little information has been available on the languages of Wetar. This study presents a current overview of the language situation on this eastern Indonesian island, using a lexicostatistical study to calibrate other information. The perspective offered here is quite different from what was previously known about the island. Also included is a brief sketch of Tugun phonology and grammar, as well as representative word lists from each of the five language groups, in order to provide data that otherwise are unavailable on these Austronesian languages.

The majority of the data for this study were collected on the island of Wetar, with additional data collected on nearby Kisar island, for two weeks in April of 1989 by the author, and colleague Lee Steven. Subsequent visits of three weeks each in June of 1989 and January 1990 by the author were spent living in a village in the Tugun language group collecting texts and data on morphology and syntax, as well as checking previous survey data. [These islands are identified on the map in the introduction to this volume.]

Wetar is located 60 km north of East Timor, in the south-west corner of the province of Maluku. It is a mountainous island roughly 95 km long by 30 km wide, with peaks rising to 1,430 meters. The total population of the island is just under 4,000, according to official government statistics (Kantor Statistic Propinsi Maluku 1987).

An attempt was made to visit every village that has a Wetar-speaking native population, and to elicit a 210-word list from the local dialects. Two of the twenty-three villages on Wetar are comprised entirely of recent migrants from Kisar Island that still use the Kisar language, and therefore were not included in this study.¹ The survey was carried out under a

¹ The Kisar-speaking villages of Neumatang and Arnau were not included in this study. Lurang village was completely deserted when we arrived, except one old woman who was either too sick or too afraid to come out of her house. The attempt to take a word list through the window failed. However, on a subsequent

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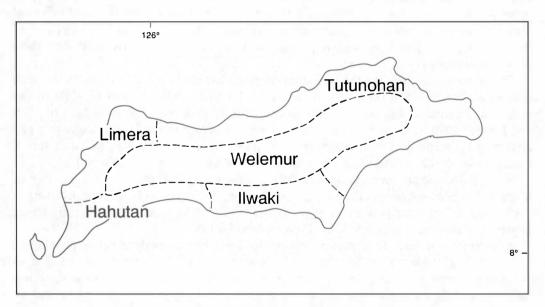
co-operative agreement between the Summer Institute of Linguistics and Pattimura University in Ambon, Maluku.

2 Previous studies

Previous works that have attempted to delineate the speech groups of Wetar or contribute to knowledge about them are discussed below. Wetar has been considered an Austronesian language with several dialects, classified into a larger 'Ambon-Timor Group' of languages (Esser 1938, Salzner 1960, Dyen 1965, Voegelin and Voegelin 1977). More recently, Blust (1977) places the languages of southern Maluku (including Wetar) within the Central Malayo-Polynesian subdivision of Austronesian.

2.1 Riedel

Riedel (1886) identifies five speech communities on Wetar: Iliwaki, Tutunohan, Hahutau, Limera, and Welemur. Included throughout his chapter on Wetar are numerous examples from the Iliwaki language. The following map shows the location of Wetar dialects according to Riedel:



Map 1: The dialects of Wetar Island, from Riedel (1886)

On the map above, a dialect called Welemur is shown to be located in the interior region of the island. During the recent survey, however, it became apparent that this group no longer exists as a separate dialect or language. Local officials and the local inhabitants report that no-one lives in the interior anymore. Finally, the head of Lurang village reports

visit in Jan. 1990, a word list was successfully taken, and it was explained that the woman was not sick as had been previously assumed, but had already passed away.

that the Welemur people have all been absorbed into the villages of Lurang, Ilwaki, and Ilputih, and no longer speak a distinct dialect.

2.2 Holle lists

"The Holle lists", published in 1980 (W.A.L. Stokhof, ed.) included a 1,400-word list from Wetar, plus some brief notes on the grammar. The list was taken in 1895 by W. Heldt, from the "Lir Talo dialect". Based on a comparison with the current survey results, this list came from what is presently called the Talur language group.

(1)	Gloss	Holle list	Talur	All other Wetar languages
	'house'	ита	umah	raha
	'we' (incl)	gita	gita	ita
	'yellow'	mara	mara	pola

2.3 J.P.B. de Josselin de Jong

The most significant work on a language of Wetar to date is de Josselin de Jong's *Studies in Indonesian culture II: the community of Erai (Wetar)* (1947), based on texts gathered during an eighteen day stay in a village on the west coast of Wetar. The book includes ethnographic notes, a brief sketch on some aspects of the grammar of the language found there, a 1,200 word dictionary, and transcripts of the texts with English translation.

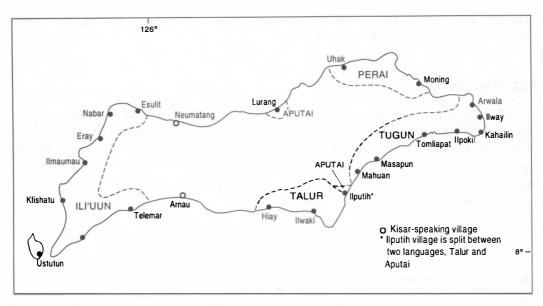
2.4 Salzner

In R. Salzner's 1960 Sprachenatlas des Indopazifischen Raumes (Language Atlas of the Indo-Pacific Region), Wetar is considered to be one language, and is divided into six dialects: Ilwaki, Hahutan, Limera, Tutunohan, and Welemur on Wetar island, and Galoli on E. Timor. He includes Wetar in the Ambon-Timor group. The significance of Salzner's map is the inclusion of a dialect of Wetar located in E. Timor, not found in any other work (see discussion under §5.1 below).

2.5 Voegelin and Voegelin

Voegelin and Voegelin's 1977 Classification and index of the world's languages includes Wetar in the Ambon-Timor group, following Esser (1938) and others. This work differs from Salzner (1960) in that Erai is included as one of the speech groups of Wetar, while Galoli is not.

During the recent survey, it became apparent that Erai refers to a village on Wetar in the Ili'uun language group (see Map 2), rather than a separate language or dialect.



Map 2: The languages of Wetar Island, 1989 survey

2.6 Wurm and Hattori (eds)

The Wurm and Hattori, eds (1981) map on the region that includes Wetar presents all the linguistic groups on the island as dialects of the same language, although they note "The differences between the dialects of Wetar are considerable, and there are numerous subdialects".

Wurm and Hattori's classification of these languages is as follows:

Timor Area Group	1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -
Timor and Islands Subgroup	19. A 19.
Wetar (dialects)	
Ilwaki	
Tutunohan	
Limera	
Hahutan	1.1.1.1.1
Welemur	

Figure 1: Classification of Wetar dialects, from Wurm and Hattori, eds

The dialect names above are the same as those used by Riedel (1886), except for a slight spelling difference (Hahutan vs Hahutau). The location of the dialects on both maps are also practically identical.

2.7 Taber

Taber (1990), in an overview survey of south-western Maluku languages, has tabulated the percentage of lexical similarity between word lists from the entire area, including one from each of the languages on Wetar. Taber places the languages of Wetar in what he calls the South-West Islands Stock, which includes the Wetar Family, the Kisar-Roma Family, the Luang Family, the South Damar Family, and the Teun-Nila-Serua Family.²

The data for Taber's study originally included a word list from only four of the five language groups on Wetar. The data therefore was not sufficient to obtain a clear perspective on where the present day speech community boundaries on Wetar are, or the range of variation between the dialects. In addition, the existence of a speech community living in the interior of the island was not confirmed (see discussion under Riedel above).

The present survey was proposed to obtain detailed information on the number, location, and range of variation of present day speech communities on Wetar, which was beyond the scope of Taber's study. The procedures and results of the present study are discussed in the following sections.

3 Procedures

3.1 Word list

A 210-word list was used in this survey, which includes most of the Swadesh 100 and 200-word lists. The list was translated into Indonesian and elicited in Indonesian/Ambonese Malay. Some of the items were excluded from the analysis after the survey was completed. Due to the confusion and hesitation encountered during elicitation, six words were considered unreliable for analysis.³ A seventh word 'bark' was excluded since it always appears as a polymorphemic lexical item consisting of the words for 'tree' and 'skin', both of which were elicited separately. The remaining 203 items were used for comparison.

3.2 Data collection

Care was taken to be sure all the word lists were elicited from native speakers of the languages who were also offspring of native speakers. Where possible, all the lists were taken in the villages on Wetar, although three were elicited nearby at the government district center.⁴ For most of the villages two word lists were taken as a check on the reliability of the data. Of the 38 word lists collected, 21 (one from each village) were chosen for comparison.

The opinions of the native population of Wetar concerning the language situation were taken into account, with a high degree of correlation between their reported information and the results of this study.

² In July of 1987, colleagues Mark Taber and David Coward of the Summer Institute of Linguistics conducted a language survey of the south-west part of Maluku, under a cooperative agreement with Pattimura University. Included among the word lists they elicited was one from Wetar (Ilwaki village). In addition, John Christensen, working on nearby Kisar island, elicited three of the Wetar word lists that were included in Taber's study. The final word list, as well as information on the location of the Wetar languages, was contributed by the author.

³ The words bangunkan 'wake up', jatuhkan 'drop', bulat 'round', bagaimana 'how', berbaring 'lie down', and mandikan 'bathe s.o.' were excluded. Their morphological and semantic complexity regularly caused confusion.

⁴ Word lists for the villages of Hiay, Mahuan, and Masapun were taken on Kisar.

3.3 Data analysis

In the analysis of the word list, words considered to be phonetically the same or similar were grouped together into the same cognate set,⁵ using the inspection method (Gudschinsky 1956), providing they also had the same or similar meaning. The computer program WORDSURV⁶ was used to compile the percentages of lexical similarity. The computer tabulated the choices made by the linguist to arrive at the percentage of lexical similarity for each pair of word lists.

4 A lexicostatistical perspective

Figure 2 below presents the percentages of lexical similarity between the word lists from Wetar. Two word lists are included from Ilputih village since there are two language groups living together there. Names in lower case on the chart are villages which the word lists represent.

4.1 Discussion of chart

In using the term 'language' I am referring to the distinct groupings in the chart. I have used the range of 75 to 80 per cent to determine the division between languages and dialects of the same language. Consequently, word lists grouping above the 80 per cent level were considered dialects of the same language.

The language division choices were also influenced by the opinions and reports of the native speakers of these languages, who consistently reported little or no intelligibility between the languages. Intelligibility testing (Casad 1974) needs to be done to verify the degree of intelligibility between groups that fall close to the language/dialect threshold, such as Perai and Aputai.

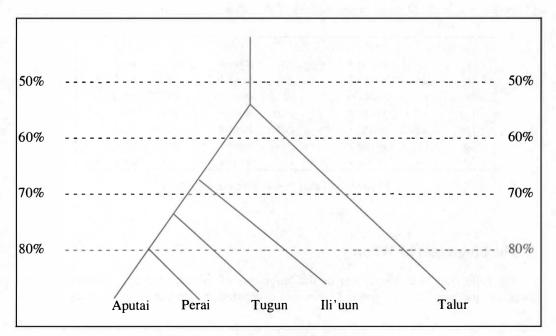
The figures in the chart in Figure 2 are all relative to each other. A researcher using a shorter or a longer word list would most likely come up with different percentages. What the chart demonstrates is the internal cohesion of what I call the Wetar Cluster (Perai, Aputai, Ili'uun and Tugun) as opposed to the Talur language. The figures from Taber (1993) also support these divisions. The split between the Talur language and the languages of the Wetar Cluster is graphically illustrated in the figure below, which is based on the percentages of lexical similarity:

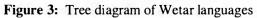
⁵ 'Cognate' is not an entirely accurate term for this study, since it implies a rigorous study of sound correspondences to determine genetic relationships and weed out borrowings.

⁶ John Wimbish's WORDSURV program (1989) greatly reduced the time and difficulty of comparing 21 lists. After the lists were entered and words grouped by the linguist into sets, it took under 60 seconds to finish the tabulations.

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Figure 2: Lexical similarity of Wetar word lists





4.2 Further evidence for the Wetar cluster

Further evidence of the split between the Wetar Cluster and the Talur language comes from sound correspondences between the two groups, and in the possessive construction. In the Talur language, intervocalic Proto Austronesian R is lost, while the other languages of Wetar reflect it as [r] (trilled or flapped):

(2)	*DuRi	'thom'	[ruin] [rurin]	Talur others
(3)	*ma-iRaq	'red'	[mea] [mera]	Talur others
(4)	*daRəq	'earth'	[rea] [rare]	Talur Tugun, Ili'uun, Aputai
(5)	*baqəRu	'new'	[heu] [feru] [heruŋ] [herun]	Talur Perai, Tugun, Aputai Ili'uun
(6)	*daRaq	ʻblood'	[raan] [rara] [raraŋ]	Talur others

The possessive construction for the two groups is also very different. Talur, like Galoli in East Timor, has a full set of possessive suffixes for certain body parts and terms of relationships. The other four languages of Wetar do not use possessive suffixes.⁷ Talur possessive suffixes are given below with the forms *mata-* 'eye', *ama-* 'father', and *ee-* 'leg':

		'eye'	1.1		'father'		'leg'
1s	ga	mata-k		ga	ama-k	ga	ee-k
2s	go	mata-k		go	ama-k	go	ee-k
3s	ni	mata-n		ni	ama-n	ni	ee-n
1 pi	gita	mata-r		gita	ama-r	gita	ee-r
1 pe	gami	mata-r		gami	ama-r	gami	ee-r
2p	mi	mata-r		mi	ama-r	mi	ee-r
3p	sia	mata-r		sia	ama-r	sia	ee-r

Figure 4: Talur possessive construction

5 The languages of Wetar

The following is a description of the languages of Wetar, including alternate names, location, and population figures. I have also compared the results of this survey with the

⁷ In Wetar languages, the final *n* of certain part-whole relationships like *ai-funan* 'flower' (lit. tree-flower), from PAn **buŋa*, may be a frozen 3s possessive suffix.

previous works mentioned above. The language names used reflect the current usage based on responses from the majority of the inhabitants I spoke with. As discussed above, the languages of Wetar fall into two major divisions, the Wetar Cluster (Perai, Ili'uun, Aputai, and Tugun languages), and the Talur language group.

All of the villages of Wetar are located on the coast, with garden plots scattered over miles of rugged mountainous terrain. The people practice swidden agriculture, with maize being the main crop. All of the villages on the island have accepted the Christian religion. In addition to the local languages, most of the people are also bilingual to some extent in the regional variety of Malay.

5.1 The Talur language

Talur is spoken in three villages on the south-central coast of Wetar (Hiay, Ilwaki, and Ilputih). Several alternate names are used for the language: Galoleng, Ilwaki, Lir Talo, and Ilmedu (Ilputih village). The total population is 675 (on Wetar, see discussion below). Hiay village is reported to be comprised mainly of immigrants to the area from Kisar who have learned the local language, and is therefore included in this population figure.

While in the Talur language area, I was told that the language was the same as the language spoken in East Timor in the region around Manatuto. This roughly corresponds to the Galoli language area shown in the Wurm and Hattori (1981) map of Timor. Salzner (1960) even includes Galoli as a dialect of Wetar located in E. Timor. An alternate name for the Talur language is Galoleng, giving further indication of a connection. Capell (1944) notes "...the language of Wetar is almost identical with that of the Galoli country in Timor..." (he assumed data from Ilwaki was representative of the whole island). Comparing data from Capell (1944) with data from this study, the two languages are 86% lexically similar. This Timor connection for the Talur language could explain why it is divergent from the language groups of the Wetar Cluster. Further data from East Timor is needed to clarify the relationship.

5.2 The Wetar cluster languages

5.2.1 Perai

Perai is spoken on the north-east coast of Wetar in the villages of Uhak and Moning. The total population is 278. Kisar speakers have intermarried with the people of Moning to the point where they comprise nearly 50% of the population. It is claimed that outsiders who marry into the group learn the local language. The people living today claim to be descendants of people who originally lived in the interior.

Perai does not appear in the maps of Riedel (1886), Salzner (1960), or Wurm and Hattori (1981). However, during the recent survey people all around the island identified Perai as a separate language. Elbert (1912) also was familiar with a group called Perai, living in the same area that Perai speakers occupy today.

Perai is most closely related to the Aputai language (79–80%), right at the threshold between language and dialect. Since the speakers consider them separate languages, I have classified them separately pending further research on intelligibility.

5.2.2 Aputai

Aputai is spoken in Ilputih village on the south-central coast of Wetar, and in the village of Lurang, on the north-central coast of the island. An alternate name given in Ilputih was Opotai. In the previous works, Aputai appears only in Elbert (1912). The population for this group is approximately 150, split between the two villages.

A trail connects the two villages, though it is more than a two day hike. Some of the residents of Ilputih were born in Lurang. In the last few years a gold mining operation has begun near Lurang, which may potentially cause significant changes in the area.

Originally the speakers of this language lived in two villages in the interior of the island. Prior to World War II they were moved to the coast, one group to the north, and one to the south. The people that moved to the south coast were placed with a village of Talur speakers. Consequently, many (if not all) Aputai speakers living in Ilputih village also speak Talur. This contact between the languages may explain why the Aputai dialect from Ilputih has a higher percentage of lexical similarity with Talur (average 57%) than the other languages of the Wetar Cluster (average 52%). The pattern in the figures of lexical similarity for Talur and Aputai suggests what Simons (1977) calls a 'pattern of convergence'. Talur being the dominant language of the area may explain why Ilputih Aputai shows a pattern of convergence with Talur in the matrix.

5.2.3 Ili'uun

Ili'uun is spoken in the villages of Telemar, Karbubu, Klishatu, Ilmaumau, Eray, Nabar, and Esulit on the western end of Wetar, and in Ustutun village on Lirang, a small island off the south-west tip of Wetar. The total population is 1400+. Ustutun is the most influential village in the area and the most progressive. Because of the extreme tidal range, the beach is used for boat repair by people from around the region.

In Riedel (1886), Salzner (1960) and Wurm and Hattori (1981), the present day Ili'uun language area was divided into the Hahutan and Limera dialects. On the lexicostatistic data alone, there is no basis for dividing the Ili'uun language into dialects today, though there may be other linguistic or social factors that would. Also, no-one I talked to was familiar with the names Hahutan and Limera. The village head of Telemar reports that there used to be three dialects in this area, Jeh, Ili'uun and Juru, but now all use the Ili'uun dialect. Ustutun is in the old Ili'uun dialect area, and being the most influential village on the west end of the island, it seems that the other dialects have converged with it or died out.

5.2.4 Tugun

The Tugun language is spoken in the villages of Mahuan, Masapun, Tomliapat, Ilpokil, Kahailin, Ilway, and Arwala on the south-east end of Wetar. The people report little or no variation between the villages, except for Arwala, which is claimed to have different intonation. Hunters use a special speech register, consisting of a limited set of unique vocabulary items which are only used in the interior regions of the island while hunting game. The total population for this group is 1200+.

The only alternate name, Tutunohan, comes from the earlier works of Riedel (1886), Salzner (1960) and Wurm and Hattori (1981). The Tutunohan dialect area included the present day Tugun language area, covering the region between Ilputih on the south coast,

the villages on the east end of the island, and the villages on the north coast to Neumatang. The results of this survey, however, show a completely different picture. Now there are three distinct language groups living in what was previously called the Tutunohan area. As for the name Tutunohan, I could find no-one who recognised it.

6 Notes on Tugun phonology and grammar

In June of 1989 and January of 1990, I was able to return to the Tugun area, and collected data each time for three weeks in several villages. The following is a brief summary of some aspects of Tugun phonology and grammar.

6.1 Phonology

Vowels: Tugun has five vowels: /i e a o u/. The vowel /e/ has allophones [e] and [ε]. The details of the distribution of [ε] are still unclear, though it always occurs before /r/ in a closed syllable: $\varepsilon \varepsilon r$ 'water', $t\varepsilon \varepsilon r$ 'ask'. The vowel u has allophones [u] and [u]. Following /m/, [u] is the allophone of /u/: $m \omega u$ 'banana', $m \omega m u$ 'machete' though only in a few examples have been observed at this point in the analysis.

Consonants: The consonant phonemes are given below. (See Appendix B for phonetic values)

		labial	apical	laminal	dorsal	glottal
Stops	vl	р	t	с	k	?
	vd			j	g	
Fricative	vl	f	S			h
	vd	v				
Nasal		m	n		η	
Trill Lateral			r			
Lateral			1			

Figure 5: Tugun consonants

The consonant phoneme /v/ has two allophones [v] and [w] which alternate with each other. Examples: *vatin* ~ *watin* 'place'; *vina* ~ *wina* 'my mother'; *vai* ~ *wai* 'big'. During elicitation, my main informant, a 45-year old male, gave the v-form first, and if questioned on the pronunciation, gave the w-form. A 15-year old informant gave only the w-form.

The phoneme lr/ tends to be trilled if it occurs word-final or in slow speech, and elsewhere is flapped. Glottal lr/l is of questionable phonemic status as it occurs: medially in only a few words, e.g. *nam ri* 'good' (but *namii* 'he dreams'), and *-i rai* 'cook'; in verb morphology (1pe *am r*, see §6.3 below); and before word-initial vowels, where it is non-contrastive.

6.2 Stress placement

In general stress falls on the penultimate syllable of words. In the following examples the stressed syllable is underlined: <u>nalun</u> 'food', <u>juun</u> 'find', <u>kaliran</u> 'spouse'. There are a few

exceptions, where often the aspectual clitics -e and -me shift the stress to the ultimate syllable of the root, e.g. mu-<u>falik</u> 'I will-return' but mu-falik-me 'I will-return-ASP'.

6.3 Personal pronouns

The personal pronouns are classified by number (singular or plural), by person (first, second, or third), and by inclusive versus exclusive reference in the first person plural. The free pronouns do not change form for different syntactic functions. ⁸

Tugun has four sets of subject agreement affixes on verbs, determined by phonotactics and mood. The relevant phonotactics are whether the verb stem is consonant-initial or vowel-initial. The mood distinction is between irrealis and realis. The various sets are given below:

	Free pronouns	C-Initial Irrealis	Realis	V-Initial Irrealis	Realis
1s	au	mu-	и-	mu-	<i>v</i> -
2s	00	om-	0-	om-	m-
3s	nii	ma-	Ø-	man-	n-
l pe	ami	am-	am-	am ?-	am ?-
1pi	ita	ka-	it-	kat-	it-
2p	mii	mar-	mi-	mar-	mir-
3p	hira	mar-	ra-	mar-	r-

Figure 6: Tugun pronouns and subject agreement forms

Duals with the free pronouns are formed by combining them with the numeral root for two *rua*: *ita rua* 'we (incl) two'; *mi-rua* 'you two'; *hira rua*, *hi-rua* 'the two of them'.

Duals in the subject agreement system are derived from the root for 'two' rua: ka-ru-'1du', ru- '3du'.

(7)	ka-ru-falik	'Let's us two return'
	ru-kefe	'two-carried'

6.4 Possessives

Possession is expressed by placing the personal pronouns (full or cliticised form) before the possessed object.

8	ldu lpe	first person dual first person exclusive	3s ASP	third person singular aspectual clitic
	lpi	first person inclusive	incl	inclusive
	•	first person singular		
	ls		lgs	languages
	2p	second person plural	vd	voiced
	2s	second person singular	vl	voiceless
	3p	third person plural		

(8)	аи тити	'my machete'			
	o-raha	'your house'			
	ni-ama	'his father'			
	ita ana	'our (incl) child'			
	ami raha	'our (excl) house'			
	hira vatin	'their place'			

The first-person singular bound pronoun has two forms, /u-/ and /v-/. For nouns beginning with a consonant, /u-/ is used. For vowel-initial nouns, /v-/ is used.

(9)	u-mumu u-raha	'my machete' 'my house'
	v-ama v-ina	'my father' 'my mother'

Possession is also expressed by using the verbal *ene* 'to own'. This follows the patterns described above for verbal inflection.

(10)	ni-ene mumu ge	'that's his machete'
	au v-ene	'[it's] mine'

7 Summary

Wetar has been a relatively little studied island in the past, and though the present study brings to light some significant advances on what was previously understood, much research remains to be done. The significance of this study is that it not only provides data that can not be found elsewhere, but it also provides a comprehensive survey of Wetar, covering every community on the island. Past literature concerning Wetar has given a much different picture on the languages of this island. Some of the differences may be explained in terms of migration or convergence, but most probably resulted from a lack of data originally. Five distinct groups are apparent from the survey data, and have been tentatively considered separate languages. Dialect intelligibility testing, as well as sociolinguistic research, would greatly enhance the understanding of the languages of this island.

Appendix A: Information on word lists

Word list number	Village name and (language)	Name of primary informant(s) (age)
1.	Moning (Perai)	Sakius (54)
2.	Uhak (Perai)	Iace Makesso (25); Y.S. Makesso (47)
3.	Ilputih(b) (Aputai)	Joseph Manuka (37)
4.	Ilputih(a) (Talur)	village head (60+)
5.	Hiay (Talur)	Otis Maunari (22)
6.	Ilwaki (Talur)	Octovianus Naharuik (62)
7.	Mahuan (Tugun)	Solemar Lutpuru (46)
8.	Masapun (Tugun)	Ismael Malali (46)
9.	Tomliapat (Tugun)	Soleman Lainjais (57); Karel Panrati (14)
10.	Ilpokil (Tugun)	Gerson Pakolay (33)
11.	Kahailin (Tugun)	Andanas Maumaja (22)
12.	Ilway (Tugun)	Samuel Samat (30); Thomas Unukoly (45)
13.	Arwala (Tugun)	Zekarias Sindjadje (30); Oktupianus Maukaut (38)
14.	Telemar (Ili'uun)	Pietar Maray (45); Jehudas Maehen (41)
15.	Karbubu (Ili'uun)	Moses Maia (46); Ingalina Maia (29)
16.	Ustutun (Ili'uun)	Lazarus Malau (40); Edward Maika (47)
17.	Klishatu (Ili'uun)	Abraham Mamonu (34); Set Makima (47)
18.	Ilmaumau (Ili'uun)	Domingus Malikang (18)
19.	Eray (Ili'uun)	Agustinus Debanse (34); Yesayaw Heruk (37)
20.	Nabar (Ili'uun)	Yan Mara (27); Benjamin Mamaga (47)
21.	Esulit (Ili'uun)	Samuel Magareng (15); Paulos Magumi (46)

Appendix B: Comparative word lists

Word lists elicited during this survey are reproduced below, with a description of the symbols used. Representative word lists were chosen from each language group as follows: Uhak (Perai); Ilputih(b) (Aputai); Ilwaki (Talur); Ilway (Tugun); Ilmaumau (Ili'uun).

[Editor's note: Since writing this paper the author has spent ten months living in the Tugun speaking area doing research on that language. He writes, "I know that there are no monosyllabic words in Tugun, and I suspect the same is true for the others. When I took the word lists, I was not in tune to vowel length, and didn't record it. Only after spending more time in the Tugun language did I analyse it as a sequence of like vowels." Since this is also true for languages in the wider region, monosyllabic lexical words (i.e. non-functors) in the following lists should be reinterpreted as having sequences of like vowels. E.g. /un/ should be assumed to be /uun/, /ron/ to be /roon/, and so forth. Word stress remains penultimate. --CEG]

Symbols

VV	Long vowels are marked by a double symbol.
v	Vocoid with tilda [~] diacritic is nasalised.
!	Stress in Wetar languages is generally penultimate. It is marked with
	an apostrophe preceding the stressed syllable where different.

Contoids

- p Voiceless bilabial stop
- f Voiceless labiodental fricative
- v Voiced labiodental fricative
- t Voiceless alveolar stop
- *d* Voiced alveolar stop
- r Alveolar trill or flap
- l Lateral
- s Voiceless alveolar grooved fricative
- c Voiceless alveopalatal grooved affricate

- j Voiced alveopalatal grooved affricate
- k Voiceless velar stop
- g Voiced velar stop
- 2 glottal stop
- h Voiceless glottal fricative
- m Voiced bilabial nasal
- *n* Voiced alveolar nasal
- η Voiced velar nasal
- w Non-syllabic /u/

Vocoids

- *i* High tense front unrounded vocoid
- e Mid tense front unrounded vocoid
- ε Mid lax front unrounded vocoid
- a Low central unrounded vocoid
- u High tense back rounded vocoid
- o Mid tense back rounded vocoid

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
English	root	tree	leaf	thorn	coconut shell
Indonesian	akar	pohon	daun	duri	tempurung
PAn ⁹	*(w)akaR	*kaSiw/*puqun	*DaSun	*DuRi	1.01 - 102
Perai	akar	ai	ron	ruriŋ	kanuruŋ
Aputai	ramuk	un	ron	rurin	suan
Tugun	akar	ahan	roon	rurin	tau
Ili'uun	aka	un	ron	rurin	taknuru
Talur	amut	un	ron	ruin	kanurak
Turur					
	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
English	coconut	banana	betelnut	rattan	bamboo
Indonesian	kelapa	pisang	sirih	rotan	bambu
PAn	*niuR			*quay	
Perai	nor	mũ	malu	иа	ulak
Aputai	nor	тũ	malu	иа	ulak
Tugun	noor	mũũ	malu	иа	ulak
Ili'uun	no	mũ	malu	иа	0
Talur	nõ	mu Iu	huru ron	ua	petun
					the state of the s
	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
English	flower	fruit	kind of grass	sago	hulled rice
Indonesian	bunga	buah	kusu-kusu	sagu	beras
PAn	*buŋa	*buaq			*bəRas/*pajəy
Perai	funaŋ	fuaŋ	leteŋ	kamariu	reha
Aputai	funan	fuan	nau	kamariu	rehar
Tugun	funan	fuan	nau	kambriu	paci
Ili'uun	hunã	huã	nau	kamariu	hala
Talur	hunan	huan	kli	kamdiu	papreas
Tului		, interv		Kumun	pupreus
	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
English	I. Contraction	you	we(excl)	we(incl)	sun
Indonesian	aku	engkau	kami	kita	matahari
PAn	*i-aku		*i-kami	*i-kita	*qaləjaw
Perai	au	0	ami	ita	leo
Aputai	au	0	ami	ita	leo
Tugun	au	00	ami	ita	leo
Ili'uun	au	0	ami	ita	leo
Talur	ga h	go	gami	gita	lelo
	0	0-	0	0	

⁹ [EDITOR'S NOTE: The comparative and historical notes found in this appendix are editiorial additions. The reconstructions are variously at the level of PAn, PMP, or PCEMP, and are found in the general Austronesian literature.]

	21.	22.	23	24.	25.
English	moon	star	water	rain	
Indonesian	bulan		air		stone batu
PAn		bintang		hujan	
r All	*bulan	*bituqən	*waSir	*quZaN	*batu
Perai	fulaŋ	tu	εr	usa	fatu
Aputai	fulan	asa	εr	usa	fatu
Tugun	fulan	tu	EEr	usa	fatu
Ili'uun	hulā	tu	е	husã	hatu
Talur	hulan	ada	we	usan	hatu
	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.
English	sand	island	land	cloud	wind
Indonesian	pasir	pulau	tanah	awan	angin
PAn	*qənay	*nusa	*DaRəq	uwun	*aŋin
1711	yanay	nusa	Danay		ayin
Perai	тоеђ	nusa	rere	kakaŋ	aniŋ
Aputai	тоеђ	nusa	rare	natas	anin
Tugun	moen	nusa	rare	natas	anin
Ili'uun	moē	nusa	rare	nata	ani
Talur	dadean	nusa	rea	natas	anin
	31.	32.	33.	34.	35.
English	sea	forest	mountain	fire	smoke
Indonesian	laut	hutan	gunung	api	asap
PAn	*laSud	*alas	0 0	*apuy	*abu 'dust'
Perai	lor	alas	uluŋ	aimoriŋ	mahun
Aputai	lor	ala	huhun	aimoriŋ	mahun
Tugun	loor	ala	utur	aimoriŋ	mahun
Ili'uun	lo	letẽ	otu	aimorin	mahun
Talur	lor	alas	huhun	aimorin	masun
Tului	107	uius	manun	uniorm	musun
	36.	37.	38.	39.	40.
English	ashes	hot	burn/roast	cold	night
Indonesian	abu	panas	bakar	dingin	malam
PAn	*abu	*ma-panas	*tunu	*ma-diŋdiŋ	*bəŋi
Perai	karono	pana	tunu	mohoŋ	sema
Aputai	alaman	panas	tunu	mohon	sema
Tugun	afun	pana	tunu	mohon	сета
Ili'uun	krahu	pana	tunu	ciri	heni
Talur	ahun	panas	tunu	nadin	henin
	41.	42.	43.	44.	45.
English	fish	bird		dog	flying fox
Indonesian	ikan	burung	egg telur	anjing	kalong
PAn	*Sika?ən	*manuk	*qatəluR	*asu	*paniki
Densi				ale	famili
Perai	meti	manu	telur	ahu	faniki
Aputai	meti	manu	telun	ahu	rego
Tugun	ika mati	manu	telur	ahu	faniki hiki
Ili'uun Tolur	meti i 2an	manu	telu telum	asu	hiki knj 2
Talur	i ?an	manu	telun	asu	kni ?i

	46.	47.	48.	49.	50.
English	louse	mosquito	rat	snake	tail
Indonesian	kutu	nyamuk	tikus	ular	ekor
PAn	*kutu	*ñamuk	*ka-labaw	*sawa	*ikuR
Perai	utu	karhoik	palaho	SO	ikur
Aputai	utu	utuŋ	palaho	sao	ikur
Tugun	utu	namu	laso	sao	ikur
Ili'uun	utu	sisi	laso	sao	iku
Talur	utu	пати	plaho	sau	i ?un
	51.	52.	53.	54.	55.
English	black	white	red	yellow	green
Indonesian	hitam	putih	merah	kuning	hijau
PAn	*ma-qitəm	*ma-putiq	*ma-iRaq		
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Perai	metaŋ	puti	mera	pola	mosoŋ ¹⁰
Aputai	metaŋ	puti	mera	pola	moso
Tugun	metan	puti	mera	pola	moso
Ili'uun	metã	puti	mera	pola	mosõ
Talur	metan	puti	теа	mara	moso
	56.	57.	58.	59.	60.
English	one	two	three	four	five
Indonesian	satu	dua	tiga	empat	lima
PAn	*asa / *əsa	*DuSa	*təlu	*Səpat	*lima
	usu / 85u	Duba	loiu	Japai	IIIIIa
Perai	hasa	rua	telu	aak	lima
Aputai	hasa	rua	telu	aak	lima
Tugun	hasa	farua	fatelu	fa ?aat	falima
Ili'uun	eha	harua	hatelu	ha?aa	halima
Talur	nehe	irua	itelu	inhat	ilima
	61.	62.	63.	64.	65.
English	six	seven	eight	nine	ten
Indonesian	enam	tujuh	delapan	sembilan	sepuluh
PAn	*ə n əm	*pitu		*siwa	*puluq
Densi		•.			
Perai	neŋ	itu	kau	sia	sanulu
Aputai	neŋ	itu	kau	sia	sanuluŋ
Tugun	faneŋ	fa itu	fakau	fasia	sanulu
Ili'uun	hane	ha?itu	hakau	hasia	sanulu
Talur	inen	ihitu	ihau	isia	sanulu

¹⁰ Compare Makassar moncoŋ 'green'.

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D	66.	67.	68.	69.	70.
English	twenty	one hundred	one thousand	all	many
Indonesian	dua puluh	seratus	seribu	semua	banyak
PAn		*Ratus	*Ribu		
Perai	felerua	para	riuŋ	tema	hoe
Aputai	felerua	atus	rihun	tatema	aru
Tugun	felrua	ratu	rihun	tatema	aru
Ili'uun	helerua	atu	rihuŋ	puhi	aru
Talur	ruanulu	atus	rihun	tatema	waĦ
	71.	72.	73.	74.	75.
English	big	small	long	short	near
Indonesian	besar	kecil	panjang	pendek	dekat
PAn	ocsai	Reen	panjang	pendek	*qadaŋi
I All					qadaiji
Perai	wai	tawai	poha	kapoir	katesi
Aputai	wai	kamais	poha	kapoir	karinik
Tugun	vai	anan	poha	poir	rani
Ili'uun	ai	ana	poha	poi	rani
Talur	waki	kenok	naru	padak	ranik
	76.	77.	78.	79.	80.
English	far	full	new	good	dry
Indonesian	jauh	penuh	baru	baik	kering
PAn	*Zauq	*ma-pənuq	*baqəRu		*kəRaŋ
Perai	so	репи	feru	eaŋ	geraŋ
Aputai	so	репи	feru	eaŋ	geraŋ
Tugun	<i>SOO</i>	репи	faferu	nam Xi	geran
Ili'uun	SO	penu	heruŋ	raja	gera
Talur	SO	penu	haheu	lalan	namgetun
	81.	82.	83.	84.	85.
English	to dry	no	this	that	here
Indonesian	menjemur	tidak	ini	itu	di sini
muonesian	menjemur	tiuak	III	nu	ur sinn
Perai	rinaŋ	tora	ge	ko	ge
Aputai	rinaŋ	tora	ge	ko	ge
Tugun	rinan	toa	ge	ko	gee
Ili'uun	rese	tora	ge	go	ge
Talur	re?ar	taik	ile?e	ilaa	ile?e
	86.	87.	88.	89.	90.
English	there	inside	above	outside	underneath
Indonesian	di situ	di dalam	di atas	di luar	di bawah
PAn		*Daləm			
Perai	ko	ralaŋ	otur	milaŋ	leŋ
Aputai	go	ralaŋ	sasiŋ	liur	pair
Tugun	koo	ralan	legar	milan	loin
Ili'uun	go	ralan	jela	kakeo	orã
Talur	ilaa	ralan	upus	tu?an	rea
			r		

	91.	92.	93.	94.	95.
English	in front	behind	edge	skin	meat/flesh
Indonesian	di depan	di belakang	pinggir	kulit	daging
PAn				*kulit	*isi
Perai	оеђ	tinaŋ	seriŋ	εlik	ihi
Aputai	oiŋ	tina	seriŋ	εlik	musan
Tugun	oe	tuan	seriŋ	ulik	musan
Ili'uun	õē	liu	seriŋ	uli	ihi
Talur	ain	tu ?an	serin	ulit	isin
	96.	97.	98.	99.	100.
English	blood	bone	fat	hair	body hair
Indonesian	darah	tulang	gemuk	rambut	bulu
PAn	*DaRaq	*duRi	0		*buluq
Perai	raraŋ	ruriŋ	mair	kuru	fuluŋ
Aputai	raraŋ	ruriŋ	mair	kuru	fulun
Tugun	raran	rurin	mair	kuroon	fulun
Ili'uun	rara	rurin	mai	kuru'ron	huluŋ
Talur	ran	ruin	po îur	gare'ron	hulur
	101.	102.	103.	104.	105.
English	head	ear	eye	nose	mouth
Indonesian	kepala	telinga	mata	hidung	mulut
PAn			*mata		*babaq
Perai	kuru ?atu	kiniŋ	mata	nunur	hafa
Aputai	ka?atun	kini ŋ	mata	nunur	hafa
Tugun	kuratun	kinin	mata	kunai	kanar
Ili'uun	karatuŋ	kini	mataŋ	kunai	กนึกนี
Talur	garenhatun	kina	matar	inur	hahar
	106.	107.	108.	109.	110.
English	lip	tooth	tongue	nail	foot
Indonesian	bibir	gigi	lidah	kuku	kaki
PAn		*ŋisi			
Perai	ipur	ni	na	kalusuŋ	luku
Aputai	ipur	ni	กลี	kalusuŋ	luku
Tugun	ipur	niin	naan	kilusu	lukuŋ
Ili'uun	ipu	ni	na	kalusuŋ	luku
Talur	ipur	nis	nanar	lumatan	en
	111.	112.	113.	114.	115.
English	knee	hand	stomach	neck	breast
Indonesian	lutut	tangan	perut	leher	susu
PAn	*luluj	*lima	*tian/*kə(m)pur		*susu
Perai	tarulu	lima	teŋ	genu	susu
Aputai	aturulu	lima	teŋ	genun	susu
Tugun	tiluru	liman	kanen	genuŋ	susu
Ili'uun	klulu	lima	kapuŋ	genuŋ	susu
Talur	laloun	liman	apun	nuan	susu

	116.	117.	118.	119.	120.
English	liver	face	faeces	urine	deaf
Indonesian	hati	muka	tahi	air kencing	tuli
PAn	*qatay		*taqi	*təDiq	
Perai	rumaŋ	oe	te	tarik	ри
Aputai	rumaŋ	0e	te	tarik	рил
Tugun	fua	oe	tee	tarik	ири
Ili'uun	ateŋ	õē	te	tari	рил
Talur	aten	ain	tek	sumer	par
	121.	122.	123.	124.	125.
English	blind	person	man	woman	husband
Indonesian	buta	orang	laki-laki	perempuan	suami
PAn	*buta	0	*maRuqanay	*bata	*qasawa
Perai	peke	aitopu	amene	afata	riu
Aputai	puta	aitopu	amaŋ	inaŋ	riu
Tugun	purur	aitopu	mamane	fafata	kaliran
Ili'uun	puta	atou	mamane	hahata	riu
Talur	puta	itopu	mamane	papata	soun
					100
	126.	127.	128.	129.	130.
English	wife	father	mother	name	grandfather
Indonesian	istri	bapak	ibu	nama	tete/kakek
PAn	*qasawa	*ama	*ina	*ŋajan	*u(m)pu/*laki 'male'
Perai	riu	ama	ina	пеађ	apulaik
Aputai	riu	ama	ina	neaŋ	apulaik
Tugun	kaliran	ama	ina	nean	apulaik
Ili'uun	riu	ama	ina	nēā	раил
Talur	soun	aman	inan	naran	tete
	131.	132.	133.	134.	135.
English	grandmother	elder sibling	younger siblin		uncle
Indonesian	nenek	kakak	adik	cucu	om
PAn	*bəi 'aunt'	hunun	*Sua(n)ji	*u(m)pu	
Perai	apufeik	20	ali	kapu	pani
Aputai	apufeik	po	ali	kapu	ори
Tugun	apufeik	рои роч	ali	kapu	pani
Ili'uun		noun	ali	-	lai
Talur	nene	poun	ali	peŋ pein	aki
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T-1	136.	137.	138.	139.	140.
English	aunt	friend	guest	rope	road
Indonesian	tante	kawan	tamu	tali	jalan *72/22
PAn		*kawan		*tali	*zalan
Perai	foi	kawair	panege	asar	sala
Aputai	foi	kawair	panege	asar	sala
Tugun	foi	talin	tamu	asar	sala
Ili'uun	hai	aliŋ	panage	tali	salã
Talur	pani	huwalan	panege	tali	salan

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	141.	142.	143.	144.	145.
English	boat	sail	machete	knife	rice mortar
Indonesian	perahu	layar	parang	pisau	lesung
PAn		*layaR			*ləsuŋ
Perai	loi	lar	perik	perik	kanehuŋ
Aputai	loi	lar	mũmũ	sihik	kanehuŋ
Tugun	loi	laar	mũmũ	perik	kanehuŋ
Ili'uun	loi ĩina	la	api'suŋ	mũmũ	knehuŋ
Talur	ro	lan	itur	sihit	nesun
	146.	147.	148.	149.	150.
English	rice stamper	salt	sugar	what	who
Indonesian	alu	garam	gula	apa	siapa
PAn	*qaSəlu	*ma-qasin 'salt	' y'	*sapa	*i-sai
р :					
Perai	alu	masiŋ	gula	hala	hari
Aputai	alu	masiŋ	gula	hala	ari
Tugun	alu	mahin	gula	hala	hari
Ili'uun	alu	masiŋ	gula	hala	hari
Talur	alu	masin	gula	la	se
	151.	152.	153.	154.	155.
English	where	why	how many	thirsty	bite
Indonesian	di mana	kenapa	berapa	haus	menggigit
PAn			*pija		
Perai	'oinume	oinala	fa dina	mata cu	
Aputai	lamei	alame	fa?ira fa?ira	mete er	popar
Tugun	oinumee	onihaala	fa'ira fa'ira	paro	laĥ
Ili'uun	aci'me	nohila	ha?ira	matroo	gaga
Talur	gamai	labe	ihila	mate e	kosa hi si
Talui	gumu	lube	inita	apro	hisi
	156.	157.	158.	159.	160.
English	drink	hungry	eat	see	hear
Indonesian	minum	lapar	makan	melihat	mendengar
PAn	*ma-inum	*lapaR	*ka?ən	monnat	mendengar
	ma mam	apart	Nu I BIT		
Perai	minu	hahi	тиа	gua	liuŋ
Aputai	minu	palar	тоа	паил	liuŋ
Tugun	minu	matlaar	тиа	сосо	liu
Ili'uun	rinu	kla	ra	000	liu
Talur	renu	apla	a ?an	roga	dahar
	161.	162.	163.	164.	165.
English	sleep	know	wake up	dead	swim
Indonesian	tidur	tahu	bangun	mati	berenang
PAn	*qinəp	*taqu	*[ma]-baŋun	*maCey	*naŋuy
Perai	ри	sasak	pono	mete	nani
Aputai	lole	nauŋ	pano	mate	nani
Tugun	nipuur	serek	pono	mate	nani
Ili'uun	rapu	nanau	panu	mate	nani
Talur	rena	nau	mesu	mate	nani

	166.	167.	168.	169.	170.
English	walk	sing	vomit	laugh	itch
Indonesian	berjalan	bernyanyi	muntah	tertawa	gatal
PAn			*ma-qutaq	*malip	*gatəl
Perai	akak	loli	muta	mali	gataŋ
Aputai	ahak	loli	muta	mali	gataŋ
Tugun	akat	sani	muta	mali	gatar
Ili'uun	raloa	sani	muta	mali	gatā
Talur	sole	loli	pura	mali	gatar
	171.	172.	173.	174.	175.
English	sleepy	child	sky	to fly	come
Indonesian	mengantuk	anak	langit	terbang	datang
PAn	0	*anak	*atas 'above'	Ū	*maRi/*mai
Perai	ferak	ana	mota	sopaŋ	ma
Aputai	pulir	anuran	mota	palia	ma
Tugun	ferak	ana	natas	sopar	maa
Ili'uun	hera	ana	nata	palia	ma
Talur	dukur	ana	natas	nemo	mai
	176.	177.	178.	179.	180.
English	stand	cough	spit	cry	dream
Indonesian	berdiri	batuk	meludah	menangis	bermimpi
PAn	*DiRi			*taŋis	*S-um-ipi
Perai	piri	koser	pita	nage	nami
Aputai	piri	koser	pik'pre	rage	rami
Tugun	piri	koho	pita aprei	kua	nami
Ili'uun	piri	koho	pita apre	kua	rami
Talur	apri	mahu	puituper	tanis	nami
	181.	182.	183.	184.	185.
English	pregnant	old	river	kill	sit
Indonesian	mengandung	tua	sungai	membunuh	duduk
PAn	*tian 'belly'				
Perai	koru	laik	oraŋ	eja	<i>tur</i> ¹¹
Aputai	kamutia	laik	oraŋ	ega	tur
Tugun	kapkorun	agin	pair	eja	tuur
Tugun					
Ili'uun	magutia	lai la?it	pai	eja	pasu adei

	186.	187.	188.	189.	190.
English	bathe	fall	give	speak	leech
Indonesian	mandi	jatuh	memberi	bicara	lintah
PAn	*diRus	jutun			
1711	diredo				
Perai	topur	mosu	ne	salaŋ	heti
Aputai	topur	fonuk	ne	oruŋ	makak
Tugun	topur	pole	nee	nihcalan	makat
Ili'uun	topu	pole	ne	соса	maka
Talur	rius	ledir	ne	teten	makat
	191.	192.	193.	194.	195.
English	thick	thin	sharp	rotten	shoulder carry
Indonesian	tebal	tipis	tajam	busuk	pikul
PAn	*kapal	*ma-nipis	*taZim	*buRuk	
Perai	magas	mis	taiŋ	роил	teruŋ
Aputai	tun	mis	nagan	fouŋ	fara
Tugun	kavar	miis	tain	poon	fara
Ili'uun	kabaŋ	mi	taiŋ	hõ	hara
Talur	tu ?un	mis	pre?at	hõn	san
D	196.	197.	198.	199.	200.
English	run	hit	wound	house	village
Indonesian	lari	pukul	luka	rumah	kampung
PAn	*laRiw	*pukpuk/*palu		*RumaH	
Perai	koe	£.		,	
	koe	fu kalu	mani	raha	ili
Aputai Tugun	huuk		maniŋ	raha	ili
Ili'uun		fuu kalu	maniŋ	raha	ili ili
Talur	ragarusu lai	hehas	mani	raha	
Talui	iui	nenus	mani	umah	ili
	201.	202.	203.		
English	brain	sweat	coral		
Indonesian	otak	berkeringat	karang		
PAn	*qutək	Gerneringut	Kurung		
	42.001				
Perai	gutaŋ	kamorah	kura		
Aputai	gutaŋ	kamemaŋ	kura		
Tugun	gutaŋ	kaneus	aur		
Ili'uun	gutaŋ	klema	krosa		
Talur	utak	kmeman	nele		

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