BIKSI

... the villages of [Biksi] were named as Kwutiye, Afene, Raru, and Rapre, all towards the headwaters of the Biake River.
- Laycock 1971:73, n. 4.

200? [speakers]
Villages: Afene, Kwutiye, Rapre, Raru [West Irian].
... A previously unrecorded language, spoken in unlocated villages towards the headwaters of the Biake River, west of the international border near Green River. The language appears to show distant connection with languages of the Middle Sepik Super-Stock, especially in lexicon and pronouns; but does not closely resemble any other language in the area. It is here classified tentatively, therefore, as a stock-level isolate within the Sepik Sub-Phylum. ...

200 speakers [in 1971]

The language called Biksi was recorded by Laycock in 1970, from visitors to the Green River patrol post, in the West Sepik District; their home villages are said to be located towards (or possibly south of) the headwaters of the Biake River, in Irian Jaya. (Conrad and Dye (1975) observe that 'The Biksi language area is said to extend for six day walk [sic] east of the border'; but this seems very unlikely, in view of current knowledge of the languages of Irian Jaya). ...

Two languages are spoken at the village of Biake No. 2, on the October River just east of the West Irian border. The men of this village speak Pyu, but many of the women are Biksi speakers from West Irian. (Some Abau speakers live there also.) Both languages are 0-3% cognate with all languages shown on the chart [Arai Family et al]. They are 1% mutually cognate, an indication that obtaining wives from Biksi villages may be a recent innovation. ... The Biksi language area is said to extend for six days walk west of the border.

+ 200 [speakers]
Villages: Mofiniap, Ameikum.
- Voorhoeve 1975f:52.
POP: +/- 200
LOC: On headwaters of Upper Sepik in Irian Jaya and PNG
VILLAGE(S):
Mofiniap
Ameikum
- Silzer & Heikkinen 1984:49.

200
LOC: On headwaters of Upper Sepik in Irian Jaya and PNG

**Biksi**: 200 speakers reported in 1978, at the headwaters of the upper Sepik River, Irian Jaya, Indonesia, and in Papua New Guinea.

Headwaters of Upper Sepik. Not in Papua New Guinea. ...
Extends from border to six days' walk. ...

**BIKSI (INISINE, BIAKSI)** ... 200 in Irian Jaya (1978 SIL); 200 in Papua New Guinea (1992 SIL); 400 in both countries. Headwaters of Upper Sepik, Jayawijaya Kabupaten, Kwiroy Kecamatan. ...

**BIKSI (INISINE, BIAKSI)** ... 400, including 200 in Papua New Guinea (1992 SIL); 200 in Irian Jaya, Indonesia; 1978 SIL). South of the Green River, and into Irian Jaya. ...
- Grimes 1996.


**BIKSI (INISINE, BIAKSI)** ... 200 in Papua New Guinea (1992 SIL). South of the Green River, and into Irian Jaya. Linguistic affiliation: Sepik-Ramu, Sepik, Biksi. ...

**(SUUKUBATONG)**
Border area near headwaters of Sepik River. Unclassified. May be same as Biksi or Pyu languages.

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BIKSI 400 Biksi (Grimes 1996, 2000)

BIKSI = ? SUKUBATONG Grimes 1992

BIAKSI = BIKSI Grimes 1996, 2000

INISINE = BIKSI Grimes 1996, 2000


Afene -- BIKSI Laycock 1971, 1973

Ameikum -- BIKSI Voorhoeve 1975, Silzer & Heikkinen 1984

Kwutiye -- BIKSI Laycock 1971, 1973

Mofiniap -- BIKSI Voorhoeve 1975, Silzer & Heikkinen 1984

Rapre -- BIKSI Laycock 1971, 1973

Raru -- BIKSI Laycock 1971, 1973

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