KURI

KURI (MODAN, NABI) ... 500 (1982 SIL). Southwest Bomberai Peninsula, along Nabi (Kuri) River west from Wandamen Bay, 16 villages. Linguistic affiliation: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Central-Eastern, Unclassified. Closely related to Irarutu. 'Nabi' is a name used by outsiders, 'Kuri' by insiders.

[MODAN]
(Modan of Kuri)

(NABI)
+ 550 [speakers]
Dialects: ?
Villages: Wagura, Sarebe, Naramasa, Taramanate, Nabi.
Comments: Modan is the name used by Galis (1955); Anceaux (1958) mentions Modan as an alternative name for the Wamesa dialect of Wandamen ... Nabi is very closely related to Irahutu ...
- Voorhoeve 1975f:54.

Nabi (Modan; Kuri)
POP: +/- 500
LOC: Along Nabi (kuri) River west from Wandamen Bay ...
VILLAGE(S):
Wagura
Sarebe
Naramasa
Taramanate
Nabi
16 villages listed
- Silzer & Heikkinen 1984:63.

(Modan; Kuri)
500
LOC: Along Nabi (Kuri) River west from Wandamen Bay
- Silzer & Clouse 1991:68.

Nabi: 500 speakers reported in 1982, along the Nabi (Kuri) River, west from Wandamen Bay, in the southwest Bomberai
Peninsula, Irian Jaya. Also called Modan or Kuri.


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- Grimes 1996.

\*(IRARUTU) \*

Irarutu is now spoken by an estimated 5000-6000 people. \... The 1971 census gives the following figures: Arguni sub-district 3000, Babo sub-district 2000. The two sub-districts \... cover all of the Irarutu speaking area except for part of the Nabi dialect area. A small number of non-local residents is included in the figures. \... The estimate given above takes into account the additional Nabi vilages and the steady increase of the population in Irian Jaya.

My informants distinguished seven varieties of Irarutu, mainly on the basis of lexical differences and differences in \... intonation, stress patterns, and speed of speech. \... The seven dialects are:
1. **Nabi**, spoken in the villages of Nabi, Rafideso, Werdadne, Owa, and Opu in the valleys of the Nabi and Kuri rivers and in Wagura and Sarebe on the Wagura river. The villages on the Nabi river seem to be bilingual. The second language spoken there was called Nanggwa by one of my informants. This name does not appear in the two existing surveys of Irian Jaya languages (Voorhoeve 1975, Barr and Barr 1978), but could be an alternative name for either Tandia or Mer, spoken to the east and south respectively.


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speed of speech. There are two locally recognised differences in the realization of segmental phonemes which in themselves are not sufficient to set off all varieties from each other. ... The seven dialects are:

1. Nabi, spoken in the villages of Nabi, Refideso, Werdadne, Owa, and Opu in the valleys of the Nambi and Kuri rivers and in Wagura and Sarebe on the Wagura river. The villages on the Nabi river seem to be bilingual. The second language spoken there was called Nanggwa by one of my informants. This name does not appear in the existing surveys of Irian Jaya languages ..., but could be an alternative name for either Tandia of [sic] Mer, spoken to the east and south respectively.

... 

Irarutu speakers themselves distinguish seven variants in their language on the basis of lexical differences and differences in rimia, a local term covering intonation, stress patterns, speed of speech, and differences in the realisation of segmental phonemes. The seven variants are:

1. Nabi, spoken in the valleys of the Nabi and Kuri rivers, and on the Wagura river. In the Nabi villages on the Wagura river also the Babo variant is spoken.

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Voorhoeve 1995:651. * * *
KURI est. 300 Capell 1954 (Kijne p.c.)
Salzner 1960
KURI Salzner 1960
KURI = MODAN Galis 1955-56
KURI = NABI Silzer & Heikkinen 1984; Silzer & 500 Unclassified (Grimes)
KURI 500 Unclassified (Grimes)

MODAN Galis 1955-56, 1960; Capell 1962
MODAN = NABI Voorhoeve 1975; Silzer & Heikkinen
1984; Silzer & Clouse 1991; Comrie 1992oo; Grimes 1992, 1996; Wurm
Grimes 2000
MODAN = KURI

NABI Capell 1962 (Anceaux)
NABI 550 Geelvink Bay SG-AN (Wurm & Hattori 1981)
NABI 500 Geelvink Bay S-G (Silzer & Heikkinen 1984, Silzer
& Clouse 1991, Grimes
NABI Smits & Voorhoeve 1992
NABI 500 Unclassified (Grimes
NABI = KURI Grimes 2000

JAOMINA = NABI Salzner 1960 (cf S&C)
TATUTA = NABI Salzner 1960 (cf S&C)
WAITA = NABI Salzner 1960 (cf S&C)

Dusnir -- ? MODAN Galis 1955-56
Harimanasi -- MODAN Galis 1955-56
Idora -- ? MODAN Galis 1955-56
Modan I -- MODAN Galis 1955-56
Nabi -- NABI Voorhoeve 1975, Silzer & Heikkinen
1984, Silzer & Clouse 1991
Nabi -- NABI IRARUTU Voorhoeve 1989, 1994
Namimori -- MODAN Galis 1955-56
Naramasa -- MODAN Galis 1955-56
Naramasa -- NABI Voorhoeve 1975, Silzer & Heikkinen
1984, Silzer & Clouse 1991

Opu -- NABI IRARUTU Voorhoeve 1989, 1994
Owa -- NABI IRARUTU Voorhoeve 1989, 1994

Rafideso -- NABI IRARUTU Voorhoeve 1989
Refideso -- NABI IRARUTU Voorhoeve 1994
Robideso -- NABI Silzer & Clouse 1991

Sarabe -- MODAN Galis 1955-56
Sarebe -- NABI IRARUTU & BABO IRARUTU Voorhoeve 1989
Sarebe -- BABO IRARUTU Voorhoeve 1994

Saserima -- MODAN Galis 1955-56
Sobrowara -- MODAN Galis 1955-56
Suga -- MODAN Galis 1955-56
Suga -- IRAHUTU Voorhoeve 1975

Taramanate -- NABI Voorhoeve 1975, Silzer & Heikkinen 1984

Tarot -- MODAN Galis 1955-56

Wagura -- MODAN Galis 1955-56
Wagura -- NABI IRARUTU & BABO IRARUTU Voorhoeve 1989
Wagura -- BABO IRARUTU Voorhoeve 1994

Warmagira -- MODAN Galis 1955-56

Werdadne -- NABI IRARUTU Voorhoeve 1989, 1994

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