SAWERU

(SAWERU)
300
LOC: On an island south of Yapen Island near Serui

SAWERU ... 300 (1991 SIL). Central Serui Island, Serui Waropen kabupaten, Yapen Selatan kecamatan, on an island south of Yapen Island near Serui. ...
- Grimes 1996.


Saweru is one of two languages in the Yawa family, and is spoken by an aging population on the island of the same name just southeast of Serui, off the island of Yapen in Cenderawasih Bay ...
- Donohue 2001a:340.

Saweru is one of two languages that form the Yawa language family, a non-Austronesian language group spoken by people living around central Yapen island, in West Papua ... Yawa ... is the larger language, spoken on mainland Yapen island by approximately / 6,000 people. Saweru is spoken by the older population of Saweru island, half an hour by boat east of Serui and south of mainland Yapen. Due perhaps to its proximity to the city, the language is not in a healthy state, and is not being acquired by younger speakers; there are approximately 150 speakers, out of an ethnic group of perhaps 300. Yawa and Saweru have not been demonstrated to be related to any other languages on mainland New Guinea, ...

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SAWERU -- d of YAVA (MAY BE SEPARATE LANGUAGE) Anceaux 1961
SAWERU (perceived by YAWA as separate language) Jones 1986
SAWERU 300 Yawa (?) (Silzer & Clouse 1991)
SAWERU 300 ISOLATE (Grimes 1996)
SAWERU 300 Yawa (Grimes 2000)
SAWERU Yawa (Donohue 2001a)
SAWERU 150 Yawa (Donohue 2001b)

Saweru -- TURU (2) Galis 1955-56
Saweru -- YAVA Anceaux 1961, Voorhoeve 1975
Saweru -- SAWERU Jones 1986, 1997
Saweru -- YAWA Smits & Voorhoeve 1998
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