

OVERVIEW OF THE LANGUAGE CLASSIFICATION

EXPLANATORY REMARKS

The classification is based on a lexicostatistical comparison of basic wordlists of approximately 100 items. The critical percentages used for the sub-grouping are:

- 100%-80% of shared cognates: dialects of one language
- 79%-28% of shared cognates: languages of the same family
- 27%-12% of shared cognates: languages belonging to the same stock
- 11%- 5% of shared cognates: languages belonging to the same phylum

When clustering of percentages within a family occurred, sub-families have been posited.

The following composite labels need explanation:

- Family-level isolate - a 'one-member family': the language does not share with any other language more than 27% cognates.
- Stock-level isolate - a 'one-language stock': the language shares at most 11% cognates with any other language.
- Phylum-level isolate, or in short: isolate - a language which on the basis of the data on hand cannot be included in any of the posited phyla.
- Stock-level family - a 'one-family stock': the language of the family do not share more than 11% cognates with any language outside the family.
- Phylum-level stock - a 'one-stock phylum': the languages of the stock do not share more than 5% cognates with any language outside the stock.

LIST OF LANGUAGE GROUPS

I : NON-AUSTRONESIAN LANGUAGES

- A TRANS-NEW GUINEA PHYLUM
- AA TRANS-FLY STOCK
- AA.1. Upper Maro and Morehead Rivers Family
- AA.1.a Yey Sub-Family
- b Tonda Sub-Family
- c Moraori Sub-Family
- AB MARIND STOCK
- AB.1 Boazi Family
- 2 Marind Family
- 3 Yaqay Family

AC YELMEK-MAKLEW (OR BULAKA RIVER) STOCK-LEVEL FAMILY
 AD KOLOPOM (OR FREDERIK HENDRIK ISLAND) STOCK-LEVEL FAMILY
 AE KAYAGAR STOCK-LEVEL FAMILY
 AF CENTRAL AND SOUTH NEW GUINEA STOCK
 AF.1 Ok Family
 AF.1.a Mountain Ok Sub-Family
 b Lowland Ok Sub-Family
 AF.2 Awyu-Dumut Family
 AF.2.a Dumut Sub-Family
 b Awyu Sub-Family
 c Sawuy Sub-Family Level Isolate
 AF.3 Mombum Family
 AF.4 Asmat-Kamoro Family
 AF.5 Somahai Family-Level Isolate
 AG MAIRASI-TANAHMERAH STOCK
 AG.1 Mairasi Family
 2 Tanahmerah Family-Level Isolate
 AH WEST BOMBERAI STOCK
 AH.1 West Bomberai Family
 2 Karas Family-Level Isolate
 AJ MOR STOCK-LEVEL ISOLATE
 AK SOUTH BIRD'S HEAD (OR VOGELKOP) STOCK
 AK.1 South Bird's Head (or Vogelkop) Family
 AK.1.a Eastern Sub-Family
 b Central Sub-Family
 c Western Sub-Family
 AK.2 Inanwatan Family
 AK.3 Konda-Yahadian Family
 AL WISSEL LAKES - KEMANDOGA STOCK
 AL.1 Ekagi-Wodani-Moni Family
 2 Uhunduni Family-Level Isolate
 AM DANI - KWERBA STOCK
 AM.1 Great Dani Family
 AM.1.a Dani Sub-Family
 b Ngalik-Nduga Sub-Family
 c Wano Sub-Family Level Isolate
 AM.2 Kwerba Family
 AM.3 Samarokena Family-Level Isolate
 AM.4 Saberi Family-Level Isolate
 AN TOR-LAKE PLAIN STOCK
 AN.1 Tor Family
 2 Turu Family-Level Isolate

3 Central Lake Plain Family
 4 East Lake Plain Family
 5 Mawes Family-Level Isolate
 6 Uria Family-Level Isolate
 AO NIMBORAN STOCK-LEVEL FAMILY
 AP SENTANI STOCK
 AP.1 Sentani Family
 2 Demta Family-Level Isolate
 AQ BORDER STOCK
 AQ.1 Taikat Family
 2 Waris Family
 AR SENAGI STOCK-LEVEL FAMILY
 AS PAUWASI STOCK
 AS.1 Western Family
 AS.2 Eastern Family
 AT KAURE STOCK
 AT.1 Kaure Family
 2 Sause Family-Level Isolate
 3 Kapori Family-Level Isolate
 AU MORWAP STOCK-LEVEL ISOLATE
 AV MOLOF STOCK-LEVEL ISOLATE
 AW USKU STOCK-LEVEL ISOLATE
 AX TOFAMNA STOCK-LEVEL ISOLATE
 AY DEM STOCK-LEVEL ISOLATE
 AZ GOLIATH STOCK-LEVEL FAMILY

 B WEST PAPUAN PHYLUM
 BA WEST BIRD'S HEAD STOCK-LEVEL FAMILY
 BB CENTRAL BIRD'S HEAD STOCK
 BB.1 North Bird's Head Family
 2 Central Bird's Head Family
 BC AMBERBAKEN STOCK-LEVEL ISOLATE
 BD BORAI-HATTAM STOCK-LEVEL FAMILY

 CA EAST BIRD'S HEAD PHYLUM-LEVEL STOCK
 CA.1 Meax Family
 2 Manton Family-Level Isolate

 D GEELVINK BAY PHYLUM
 DA YAVA STOCK-LEVEL ISOLATE
 DB EAST GEELVINK BAY STOCK-LEVEL FAMILY

EA SKO PHYLUM-LEVEL STOCK
EA.1 Sko Family

FA KWOMTARI PHYLUM-LEVEL STOCK
FA.1 Pyu Family-Level Isolate

G SEPIK-RAMU PHYLUM
GA BIKSI STOCK-LEVEL ISOLATE

H WARENBORI ISOLATE

J TAURAP ISOLATE

K PAUWI ISOLATE

II : AUSTRONESIAN LANGUAGES

No further sub-grouping has been attempted in this volume.