

AMANAB

2. Amanab 2,674
- Loving & Bass 1964:1.

In the Dera (Border) Census Division the village of Mambruk (Bambol) speaks the **Amanab** language which is unrelated to the **Kamberataro** language spoken by the other villages in this census division.

- Loving & Bass 1964:7.

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Yafar may be considered the reciprocal of Anggor: it is the term which the Anggor employ to designate the villagers of the Amanab vicinity, who are their most important linguistic neighbors. The Yafar language is referred to as Amanab in Loving and Bass (1964), as well as in a more recent ethnographic report by Bernard Juillerat (Juillerat 1972). It is the largest language of the Border Mounains region, numbering 2,674 speakers in 1964; it is also part of the largest language grouping identified in the Amanab sub-district, the Waris family (Loving and Bass 1964). ... no less than six Anggor villages lie adjacent to Yafar territory along the full extent of the twenty to twenty-five mile linguistic frontier. As this area is relatively densely populated, interaction between villagers of the two languages is intense. ...

- Huber 1973:39.

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3354 [speakers]

Villages: Bambol ..., Aheri, Akraminag, Aurump, Bahariag, Bipan, Einokneri, Iafar No. 1, Iafar No. 2, Iafar No. 3, Ibagum, Ifigeri, Iframinag, Ivieg, Kabaineri, Oweniak, Petaineri No. 1, Petaineri No. 2, Seraminag, Waineri, Wamaru, Wofneri, Wogineri, Yumor No. 1, Yumor No. 2 ..., Yuwero [West Irian].

- Laycock 1973a:47.

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Amanab is spoken by about 3,400 people living between the border and the middle Bapi River, south of the Waina area.

- Voorhoeve 1975b:416.

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[villages:

Bibiari

Ibagum

- Benfante 1980:30.

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[Map]

Amanab -- AMANAB
Naineri -- AMANAB
- Wurm & Hattori 1981

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In 1973 Laycock published a preliminary classification of the languages of the Sepik area. ... The languages assigned by Laycock to the Waris family are as follows: Manem, Senggi, Waris, Waina-Sowanda, Daonda, Simog and Amanab. ... Amanab lies further to the south [than Waina-Sowanda] and seems to have only a few speakers on the Indonesian side. ...

- Seiler 1985:3.

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The Amanab language is spoken by 3500 speakers living in the Amanab Sub-District of the West Sepik Province. ... Their location on a map will be found between the coordinates of 141 3' - 141 18' east longitude and 3 28' - 3 38' south latitude. ... They are bordered on the north by the Sowanda language, on the north-east by the Baibai language, on the east by the Kwomtari language, on the south-east by the Nagatman language, on the south by the Anggor language, on the north-west and west by the Kamberataro language. The Amanab language is a non-Austronesian language of the Trans-New Guinea Phylum, Border-Tor Lake sub-phylum, border stock, Bewani family according to Laycock's classification but Waris family according to the Loving-Bass classification.

- Minch & Minch 1988 Ts:2.

[villages shown on map]

Kwofinyou
Nainari
Kabrineri
Petaineri
Muwaineri
Yafar
Wameru
Bipan
Wogineri
Aheri
Seraminag
Waineri
Ifaminag
Ifigeri
Amanab
Wofneri
Arump
Ifieg
Masineri
Nai
Mouri

Awaniak
Nambaineri
Yumor
Akamanag

- Minch & Minch 1988 Ts:Map.

The Amanab language is spoken by 3500 speakers living in about 33 villages in the Amanab Sub-district of the Sandaun (West Sepik) Province of Papua New Guinea. The location is between the coordinates of 141°3' and 141°18' east longitude and 3°28' and 3°38' south latitude, an area of approximately 308 square miles.

Amanab is bordered on the north by the Sowanda language, on the north-east by the Baibai language, on the east by the Kwomtari language, on the south-east by the Nagatman language, on the south by the Anggor language, and on the south-west and west by the Kamberatoro language.

Wurm (1982) classifies the Amanab language as a Papuan language of the Trans-New Guinea Phylum ... It is listed as a member of the Border stock and belonging to the Waris language family.

There are three dialects within the language. They may be generally identified as Northern, Western, and Eastern. The Western and Eastern dialects are lexically closer to each other. ... The Northern dialect has significantly less speakers and is more closely related to the Western dialect than the Eastern one.

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- Minch 1992:105.

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Amanab: 6,800 speakers reported in 1982, with 4,000 in Amanab District, West Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea, and 2,800 in Irian Jaya, Indonesia.

- Comrie 1992cc:127.

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AMANAB ... 4,000 in Papua New Guinea (1982 SIL); 2,800 in Irian Jaya, Indonesia (1975 SIL); 6,800 total. Sandaun Province, Amanab District. ...

- Grimes 1992:811.

AMANAB ... 4,000 (1982 SIL). Sandaun Province, Amanab District. Not in Irian Jaya. ...

- Grimes 1996.

AMANAB ... 4,000 (1982 SIL). Sandaun Province, Amanab District. Not in Irian Jaya. Linguistic affiliation: Trans-New Guinea, Northern, Border, Waris. ...

- Grimes 2000.

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(Yafar)

... les Yafar, une société de 200 habitants des Border Mountains

(Sepik occidental), ...
- Juillerat 1982:287.

Autour de la station administrative d'Amanab, située à environ 350 m d'altitude au coeur des Border Mountains, vivent les Eri (êêr(i); Amanab pour l'administration), au nombre d'environ 3 5000, résidant dans quelque 38 hameaux. ... les Yafar, communauté d'un peu plus de 200 personnes ...
- Juillerat 1983:3.

La langue amanab ... est une langue non austronésienne parlée par 3 500 locuteurs (Border Stock, Trans-New-Guinea [sic] Phylum: cf. Laycock, 1975 et Wurm & Hattori, 1981).
- Juillerat 1985:4.

[The society which is the subject of his study, the Yafar, speak a non-Austronesian language, Amanab ..., the most important numerically in the Border Mountains and the centermost of the Border Stock (Laycock 1975) ... Linguistic limitations do not constitute a social barrier preventing exchange and marriages. There is occasional limited biligualism, most particularly among the women married in from other groups and among their near consanguines and allies. ... Amanab has various dialects, but they do not impede inter-comprehension. The greatest contrast is between the Eri to the south-east and those of the north-east, the Yafar living in this last region.

I acknowledge the term Amanab (a corruption of the place name Amaraf, where an administrative post was established in 1960) for the language name, but I prefer to use the term which the people use, Eri (meaning "person" or "man"), ...]
- Juillerat 1986:22.

[Map]
Aynunkneri
BABUK
BEFAN
Gefayneri
KUMWAAG
Muwagneri
NAYNERI
Potayneri
WAMURU
YAFAR

- Juillerat 1986:23.

The group we will be studying, the Yafar, speak a non-Austronesian language, Amanab ...

I have retained the term Amanab (a deformation of the toponym Amaraf, referring to the clearing in which the patrol post / was built in 1960) in speaking of the language, but I prefer to designate the speakers by the term, Eri (êri, 'person',

'human') ...

- Juillerat 1996:xxv-xxvi.

From the outset the Administration dropped the village names in favour of tribal names, and simply numbered the hamlets when there were several for one society. This practice was adopted by the inhabitants themselves, with the result that the toponyms or former village names have all but fallen into disuse.

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- Juillerat 1996:xxvi.

[Map 2]

Aynunkneri

BABUK

BEFAN

Gefayneri

KUMWAAG

Muwagneri

NAYNERI

Potayneri

WAMURU

YAFAR

- Juillerat 1996:xxvi.

In 1986, the Amanab language was spoken by about 3,800 speakers in the Amanab District of West Sepik Province, in the Border Mountains. ... With the neighbouring Waina language, it is the southernmost and most important language of the Waris family and of the Border stock; to the south, the Anggor and Dera languages are completely different, as are the languages of the upper-Sepik plain, to the east.

- Juillerat n.d.:2.

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AMANAB	2,674	Loving & Bass 1964
AMANAB	2,700	Wurm 1971
AMANAB	2,674	Waris (Huber 1973 [Loving & Bass])
AMANAB	3,354	Waris (Laycock 1973, Wurm & Hattori 1981, Wurm
AMANAB	3,400	Voorhoeve 1975
AMANAB		Benfante 1980
AMANAB	3,500	Juillerat 1983, 1985
AMANAB	3,500	Bewani/Waris (Minch &
AMANAB	3,500	Waris (Minch 1992)
AMANAB	6,800 (1982)	Comrie 1992cc
AMANAB	6,800	Waris (Grimes 1992, Wurm 1994)
AMANAB	4,000	Waris (Grimes 1996, 2000)
AMANAB	4,000	Juillerat 1996
AMANAB	3,800	Juillerat n.d.
AMANAB = ERI (OWN name)		Juillerat 1986, 1996
ERI = AMANAB		Juillerat 1983
ERI		Juillerat 1986, 1996
YAFAR = AMANAB (ANGGOR name)		Huber 1973
YAFAR -- AMANAB		Juillerat 1986, 1996
IPELEMENAK = ? AMANAB		Laycock 1973
Aheri -- AMANAB		Laycock 1973, Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
Akamanag -- AMANAB		Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
Akaminag -- AMANAB		Minch & Minch 1988
Akraminag -- AMANAB		Laycock 1973
Amanab -- AMANAB		Wurm & Hattori 1981, Minch & Minch 1988 Ts; Juillerat 1986, 1996
Amanaf -- AMANAB		Juillerat 1986
Amaraf -- AMANAB		Juillerat 1996
Arump -- AMANAB		Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
Aurump -- AMANAB		Laycock 1973
Awaniak -- AMANAB		Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
Aynunkneri -- AMANAB		Juillerat 1986, 1996
Einokneri -- AMANAB		Laycock 1973
BABUK -- AMANAB		Juillerat 1986, 1996

Bahariag -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973
Bambol -- AMANAB	Loving & Bass 1964, Laycock 1973
BEFAN -- AMANAB	Juillerat 1986, 1996
Bibiari -- AMANAB	Benfante 1980
Bipan -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973, Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
Gefayneri -- AMANAB	Juillerat 1986, 1996
Iafar -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973
Yafar - AMANAB	Juillerat 1986, 1996; Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
Yumor -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973, Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
Yuwero -- AMANAB	Loving & Bass 1964, Laycock 1973
Ibagum -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973, Benfante 1980
Ifaminag -- AMANAB	Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
Iframinag -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973
Ifieg -- AMANAB	Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
Ivieg -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973
Ifigeri -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973, Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
Kabaineri -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973
Kabrineri -- AMANAB	Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
KUMWAAG -- AMANAB	Juillerat 1986, 1996
Kwofinau -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973
Kwofinyou -- AMANAB	Winch & Winch 1988 Ts
Mambruk = Bambol -- AMANAB	Loving & Bass 1964
Masineri -- AMANAB	Loving & Bass 1964, Laycock 1973,
Mouri -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973, Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
Muwagneri -- AMANAB	Juillerat 1986, 1996
Muwaineri -- AMANAB	Loving & Bass 1964, Laycock 1973,
Nai -- AMANAB/ANGGOR	Laycock 1973
Nai 2 -- AMANAB	Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
Nainari -- AMANAB	Minch & Minch 1988 Ts

Naineri -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973, Wurm & Hattori 1981
Nayneri -- AMANAB	Juillerat 1996
Nambaineri -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973, Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
NAYNERI -- AMANAB	Juillerat 1986, 1996
Oweniak -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973
Petaineri -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973, Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
Potayneri -- AMANAB	Juillerat 1986, 1996
Seraminag -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973, Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
Waineri -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973, Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
Wamaru -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973
Wameru -- AMANAB	Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
WAMURU -- AMANAB	Juillerat 1986, 1996
Wofneri -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973, Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
Wogineri -- AMANAB	Laycock 1973, Minch & Minch 1988 Ts
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