

# PROTO-BANDANIC GLOSSARY

## A

**aba** - what  
**-ad-** - repetitive action infix  
**adak** - ask  
**aʔe** - future tense  
**-aer-** - sustained action infix  
**afui** - fire  
**afuit** - war  
**-ak-** - progressive action infix  
**-al-** - quick action infix  
**alaʔo** - forest  
**ama** - father  
**ansa** - sibling, opposite sex  
**ansama** - sister of the father  
**ansi** - younger sibling, same sex  
**ansihama** - younger brother of father  
**ansihina** - younger sister of mother  
**ansindu** - brother of mother  
**anu** - smell  
**asu** - dog  
**atware** - fly  
**aʔu** - I  
**au** - me

## B

**baduile** - open  
**bae** - where  
**baembe** - goat  
**bafui** - pig  
**bakuk** - lie  
**bale** - bungalow  
**baleat** - weight  
**balise** - garlic, onion  
**baluine** - wing  
**bat** - woman  
**bata** - read  
**batu** - stone  
**beadu** - new  
**beante** - shadow, reflex, image

**beatnu** - bamboo  
**bek** - go  
**bekaʔ** - send  
**bekea** - way  
**beklu** - cripple  
**belabu** - rat  
**belu** - friend  
**benowe** - earth, land  
**bera** - if  
**beras** - rice  
**bere** - give  
**besea** - all  
**beu** - to  
**beu dama** - into  
**beu tam** - forward  
**beudit** - backward  
**bewar** - off  
**biʔa** - well  
**bida** - how many  
**bida** - how much  
**bindun** - star  
**binek** - after  
**biya** - good  
**boke** - but  
**boler** - turn, spin  
**bolu** - hair  
**bonsen** - lay down  
**bowe** - fruit  
**braku** - boat  
**buduk** - colour, paint  
**bukure** - mountain  
**bulan** - moon  
**buna** - flower

## D

**da-** - they (verbal prefix)  
**da** - many, much  
**daʔ** - trust  
**daha** - blood  
**daliŋa** - ear  
**damal** - light (n.)

**damea** - belly  
**damkantu** - stomach  
**damok** - bury  
**dano** - lake  
**dansa** - above  
**daʔon** - leaf  
**datu** - chief  
**daye** - land, country  
**deak** - break  
**delak** - wedding, marry  
**deṅar** - listen  
**direk** - stand  
**dourin** - thorn  
**dowe** - two  
**duim** - try, taste  
**duintik** - mark, sign

## E

**emale** - taboo, forbidden  
**embu** - grandparent, ancestor, master  
**ensa** - thing  
**ensali** - finger  
**esae** - one  
**esaeʔana** - sex, copulate  
**esaet** - unite  
**esaetea** - union  
**etam** - front  
**euti** - must  
**-ewar-** - off action infix  
**ewat** - need

## F

**fade** - rice field  
**faet** - four  
**fana** - throw  
**fanda** - pandanus  
**fanes** - hot  
**fea-** - agent prefix  
**fena** - village  
**fili** - choose  
**fitu** - seven

**fokrai** - know  
**foule** - clear, white  
**fowe** - down  
**fuin** - wife  
**fuinse** - can  
**ful** - ten  
**ful dowe** - twelve  
**ful esae** - eleven  
**ful telu** - thirteen  
**fune** - have  
**fuse** - navel

## H

**haʔut** - or  
**heana** - about  
**houra** - gold  
**huʔaye** - prepare  
**huda** - shrimp, prawn  
**hudi** - yes  
**hudiaʔ** - agree

## I

**ide** - slave  
**idumata** - face  
**idun** - nose  
**ika** - fish  
**ikor** - last  
**ikor** - tail  
**ikoraʔ** - follow  
**in** - he, she, it, him, her  
**-in-** - perfect passive infix  
**ina** - mother  
**inʔa** - that (rel pron.), non-human  
**inum** - drink  
**isin** - meat

## K

**kae** - small  
**kaen** - eat, food

**kahet** - cloth, textile  
**kai** - tree  
**kak** - older sibling, same sex  
**kakama** - older brother of father  
**kakima** - older sister of mother  
**kali** - dig  
**kami** - we,us (excl.)  
**kantu** - basket  
**kas** - move away  
**kat** - gather  
**kat** - side, near  
**kawo** - you  
**ke-** - adj. to noun prefix  
**keamtule** - leech  
**kebah** - handbag  
**kele** - want  
**-ki** - indirect trans. suffix  
**ki** - at  
**ki dama** - in  
**ki sake** - over  
**kimi** - you (pl.)  
**kindi** - here  
**kindou** - there  
**kita** - we,us (incl.)  
**kouku** - nail  
**koulit** - skin  
**koumis** - beard  
**kufe** - sweet potato  
**kulkul** - beat  
**kunit** - hide

## ʔ

**ʔa** - the, that  
**ʔa ndi** - this  
**ʔa ndou** - that  
**ʔabu** - ash  
**ʔafare** - hunt  
**ʔadam** - spirit  
**ʔadem** -like (v.)  
**ʔae** - foot  
**ʔanam** - husk, bark, scale  
**ʔanset** - rain  
**ʔana** - same, own, self  
**ʔanut** - float

**ʔarui** - run  
**ʔate** - liver  
**ʔaye** - to  
**ʔea-** - verb to noun suffix  
**ʔeada** - very  
**ʔeada** - indeed  
**ʔeandi** - end  
**ʔele** - call  
**ʔendut** - heart  
**ʔewo** - mouth  
**ʔianha** - womb  
**ʔoutuk** - louse  
**ʔu-** - I (verbal prefix)  
**ʔuta** - brain

## L

**la** - by, through  
**laʔa** - branch  
**laʔer** - neck  
**laet** - other  
**laetaʔ** - change  
**lahet** - sew  
**laka** - road, walk  
**lame** - middle  
**lajar** - sail  
**lajawo** - fly (insect)  
**lajit** - heaven, sky  
**lawak** - spider  
**lawot** - ocean  
**leabuit** - fog  
**lera** - day, sun  
**lera bonsen** - west  
**lera sake** - east  
**leu-** - negative prefix  
**lia** - say, word  
**lieak** - noise  
**lima** - five, hand  
**limut** - seaweed  
**liŋaʔ** - work  
**liŋe** - arm  
**liŋi** - wind, air  
**liŋu** - bend  
**lisun** - pestle  
**lita** - see

**liunse** - spit  
**liut** - big, more  
**lowar** - out  
**luidaye** - king  
**luinde** - cold  
**luli?** - holy, sacred

## M

**ma-** - we (excl., verbal prefix)  
**mabaha?** - close  
**mabetan** - humid  
**madok** - shark  
**madowe** - second  
**maesae** - single  
**makas** - wide  
**makat** - narrow  
**make** - nephew, niece  
**makluit** - yellow  
**malik** - laugh  
**maliji** - animal  
**malmal** - noble  
**maluk** - before  
**mame?ak** - shy  
**man** - imperfect tense  
**mane** - man  
**manek** - prince  
**mansile** - smooth  
**mansou** - long  
**manu?** - bird  
**maŋae** - ant  
**maŋerat** - dry  
**maŋuti** - short  
**masake** - high  
**masal** - enemy  
**masiŋe** - salt  
**masui** - smoke  
**mata** - eye  
**mate** - death, die  
**matelu** - third  
**mautul** - green  
**maye** - come  
**mayea?** - bring  
**meafi?a** - bread  
**mera** - red

**mi-** - you (plur., verbal prefix)  
**mfuti** - white  
**mife** - dream  
**minha** - grease, fat  
**moule** - from  
**mounta** - vomit  
**mu-** - you (sing., verbal prefix)  
**mu** - your (alienable)  
**-mu** - your (inalienable)  
**mudi?** - life; to live  
**mwaenjo** - sand  
**mwaŋen** - cook  
**mwotean** - cloud

## N

**-n** - her, his, its (inalienable)  
**nak** - child  
**naka?** - give birth  
**naye** - lord  
**ndae?** - no, not  
**ndakea** - kingdom  
**ndeane** - among, between  
**ndeweat** - hour  
**ndeweat** - time  
**ndeweat nti** - now  
**ndida** - do, make  
**ndinosea** - full  
**ndoka?** - put  
**ndu** - old  
**Nduha Lera** - God  
**ndulun** - help  
**ndulun** - please  
**nduwu** - for  
**nduwu aba** - why  
**ne-** - he, she, it (verbal prefix)  
**nea** - six  
**nhada** - name  
**nhobe** - and, with  
**ni, n-** - her, his, its (alienable)  
**ni?a** - snake  
**-nid** - their (inalienable)  
**nid** - their (alienable)  
**nise** - tooth  
**nsa?at** - bad

**nsa?atea** - illness  
**nsek** - rattle  
**nsi** - same  
**nsi** - also, as  
**nsi?outi** - honest, fair  
**ntuhut** - stay  
**nur** - coconut  
**nusa** - island  
**ŋami** - our (excl., alienable)  
**-ŋami** - our (excl., inalienable)  
**ŋawa** - carry, take  
**-ŋimi** - your (pl., inalienable)  
**ŋimi** - your (pl., alienable)  
**-ŋit** - our (incl., inalienable)  
**ŋit** - our (incl., alienable)  
**ŋinut** - rotten  
**-ŋu** - my (inalienable)  
**ŋu** - my (alienable)  
**ŋuite** - black  
**ŋuya** – how

## O

**(o)nda** - perfect tense

## R

**ratu** - hundred  
**ribu** - thousand  
**rontrus** - thunder  
**ruma?** - house  
**rwanj** – night

## S

**sabal** - buy  
**sake** - up  
**sakeada** - most, top  
**sala?** - error  
**saliake** - money  
**sea-** - completeness prefix  
**seante** - beautiful

**sem** - still  
**si** - who  
**si?a** - that (rel pron.), human  
**sida** - they, them  
**sieme** - cassowary  
**sile** - dagger  
**silek** - lightning, bolt  
**simu** - accept  
**sinda** - some  
**siwa** - nine  
**so** - far  
**sou** - milk  
**soulet** - draw  
**soweŋe** - witch  
**sumea?** - enough  
**sunu** - right, correct

## T

**ta-** - we (incl., verbal prefix)  
**tabea** - hello  
**tale** - rope  
**tamda** - people  
**tamwot** - person  
**tanu** - field  
**tasi?** - sea  
**ta?un** - year  
**tealae** - throat  
**tealour** - egg  
**telu** - three  
**tidour** - sleep  
**toul** - true  
**toune** - under  
**towak** - shell  
**tuak** – wine  
**tuir** – language

## U

**-ud-** - regressive action infix  
**ulu** - head, first  
**-um-** - imperfect passive infix  
**urat** – vein

## W

**wada** - be

**wa?ele** - river, water

**wakar** - root

**walu** - eight

**wanda?u** - take

**wani** - near

**wantak** - piece

**woda** - young

**wodit** - back

**wolus** - eel

**wosu** – speak

# BASIC GRAMMAR

## Word Order

The word order in the phrases is SVO. Adjectives are postponed to nouns and adverbs (and tense markers) to verbs. Possessors are postponed to possessed words in the so-called inverse order. There are affixes for inalienable (parts of the body, inherent relationship, kinship, name, etc.) and alienable (ownership, non-consanguineal and alienable kinship, etc.). Numerals come after the nouns. The negation word *ndae?* precedes the verbs.

## Affixes

Words can be derived with the following affixes:

- a?** - suffix forming causative verbs. Ex. *nak* 'child', *nak-a?* 'to give birth, to make child'
- ?ea** - suffix forming nouns from verbs. Ex. *ndak* 'to rule', *ndak-ea* 'kingdom'
- ki** - suffix of indirect transitive verbs. Ex. *mata* 'eye', *mata-ki* 'to put eyes at'
- ke-** - prefix forming nouns from adjectives. Ex. *seante* 'beautiful', *ke-seante* 'beauty'
- fea-** - agent prefix of "agent". Ex. *ndak* 'to lead', *fea-ndak* 'leader'
- ad-** - infix of repetitive action. Ex. *deak* 'to break', *d-ad-eak* 'to thresh'
- ud-** - infix of regressive action. Ex. *maye* 'to come', *m-ud-aye-a?* 'to bring back'
- al-** - infix of quick action. Ex. *dejar* 'to listen', *d-al-ejar* 'to hear'
- ak-** - infix of progressive action. Ex. *fune* 'to have', *f-ak-une* 'to obtain'
- aer-** - infix of sustained action. Ex. *fune* 'to have', *f-aer-une* 'to retain'
- ewar-** - infix of action 'off'. Ex. *ndok* 'to put', *nd-ewar-ok* 'to execute'.
- sea-** - prefix of completeness. Ex. *dejar* 'to listen', *sea-dejar* 'to understand'.
- leu-** - prefix of negative action. Ex. *bek* 'to go', *leu-bek* 'to stop'.

## Verbal Prefixes

1s (a?u)	?u- or ?w-
2s (kawo)	mu- or mw-
3s (in)	ne- or ny-
1pe (kami)	ma-
1pi (kita)	ta-
2p (kimi)	mi- or my-
3p (sida)	da-

## Verbal Tenses and Voices

**nda, onda** - perfect tense

**man** - imperfect tense

**a?e** - future tense

- in- - infix of passive voice (perfective action)
- um- - infix of passive voice (imperfective action)

**Possessive affixes**

	<b>Inalienable</b>	<b>Alienable</b>
1s (aʔu)	-ŋu	ŋu-
2s (kawo)	-mu	mu-
3s (in)	-n	ni-
1pe (kami)	-ŋami	ŋami-
1pi (kita)	-ŋit	ŋit-
2p (kimi)	-ŋimi	ŋimi-
3p (sida)	-nid	nid-