

# DICTIONARY of PROTO-BANDANIC

## A

**a** - that  
**a nea** - that  
**adak** - ask  
**aʔe** - future tense  
**-aer-** - sustained action infix  
**afui** - fire  
**afui taʔi** - ash  
**afuit** - war  
**ait** - reach, to  
**aʔu** - I  
**-ak-** - progressive action infix  
**-al-** - quick action infix  
**alaʔo** - forest  
**alu** - get, take, do, catch  
**-am** - our (excl., inalienable)  
**ama-** - father  
**aniama** - sister of the father  
**anke** - child  
**anu** - smell  
**-ar-** - repetitive action infix  
**asu** - dog  
**atware** - fly

## B

**baba-** - mouth  
**babui** - pig  
**baduile** - open  
**bakuk** - lie  
**bal** - come back, return, back, again  
**bale** - bungalow  
**balat** - weight  
**balise** - garlic, onion  
**baluine** - wing  
**banua** - village, earth, land  
**barin** - many, much  
**bat** - woman

**bata** - read  
**batu** - stone  
**beade** - shadow, reflex, image  
**beatnu** - bamboo  
**beklu** - cripple  
**bele** - if  
**belu** - friend  
**beras** - rice  
**beru** - new  
**bere** - give  
**besea** - all  
**beta** - sister (man speaking)  
**betu** - appear  
**beu** - to  
**beu rama** - into  
**beu tam** - forward  
**bewar** - off  
**bia** - good, well  
**binok** - after  
**bise** - can  
**bituʔen** - star  
**bodien** - lay down  
**bok** - go  
**bokaʔ** - send  
**boler** - turn, spin  
**braʔu** - boat  
**buduk** - colour, paint  
**buk** - hair  
**bukar** - mountain  
**buaʔ** - fruit  
**bulan** - moon  
**buna** - flower  
**bunin** - hide  
**burit** - back  
**butəsae** - ten  
**but resin rua** - twelve  
**but resin əsae** - eleven  
**but resin telu** - thirteen

## D

**daʔu** - know  
**dakea** - kingdom  
**darwok** - play  
**daweāt** - hour, time  
**daweāt nie** - now  
**dean**, between  
**dira** - do, make  
**doʔ** - put  
**dondan** - night  
**dubu** - for, in order to  
**dubu safa** - why  
**dulun** - help; please  
**durut** - stay  
**diuru** - juice  
**dowen** - think

## E

**əmale** - taboo, forbidden  
**emu** - grandparent, ancestor, master  
**əsae** - one  
**əsaeʔana** - sex, copulate  
**ətam** - front  
**euti** - must  
**-ewar-** - off action infix  
**əwat** - need

## F

**fa-** - prefix forming causative verbs  
**fariri** - build  
**faema** - people  
**faəsae** - unite  
**faesaeʔea** - union  
**faet** - four  
**fain** - place  
**fale** - because  
**falira** - speak, talk  
**faluk** - prepare  
**famai** - bring  
**fanak** - throw

**fanke** - give birth  
**fanda** - pandanus  
**fanēs** - hot  
**fare** - rice field  
**fararis** - to draw  
**farean** - same, also, as  
**faris** - to trace  
**fasaʔ** - buy  
**fe** - at  
**fe bab** - under, below  
**fe nea** - there  
**fe nie** - here  
**fe rama** - in, inside  
**fe ratas** - above  
**fe sake** - over  
**filiʔ** - choose  
**filik** - lightning, bolt  
**fira** - how many, how much  
**fitu** - seven  
**fou** - down  
**foudi** - banana  
**foule** - clear, white  
**fuin** - wife  
**fuse** - navel

## H

**haʔut** - or  
**heana** - about  
**houra** - gold  
**hura** - shrimp, prawn  
**huri** - yes  
**huriaʔ** - agree  
**hurae** - make, do

## I

**ia** - that, which (rel pron.)  
**iə** - he, she, it, him, her  
**ika** - fish  
**ikor** - tail, last  
**-in-** - perfect passive infix  
**ina-** - mother

**ina** - that (rel pron.)  
**inum** - drink  
**ire** - slave  
**irumata** - face  
**iru-** - nose  
**isi-** - meat  
**ita** - see

## K

**kae** - small  
**kaen** - eat, food  
**kahet** - woven  
**kai** - tree  
**kak** - older sibling, same sex  
**kakama** - older brother of father  
**kakina** - older sister of mother  
**kali** - dig  
**kami** - we,us (excl.)  
**kamu-** - stomach, belly  
**kantu** - basket  
**karufe** - rat  
**kas** - move away  
**kat** - gather, near  
**kawal** - lake  
**ke-** - adj. to noun prefix  
**keamtule** - leech  
**kearis** - trace, mark  
**keba** - handbag  
**kele** - want  
**-ki** - indirect trans. suffix  
**kimi** - you (pl.)  
**kita** - we,us (incl.)  
**ko** - you (sing.)  
**kolit** - skin  
**komi** - beard  
**kouk-** - nail  
**kubuŋ** - smoke  
**kufe** - sweet potato  
**kuise** - possum, cuscus  
**kukul** - beat  
**kutu** - louse

## ?

**?adiet** - rain  
**?afare** - hunt  
**?afur** - lime, calcium  
**?ai-** - foot  
**?ana** - same, own, self  
**?anam** - husk, bark, scale  
**?anut** - float  
**?arem** - like (v.)  
**?arui** - run  
**?ate** - liver  
**?ea-** - verb to noun suffix  
**?eadi** - end  
**?eara** - very, indeed  
**?edut-** - heart  
**?ele** - call  
**?ene** - sand, earth (soil), land  
**?u-** - I (verbal prefix)  
**?ulu-** - head, first  
**?uta-** - brain

## L

**la** - by, through  
**lafet** - sew  
**lame** - middle  
**la?er-** - neck  
**laŋar** - sail  
**laŋawo** - fly (insect)  
**laŋit** - heaven, sky  
**laŋit ta?i** - cloud  
**laor** - ocean  
**larat** - follow  
**lawa?** - spider  
**lebut** - fog  
**le?ak** - other  
**le?aka?** - change  
**len** - conceive, create  
**lera, lara** - day, sun  
**lera bodien** - west  
**lera sake** - east  
**leu-** - negative prefix  
**lieak** - noise

**lima** - five  
**lima-** - hand  
**limut** - seaweed  
**liḡa?** - work  
**liḡe-** - arm  
**liḡi** - wind, air  
**liḡu** - bend  
**lira-** - language; voice  
**lisun** - pestle  
**liudi** - spit  
**luide** - cold  
**luak** - vomit  
**luli?** - holy, sacred  
**luru** - begin  
**lurwea** - beginning

## M

**ma-** - we (excl., verbal prefix)  
**ma** - that, may (subjunct.)  
**mabaha?** - close  
**mabetan** - humid  
**madok** - shark  
**marua** - second  
**maəsae** - single  
**mafuti?** - white  
**mai** - come  
**makat** - narrow  
**make** - nephew, niece  
**makluit** - yellow  
**malabar** - wide  
**malafar** - hungry  
**malawas** - long  
**mali?** - laugh  
**maliḡi** - animal  
**malmal** - noble  
**maluk** - before  
**maluin** - wild, isolated  
**ma?etam** - black  
**mame?ak** - shy  
**man** - imperfect tense  
**manek** - prince  
**manielet** - smooth  
**manu?** - bird  
**maḡae** - ant

**maḡerat** - dry  
**maḡuti** - short  
**maruane** - man  
**masal** - enemy  
**masiḡe** - salt  
**mata-** - eye  
**mate** - death, die  
**matelu** - third  
**matu?a** - old  
**mautul** - green  
**mbana** - walk  
**mbe** - where  
**mbimbi** - goat  
**meaḡ-** - agent prefix  
**me?e** - when  
**mera?** - red  
**mi-** - you (plur., verbal prefix)  
**-mi** - your (pl., inalienable)  
**mir** - your (pl., alienable)  
**minia** - grease, fat  
**mu-** - you (sing., verbal prefix)  
**mu** - your (alienable)  
**-mu** - your (inalienable)  
**muri** - young, later, after, stern  
**muri?** - life; to live  
**mwaḡen** - cook

## N

**-n** - her, his, its (inalienable)  
**nami** - our (excl., alienable)  
**nara** - brother (woman speaking)  
**ne-** - he, she, it (verbal prefix)  
**neam** - six  
**neama** - but  
**ne?e** - then  
**ni, n-** - her, his, its (alienable)  
**nie** - this  
**nifa** - snake  
**nife-** - tooth  
**nifi** - dream  
**niki** - bat  
**nit** - our (incl., alienable)  
**nitu** - spirit, ghost  
**nir** - their (alienable)

**-nir** - their (inalienable)  
**nur** - coconut  
**nusa** - island  
**ɲadia** - tribe  
**ɲara-** - name  
**ɲarak** - year  
**ɲawa** - carry, take  
**ɲinut** - rotten  
**ɲora** - hard  
**-ɲu** - my (inalienable)  
**ɲu** - my (alienable)  
**ɲuʔia** - how  
**ɲurat** - strong

## O

**obe** - and; be with (with verbal prefix)  
**ole** - be from (with verbal prefix)  
**(o)nda** - perfect tense

## R

**ra-** - they (verbal prefix)  
**rabia** - sago palm; sago  
**rabit** - cloth  
**rai** - king  
**raʔ** - trust  
**ramal** - light (n.)  
**ramea** - intestine  
**ramok** - bury  
**rani** - near  
**rara-** - blood  
**raʔo-** - leaf  
**ratas** - high, height  
**ratu** - chief  
**ratu** - hundred  
**rea** - big  
**reak** - break  
**relak** - wedding, marry  
**reɲar** - listen  
**resar** - completely, totally  
**ribun** - thousand  
**riɲa** - left, weak

**riri** - stand  
**riris** - bathe  
**risaʔ** - to mark  
**rontrus** - thunder  
**ruim** - try, taste  
**ruma** - house  
**rua** - two  
**ruri-** - bone  
**rwaji** - dark, evening

## S

**safa** - what  
**sail** - go out; out  
**sake** - up, climb  
**sakeara** - most, top  
**sala** - error  
**saliake** - money  
**saɲa-** - branch  
**sari-** - side  
**sawa-** - spouse  
**sea-** - completeness prefix  
**sea** - be full (with verbal prefix)  
**seade** - beautiful  
**sei** - who  
**sem** - still  
**sida** - some  
**sira** - they, them  
**sile** - dagger  
**simu** - accept  
**siwa** - nine  
**smuan** - spirit  
**so** - far  
**suaje** - witch  
**sumeaʔ** - enough  
**sunu** - right, correct  
**susu** - breast; to suck  
**susu waʔen** - milk

## T

**-ta** - our (incl., inalienable)  
**ta-** - we (incl., verbal prefix)

**tabea** - hello  
**tali** - rope  
**tamwot** - person  
**tanik** - plain  
**tanu** - field  
**taŋa-** - finger  
**tasi?** - sea  
**tealae-** - throat  
**te?** - no, not  
**telor** - egg  
**telu** - three  
**tiliŋa-** - ear  
**tiraek** - until  
**tomak** - whole  
**toul** - true  
**towak** - shell  
**tuak** - wine  
**tu?a** - old man, lord  
**Tu?a Emu** - God  
**tuir** - say, word  
**turor** - sleep  
**turun** - go down

## U

**-ur-** - regressive action infix  
**-um-** - imperfect passive infix  
**urat** - vein

## W

**wadak** - piece  
**wari** - younger sibling, same sex  
**wariama** - younger brother of father  
**waridu** - brother of mother  
**warina** - younger sister of mother  
**wae** - say  
**wa?e, waele** - river, water  
**wakar** - root  
**walu** - eight  
**wara** - be  
**wolus** - eel

## Z

**za** - thing  
**zala** - way, road  
**za?at** - bad  
**za?atea** - illness  
**zeme** - cassowary  
**zoti** - honest, fair

# 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 antecede 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 *teʔ* precedes the verbs.

## Affixes

Words can be derived with the following affixes:

- aʔ** - suffix forming verbs from nouns. Ex. *leʔak* 'other', *leʔak-aʔ* 'to change'
- fa-** - prefix forming causative verbs. Ex. *elaʔa* 'big', *fa-elaʔa* 'to make big, to enlarge'
- ʔea** - suffix forming nouns from verbs. Ex. *ndak* 'to rule', *ndak-ea* 'kingdom'
- ʔi** - suffix of indirect transitive verbs. Ex. *mata* 'eye', *mata-ʔi* 'to put eyes at'
- ke-** - prefix forming nouns from adjectives. Ex. *seade* 'beautiful', *ke-seade* 'beauty'
- mean-** - prefix forming "agent" nouns. Ex. *dak* 'to lead', *mean-dak* 'leader'
- ma-** - prefix forming adjectives. Ex. *labar* 'width', *ma-labar* 'wide'
- ar-** - infix of repetitive action. Ex. *reak* 'to break', *r-ar-eak* 'to thresh'
- ur-** - infix of regressive action. Ex. *mai* 'to come', *fa-m-ur-ai* 'to bring back'
- al-** - infix of quick action. Ex. *rejar* 'to listen', *r-al-ejar* 'to hear'
- ak-** - infix of progressive action. Ex. *ʔarui* 'to run', *ʔ-ak-arui* 'to accelerate'
- aer-** - infix of sustained action. Ex. *ɲawa* 'to take', *ɲ-aer-awa* 'to retain'
- ewar-** - infix of action 'off'. Ex. *doʔ* 'to put', *d-ewar-oʔ* 'to execute'.
- sea-** - prefix of completeness. Ex. *rejar* 'to listen', *sea-rejar* 'to understand'.
- leu-** - prefix of negative action. Ex. *bok* 'to go', *leu-bok* 'to stop'.

## Verbal Prefixes

1s (aʔu)	ʔu- or ʔw-
2s (ko)	mu- or mw-
3s (iə)	n-
1pe (kami)	m- or ma
1pi (kita)	ta- or t-
2p (kimi)	mi- or my-
3p (sira)	ra- or r-

## Verbal Tenses and Voices

**nda, onda** - perfect tense

**man** - imperfect tense

**aʔe** - 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 (ko)	-mu	mu
3s (iə)	-n	ni
1pe (kami)	-am	nami
1pi (kita)	-ta	nit
2p (kimi)	-mi	mir
3p (sira)	-nir	nir