

Acknowledgements

This grammar is a completely revamped and expanded revision of my doctoral dissertation (Olsson 2017). My fieldwork was mainly carried out in the remarkable village of Wambi, where I was hosted by Paulus Yolmend and †Yustina Mahuze, and I am deeply grateful to them and their large family for their generosity and willingness to let me take part in their lives. For countless hours of linguistic discussion and transcription of recordings, I am indebted to the stellar team of Pau Yolmend (grandson of my host Paulus Yolmend), Alo Yolmend (Paulus and Yustina's second youngest son), Sepi Yolmend (the village secretary) and Ricky Basik-Basik (son of the village chief). In the villages of Buti and Payum, I was fortunate to work with the eminently knowledgeable †Petrus Kilub Gebze and Damianus Gebze. Special thanks are due to Rafael Samkakai and Sela Gebze in Duhmilah, who hosted me during my first field trip and who adopted me into the wallaby clan.

In Merauke, I benefitted enormously from the help of Budi Yolmend (Paulus and Yustina's eldest son) and his family. I am grateful to Kalasina Agaki and her late husband, †Nurman Nurhasan, and the rest of their family, who were my hosts in Merauke from my second trip and onwards, and especially to their son Dedi Agaki, whose impressive ability to navigate both the Marind and Indonesian realms became a guiding light. During my first trip, I was hosted by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart while visiting Merauke, who kindly provided me with a room and gave me access to the mission archive. I am very grateful to Father Kees de Rooij and former Archbishop Nicolaus Adi Seputra for their help and generosity.

I owe particularly heartfelt thanks to František Kratochvíl, whose extensive supervisory efforts made my fieldwork and writing possible. For their comments on aspects of the manuscript, I wish to thank Luke Adamson, Danielle Barth, Matt Carroll, Bernard Comrie, Alec Coupe, Nick Evans, Sebastian Fedden, Kate Lindsey, Marianne Mithun, Naomi Peck, Ger Reesink, Phill Rogers, Edgar Suter, Timothy Usher, Bernhard Wälchli, and my students in LING3031 Papuan Languages.

