

*An introduction to
the grammar of Napu*

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Text 2:	Paturo i topotambi (Advice to the bride and groom)
Text 3:	Katuwonda tosaenta hangkoya (The lives of our ancestors)

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Preface

Before beginning to write this paper, I tried to determine the best way to organize the data for ease of use by the reader. I looked at a number of grammar papers from other languages and found *A grammar of the Muna language* by René van den Berg to be well organized and easy to follow. Therefore, I have organized my paper in a very similar way.

This grammar is an attempt to cover all main aspects of the structure of Napu from phonology through morphology and syntax. It is intended to be a descriptive grammar based in the structuralist tradition, in which language form is the basis of description and subsequently related to meaning. This grammar has been written for both linguists working in the Austronesian language family and for theoretical and typological linguists interested in yet another remote language of the world.

In general, I have tried to avoid the use of terms and notations specific to a particular theoretical school. One exception to this is the use of distinctive features from the generative model to express morphophonemic changes. However these sound change rules are also expressed clearly in prose and in a more general notation.

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List of abbreviations

Abbreviations of inflected forms

1	first person
2	second person
3	third person
s	singular
p	plural
n	inclusive
x	exclusive
A	absolutive
E	ergative
PO	possessive

Examples:

3sA	third person singular absolutive
1pxE	first person plural (exclusive) ergative
2sPO	second person singular possessive

Other abbreviations

ABS	Absolutive
Adv	Adverb
BEN	Benefactive
CAUS	Causative
CAUSa	Causative (adjectival)
CLSR	Classifier
CMP	Completive
COHS	Cohesive
CONT	Continuative
CTR	Counter-expectation
del rel	delayed release
Dem	Demonstrative
EMPH	Emphatic
ERG	Ergative

excl	exclusive
GP	General Preposition
incl	inclusive
intr	intransitive
IMP	Imperative
LG	Ligature
LOC	Locative
MeasPhr	Measure Phrase
o.s.	one's self
NEG	Negation
N	Noun
NP	Noun Phrase
NR	Nominalizer
NRa	Nominalizer (adjectival)
NRp	Nominalizer (place of action)
NV	Non-volitional
Num	Numeral
PL	Plural
PO	Possessive
PROG	Progressive
Pro	Pronoun
Q-Mkr	Question Marker
Quan	Quantifier
REC	Reciprocal
RED	Reduplication
Rel	Relevatizer
RelCl	Relative Clause
s.o.	someone
s.th.	something
SUP	Superlative
tran	transitive
TRd	Transitive derivational
V	Verb
vd.	voiced
vl.	voiceless
VM	Verb Marker
VR	Verbalizer
VRt	Verb Root
Y/N-Mkr	Yes/No Marker