

The Wambon of Indonesia

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There are at least 3000 speakers of the Wambon language. They reside within the province of Papua Indonesia. They live primarily by gardening, fishing and hunting. They also do some logging in their foothill homeland. The Wambon people can best be visited by floatplane or rented boat from Kouh.

The women primarily garden. Most of the people wear modern clothes, but a few still wear loincloths. The people eat roasted sago, bananas, and yams. The Wambon use machetes, axes, bow & arrows for tools. The Wambon people usually build their houses on stilts; making boards for siding and pleating (lapping) leaves for the roof. There is a radio in Manggelum but no generators. The people generally get their drinking water from the river. There is a health worker in Manggelum but no medical personnel or facilities are in Gaguop to the north. Malaria, skin and lung diseases are common and the Wambon people don't use toilet facilities. There is no market nearby to buy and sell goods.

The Wambon people have no gospel cassettes, films or videos in their language. There is a Reformed church in the language area. Sixty-five percent of the people claim to be Christian, while the remaining thirty-five percent adhere to the tribal religion. Most people at home use Wambon, but the language of church services is generally Indonesian..

Primary Religion:

Christian

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

Churches:

1

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

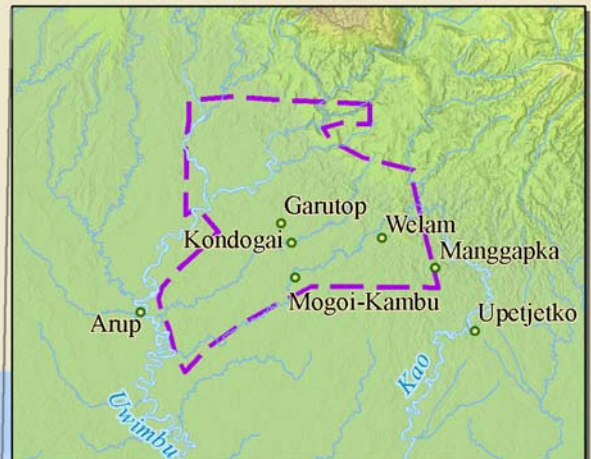
None

Population (date):

3,000 (2002)



WAMBON HOMELAND



20 km

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Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Call Themselves Christian (%)	>50%	
Believe In The Local Traditional Religion (%)	35%	
Number Of Communities	At least two.	
Number Of Churches	1	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	3,000	
World Population (Date)	2002	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Indonesia	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	Within the province of Papua Indonesia	
Longitude	140E	
Latitude	5S	
Economics		Group Description
Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists	
Occupation	Gardening, fishing, logging and hunting	
Income Sources	Occupation	
Community Development		Group Description
Health Care (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Health Care)	There is a health worker in Manggelum but no medical personnel or facilities are in Gaguop to the north. Malaria, skin and lung diseases are common and the WAMBON people don't use toilet facilities.	
Diet (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Diet)	The people eat roasted sago, bananas, and yams.	
Water (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Water)	The people generally get their drinking water from the river.	
Shelter Description	The WAMBOM people usually build their houses on stilts; making boards for siding and pleating leaves for the roof.	
Clothing	Most of the people wear modern clothes, but a few still wear loincloths.	
Comment (Community Development)	There is a radio in Manggelum but no generators.	
Society & Culture		Group Description
Local Language Broadcasting	None	
Church Growth		Status of Christianity
Reached Status	Adopted	
Comment (Reached Status)	There is a Reformed church in the language area.	
Reached Classification	Unevangelized	
Religion & Response		Status of Christianity
Attitude To Christianity	Somewhat receptive	
Scripture		Status of Christianity
Translation Status	Postponed	

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Item Name	Item Note
Available Scripture	None
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Recordings	No
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Film/Videos	No
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Radio	No

Missions and Churches

Status of Christianity

Organization Name	Reformed
Number Of Adherents	1,950