

The Yelmek of Indonesia

There are at least 400 speakers of the Yelmek language. They reside within the province of Papua Indonesia. They live primarily by fishing and gathering sago in this swampy coastland. With their land at an altitude of less than 100 meters above sea level, the Yelmek people can best be visited by boat.

The Yelmek people eat fish and sago. They have no gospel cassettes, films or videos in their language. The Yelmek are sometimes known as the Jelmek, Jab, Jabsch or Jelmik. Sixty-five percent of the people claim to be Christian, while the remaining thirty-five percent follow the tribal religion.

There are a number of facts that are not readily known concerning the Yelmek people. Among them are the construction of their houses, their source of drinking water and the type of clothing they wear. We can also add to this list the quality of their healthcare, whether there is available electricity and whether there are any churches.

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Primary Religion:

Christian

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

Churches:

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

None

Population (date):

400 (2002)



YELMEK HOMELAND



20 km

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Item Name Item Note

Have They Heard The Gospel?

Call Themselves Christian (%)	>50%
Believe In The Local Traditional Religion (%)	35%
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No

Profile Summary

Population All Countries

World Population For This People	400
World Population (Date)	2002

Group Description

Countries Where People Group Lives

Country Name	Indonesia
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Group Description

Geography & Environment

Location	Within the province of Papua, Indonesia
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest
Geological Type	Coastal
Geological Type	Swampy
Elevation	<100 meters
Longitude	139E
Latitude	7S

Group Description

Economics

Subsistence Type	Fishers
Occupation	Fishing and gathering sago.
Income Sources	Occupation

Group Description

Community Development

Diet (Quality)	Poor
Comment (Diet)	The people eat fish and sago.
Transportation	Boat

Group Description

Society & Culture

Local Language Broadcasting	None
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Group Description

Church Growth

Reached Status	Evaluated
Reached Classification	Unevangelized

Status of Christianity

Religion & Response

Attitude To Christianity	Somewhat receptive
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Status of Christianity

Scripture

Translation Status	Possible
Available Scripture	None
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Literature	No
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Recordings	No
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Film/Videos	No
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Radio	No

Status of Christianity