

## The Moi of Indonesia

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There are at least 4,600 speakers of the Moi language. They reside within the province of Papua, Indonesia. The Moi people collect lawan tree oil and cut lumber. They also sell pigs, casuari, tree kangaroo and fish. Because the Moi people live along the coast at an elevation of less than 100 meters above sea level, they can best be visited by boat. They have a reputation for being mild people and originally come from the Klawelem area of the Makbon district. They are known to intermarry with the Moraid people.

The Moi people live off of their gardens (fruit, sweet potatoes, bananas, etc), sago, wild game and fish. They are also known for carving on canoes, making tattoos, and decorating head and shoulder bags (called "noken"). House walls are traditionally made from sago palms, and house flooring from the pinang tree. Malaria, rash, and ringworm are common. Their economic lot could be improved if reconciliation was made with Canadian and Indonesian logging companies.

The Moi are sometimes known as the Mosana, Mooi, or Mekwei people. They prefer to be called Mekwei.

The Moi people have no gospel cassettes, films, or videos in their language. Sixty-five percent of the people claim to be Christian, while the remaining thirty-five percent follow the tribal religion.

**Primary Religion:**

Christian

**Disciples (Matt 28.19):**

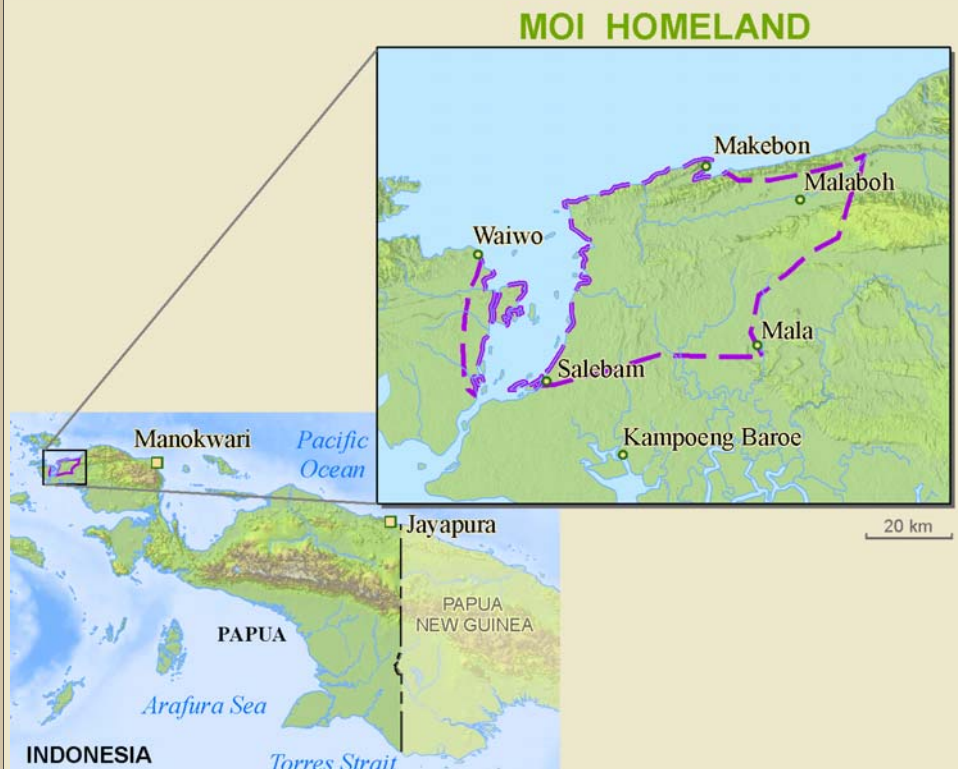
**Churches:**

**Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):**

No Scripture

**Population (date):**

4,600 (2002)



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Item Name	Item Note	
<b>Have They Heard The Gospel?</b>		<b>Profile Summary</b>
Call Themselves Christian (%)	65%	
Believe In The Local Traditional Religion (%)	35%	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No	
<b>Population All Countries</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
World Population For This People	4,600	
World Population (Date)	2002	
<b>Countries Where People Group Lives</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Country Name	Indonesia	
<b>Geography &amp; Environment</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Location	Within the province of Papua Indonesia	
Country	Indonesia	
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest	
Geological Type	Coastal	
Elevation	<100m	
Longitude	131E	
Latitude	1S	
Comments (Geography & Environment)	They can best be accessed by boat.	
<b>Language &amp; Linguistics</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Primary Language	MOI	
Comment (Language)	They prefer to be called Mekwei -- another alternate name for their language.	
Alternate Language Names	MOOI	
Alternate Language Names	MOSANA	
<b>Economics</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Subsistence Type	Fishers	
Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists	
Subsistence Type	Hunter-gatherers	
Occupation	The Moi people collect lawan tree oil and cut lumber, They also sell pigs, casuari, tree kangaroo and fish.	
Comment (Economy)	Their economic lot could be improved if reconciliation was made with Canadian and Indonesian logging companies.	
<b>Community Development</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Health Care (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Health Care)	Malaria, rash, and ringworm are common.	
Diet (Quality)	Fair	
Comment (Diet)	They live off of their gardens (fruit, sweet potatoes, bananas, etc), sago, wild game and fish.	
Shelter Description	House walls are traditionally made from sago palms, and house flooring from the pinang tree.	
Transportation	Canoe	
<b>Society &amp; Culture</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Neighbor Relations	They are known to intermarry with the Moraid people.	
Art Forms	They are known for carving on canoes, in caves, making tattoos, and decorating head and shoulder bags (called "noken")	

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### Item Name

Local Language Broadcasting

History Of People Group

Comment (Culture)

### Item Note

None

They originally come from the Klawelem area of the Makbon district.

They have a reputation for being mild people.

### Church Growth

Reached Status

Reached Classification

Evaluated

Unevangelized

### Status of Christianity

### Religion & Response

Attitude To Christianity

Somewhat receptive

### Status of Christianity

### Scripture

Translation Status

Available Scripture

Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Literature

Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Recordings

Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Film/Videos

Possible

None

No

No

No

### Status of Christianity