

The Sota Kanum of Indonesia

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There are at least 100 speakers of the Sota Kanum language. They reside in the lowlands in the province of Papua, Indonesia. Many in the Sota village went to Papua New Guinea in mid-1980s and more went there after transmigration camps, bringing in people from overcrowded parts of Indonesia, started being founded close-by in the mid-1990s. The Sota Kanum people are reported to have come from the Papua New Guinea side of the island many years ago.

They primarily live by fishing and farming in their swampy lowlands of less than 100 meters above sea level. The Sota Kanum people can best be visited by car or motorcycle using the road from Merauke. The people eat fish, sago, and vegetables. National Electric Enterprise furnishes electricity to the town of Sota, but there are no telephones. The Sota Kanum people have no gospel cassettes, films or videos in their language.

The Sota Kanum people are sometimes known as the Enkelembu, Knwne, or Kenume people. The Sota Kanum people use the Sota Kanum language at home with family members. Most Sota Kanum speakers are registered as Catholics or Christians but traditional religious influences are strong. There is a Protestant church in Sota.

Primary Religion:

Christian

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

Churches:

1

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

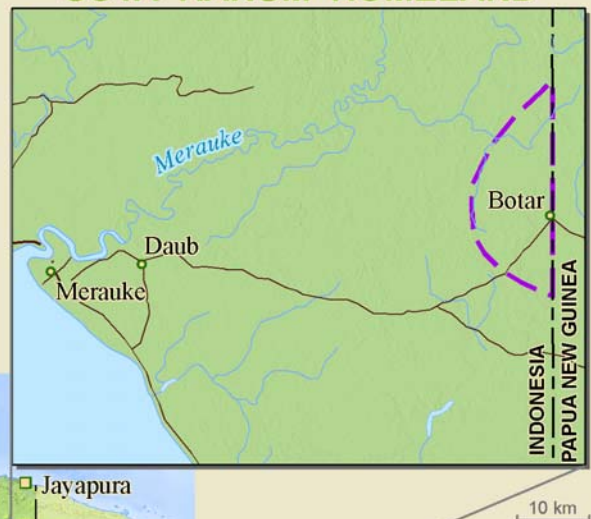
None

Population (date):

100 (2002)



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Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Number Of Communities	There is at least one community	
Number Of Churches	1	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	100	
World Population (Date)	2002	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Indonesia	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	The swampy lowlands of Papua Indonesia	
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest	
Geological Type	Swampy	
Elevation	<100 meters	
Longitude	141E	
Latitude	8S	
Economics		Group Description
Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists	
Subsistence Type	Fishers	
Occupation	Farming and Fishing	
Income Sources	Occupation	
Community Development		Group Description
Diet (Quality)	Fair	
Electricity	Commercial electricity in the town of Soto	
Comment (Community Development)	The KANUM, SOTA people can best be accessed by car or motorcycle using the road from Merauke.	
Society & Culture		Group Description
Local Language Broadcasting	None	
History Of People Group	. The KANUM, SOTA people are reported to have come from the Papua New Guinea side many years ago.	
Church Growth		Status of Christianity
Reached Status	Evaluated	
Reached Classification	Unevangelized	
Religion & Response		Status of Christianity
Attitude To Christianity	Somewhat receptive	
Scripture		Status of Christianity
Translation Status	Possible	
Form Of Scripture Available	None	