## Biu-Mandara languages

Biu-Mandara

Central Chadic

**Geographic** Nigeria, Chad, distribution: Cameroon

Afro-Asiatic

**Linguistic** 

• Chadic

classification: Biu-Mandara

South

**Subdivisions:** Hurza

North

The **Biu-Mandara**, or **Central Chadic**, languages are a branch of <u>Chadic</u> <u>languages</u>. They are spoken in <u>Nigeria</u>, <u>Chad</u>, and <u>Cameroon</u>. The most spoken is <u>Kamwe</u>.

## **Branches**

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Blench (2006) organizes them like this:<sup>[1]</sup>

- **Tera** (A.1): <u>Tera</u>, <u>Pidlimdi</u> (Hinna), <u>Jara</u>, <u>Ga'anda</u>, <u>Gabin</u>, <u>Boga</u>, <u>Ngwaba</u>, Hwana
- Bura-Higi
  - Bura (A.2): <u>Bura-Pabir</u> (Bura), <u>Cibak</u> (Kyibaku), <u>Nggwahyi</u>, <u>Huba</u> (Kilba), <u>Putai</u> (Marghi West), <u>Marghi Central</u> (Margi, Margi Babal), <u>Marghi South</u>
  - ? Kofa
  - **Higi** (A.3): <u>Kamwə</u> (<u>Psiky</u>ɛ, Higi), <u>Bana</u>, <u>Hya</u>, ? <u>Kirya-Konzəl</u>
- Wandala-Mafa
  - Wandala (Mandara) (A.4)
    - East: Wandala (Mura, Mandara, Malgwa), Glavda (Gəlvaxdaxa)
    - Parəkwa (Podoko)
    - West: <u>Gəvoko</u>, <u>Guduf-Gava</u> (<u>Cineni</u>), <u>Dghweɗe</u>, <u>Hdi</u> (Xədi, Hedi, Tur), <u>Lamang</u>, <u>Woga</u>, <u>Vemgo</u>, <u>Mabas</u>
    - Sukur (Sakwun, A.6)
  - ∘ **Mafa** (A.5)
    - Northeast Mafa: Vame (Pəlasla), Mbuko, Gaduwa
    - Matal (Muktele)
    - South Mafa
      - (a) Wuzlam (Ouldémé), Muyang, Maɗa, Məlokwo
      - (b) Zəlgwa-Minew, Gemzek, Dugwor, Mikere, Merey

- (c) North Giziga, South Giziga, North Mofu, Mofu-Gudur (South Mofu), Baldemu (Mbazlam)
- (d) Cuvok, Mafa, Mefele, Shügule
- **Daba** (A.7)
  - North Daba: <u>Buwal</u> (Gadala), <u>Gavar</u> (Kortchi)
  - South Daba: Mina (Besleri, Hina), Daba (Mazagway), Mbədam
- Bata (Gbwata) (A.8): <u>Bacama</u>, <u>Bata</u> (Gbwata), <u>Sharwa</u>, <u>Tsuvan</u>, <u>Gude</u>, <u>Fali of Mubi</u>, <u>Zizilivakan</u> (Ulan Mazhilvən, Fali of Jilbu), <u>Jimi</u> (Jimjimən), <u>Gudu</u>, <u>Holma</u> (†), <u>Nzanyi</u>
- Mandage (Kotoko) (B.1)
  - South Mandage: Msər (Kousseri), Lagwan (Logone)
  - ? Tilbe
  - · North Mandage: Afadə, Maslam, Malgbe (Gulfey), Mpadə
- **Buduma** (Yedina)
- East-Central
  - ∘ **Gidar** (Kaɗa)
  - Munjuk (B.2): Mbara, Muskum (Muzuk) (†), Mpus, Beege (Jafga),
    Vulum (Mulwi)
  - ∘ **Mida'a** (< B.1): <u>Jina</u>, <u>Majəra</u>

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1. ↑ Blench, 2006. The Afro-Asiatic Languages: Classification and Reference List (ms)

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