

Case/Agreement of the Ishiculu language

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Ishiculu has a rich agreement system on verbs and does not exhibit a case system. In this sense, it is predominantly head-marking.

- (1) *Shi-shiy-ioani-∅* ntało kitabu.
1PL-CL7.SG-like-PRS CLF.7 book(7)
‘We (will) like the book.’

Ishiculu follows accusative alignment. The verb is marked according to a nominative-accusative system. The verb stem is inflected based on the person, number, and for 3rd person nominal phrases, the noun class.

Sbj/obj prefixes	singular		plural	
	before C	before V	before C	before V
1st person	-ngi-	-ngiw-	-shi-	-shiy-
2nd person	-u-	-uw-	-ni-	-niy-
CL 1/2	-ka-		-ba-	
CL 3/4	-u-	-uw-	-i-	-iy-
CL 5/6	-ɬi-	-ɬiy-	-a-	
CL 7/8	-shi-	-shiy-	-ʒi-	-ʒiy-

Ishiculu pronouns also exhibit no case morphology.

Pers. pron.	singular	plural
1st person	mina	thina
2nd person	wena	nina
CL 1/2	yena	bona
CL 3/4	wona	yona
CL 5/6	lona	wona
CL 7/8	sona	ʒona