

Recent language research in Nusa Tenggara

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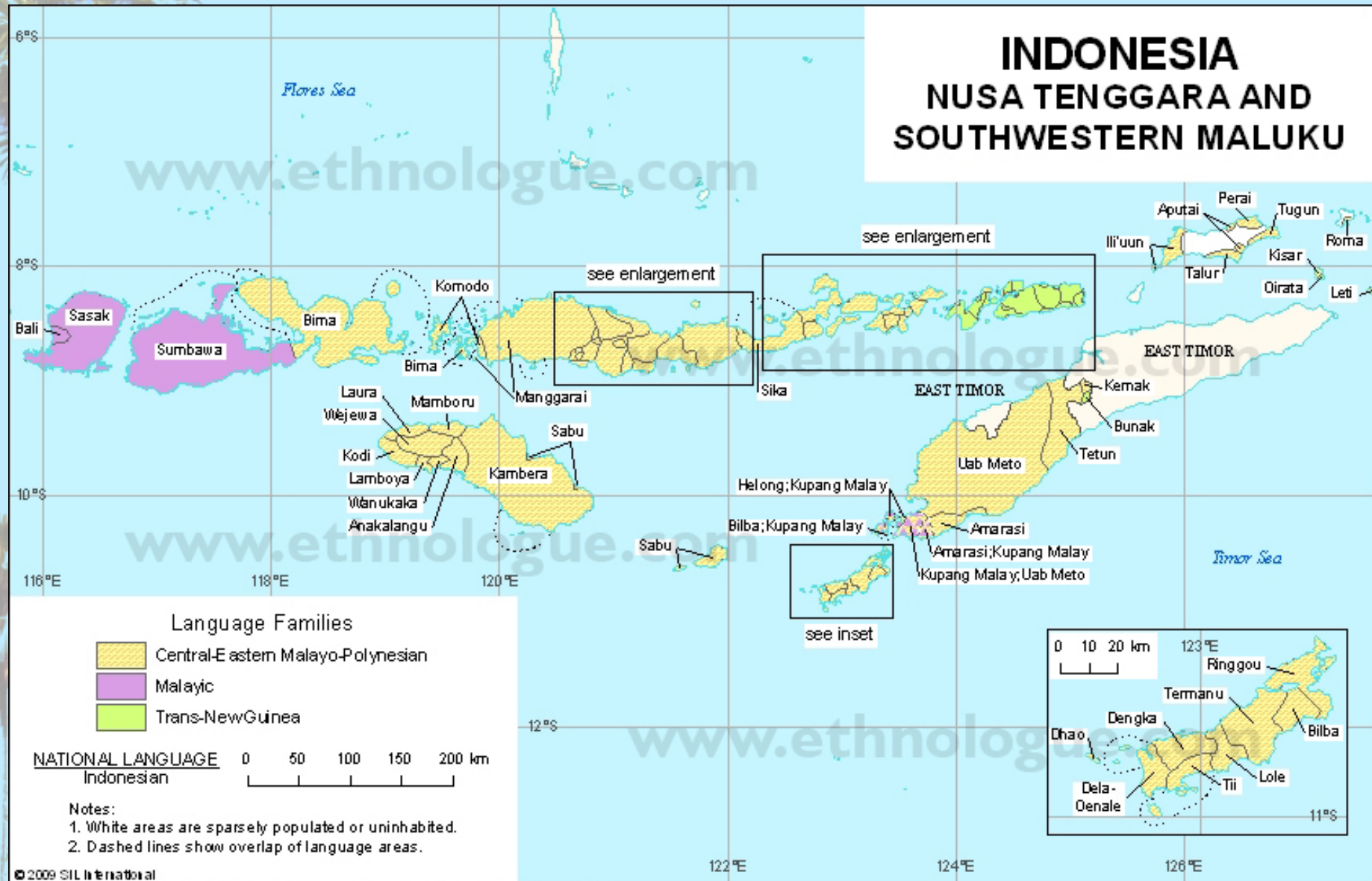
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Nusa Tenggara – a snapshot

- Both Austronesian and non-Austronesian languages
- According to *Ethnologue*:
 - total of 76 languages, all living.
 - 18 ‘Trans New Guinea languages’
 - Rest of the languages are ‘Central Malayo-Polynesian’ except for the following:
 - Kupang Malay
 - Larantuka Malay
 - Sasak
 - Sumbawa
 - Portuguese (!) Supposedly in Sikka area of Flores (?)
 - Ethnologue map also shows Balinese enclave in western part of Lombok island but Balinese not mentioned in text

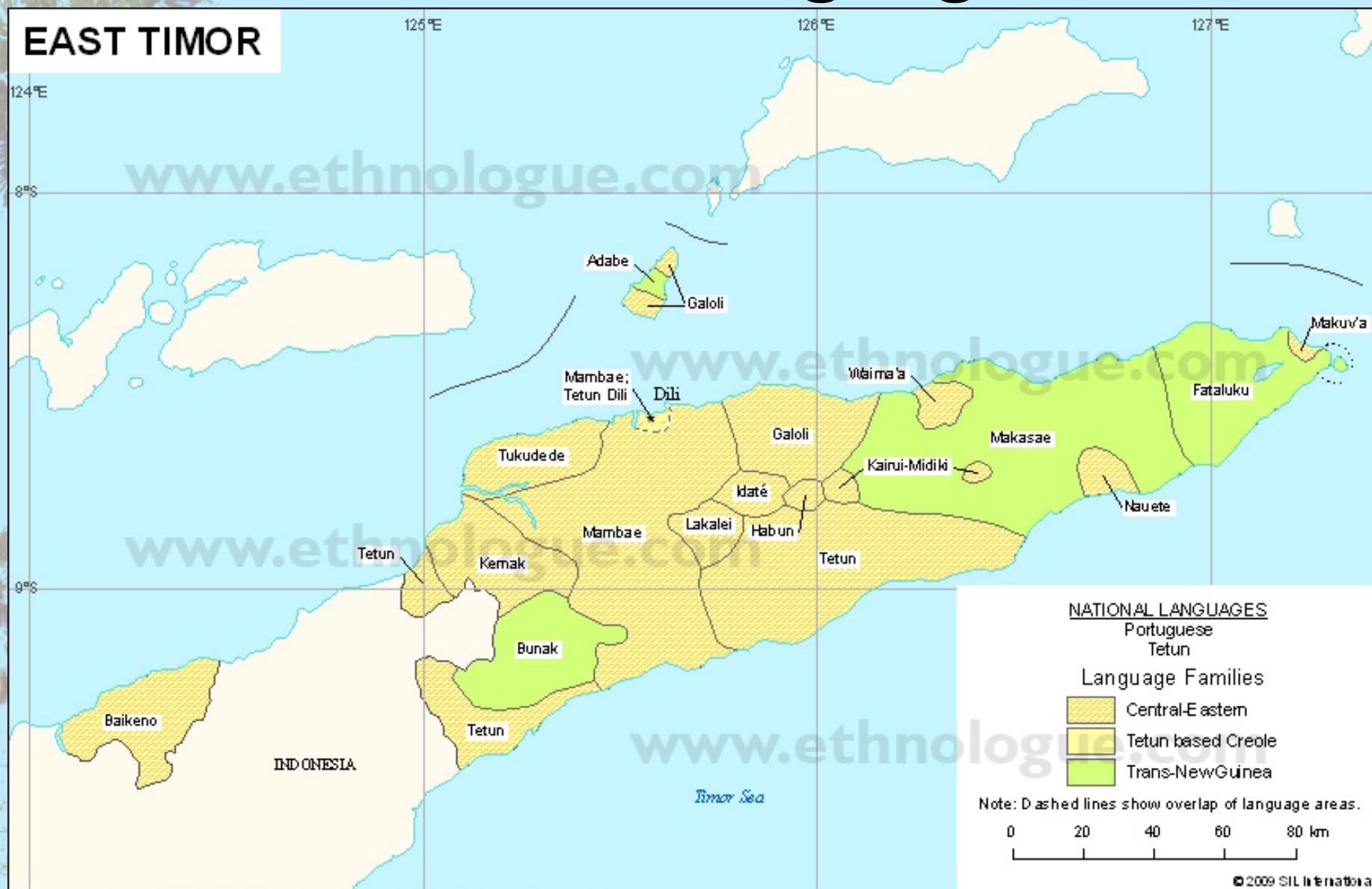
Nusa Tenggara – map 1



Nusa Tenggara – map 2

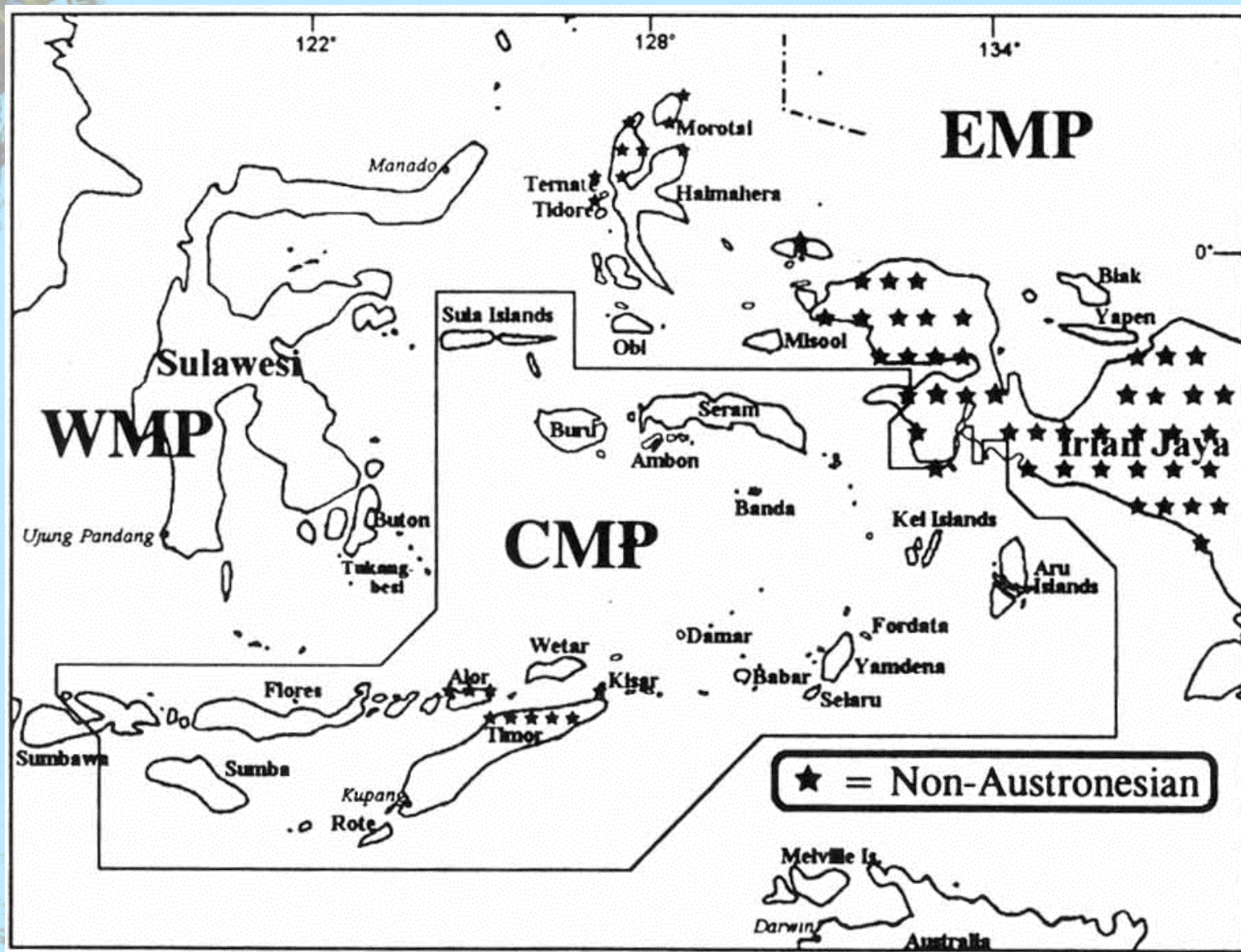


East Timor languages



Language data from Centre for Regional Studies, Universitas Kristen Artha Wicana (1997)

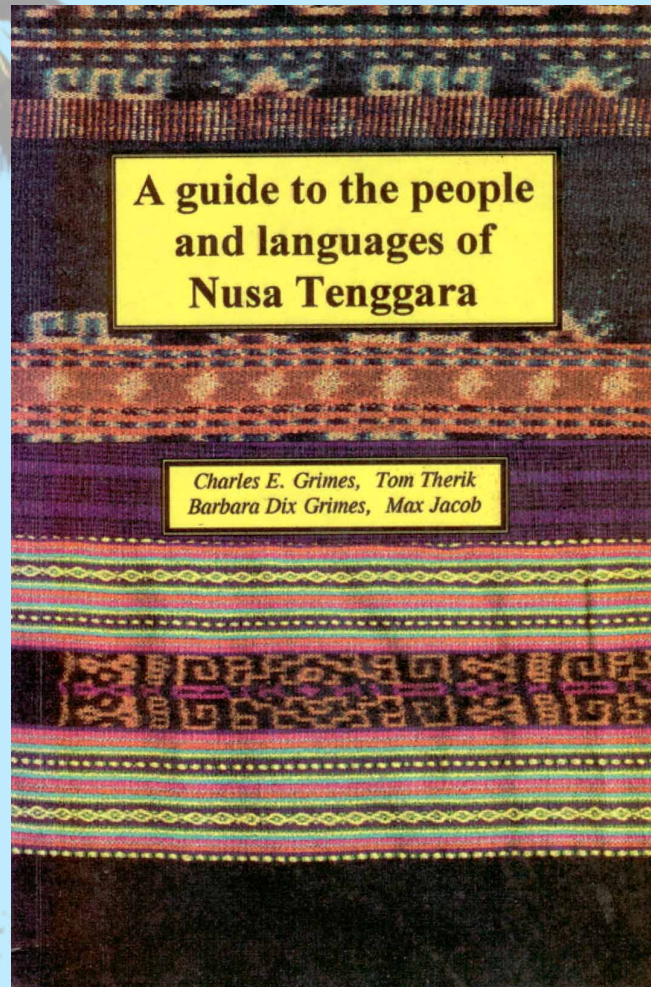
Nusa Tenggara languages overview



Nusa Tenggara – West and East

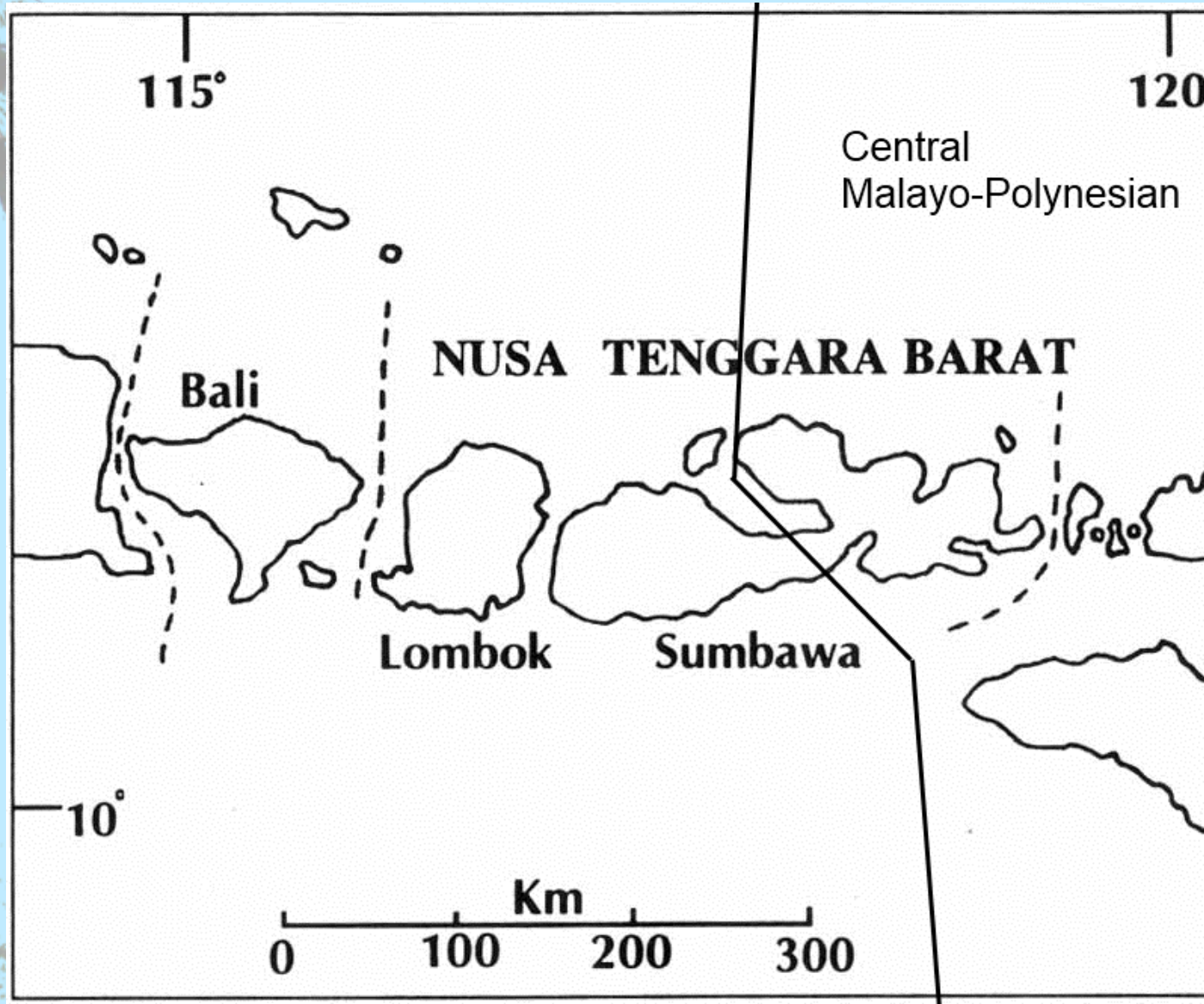
| | Nusa Tenggara Barat | Nusa Tenggara Timur |
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| Population (2010 census) | 4,500,212 | 4,683,827 |
| Number of languages (Ethnologue) | 3 | 73 |
| People per language | 1,500,071 | 64,162 |
| Language subgroups | Bali-Sasak-Sumbawa CMP | CMP Trans New Guinea |
| Percentage poverty level | 5 th highest poverty level by province in Indonesia | 4 th highest poverty level by province in Indonesia |
| Illiteracy rate age 15-44 (Indonesia av. 1.71%) | 6.48% | 3.95% |
| Illiteracy rate age 45+ (Indonesia av. 18.25%) | 46.33% | 26.70% |
| Religion | Mostly Muslim (96%) | Mostly Christian (89%) |

Useful bibliographical reference



Grimes, Charles E., Tom Therik, Barbara Dix Grimes and Max Jacob, 1997. *A guide to the people and languages of Nusa Tenggara*. Kupang: Artha Wacana Press.

Nusa Tenggara Barat - Map

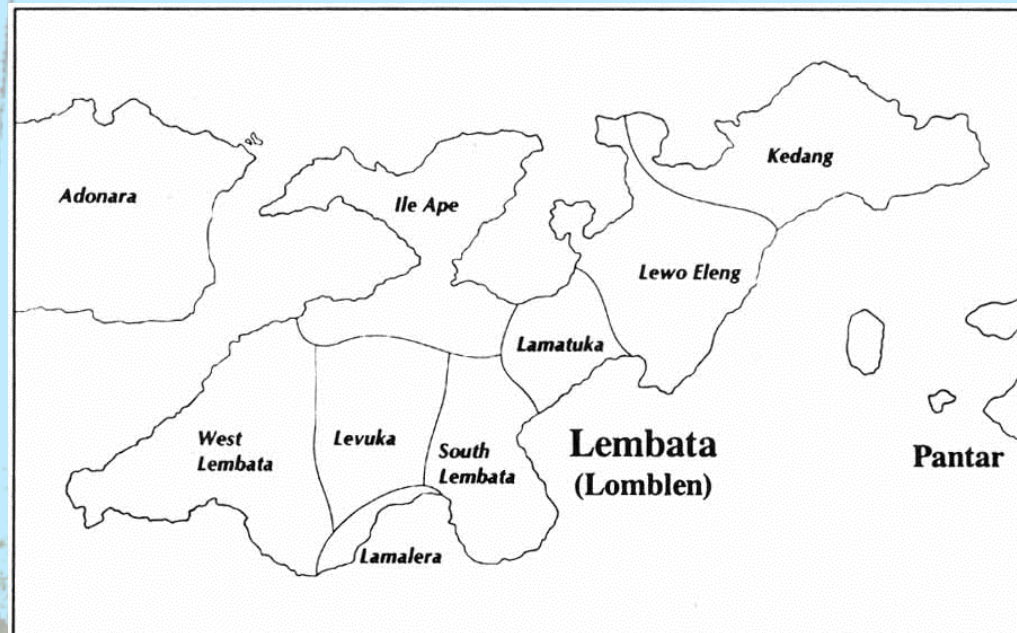
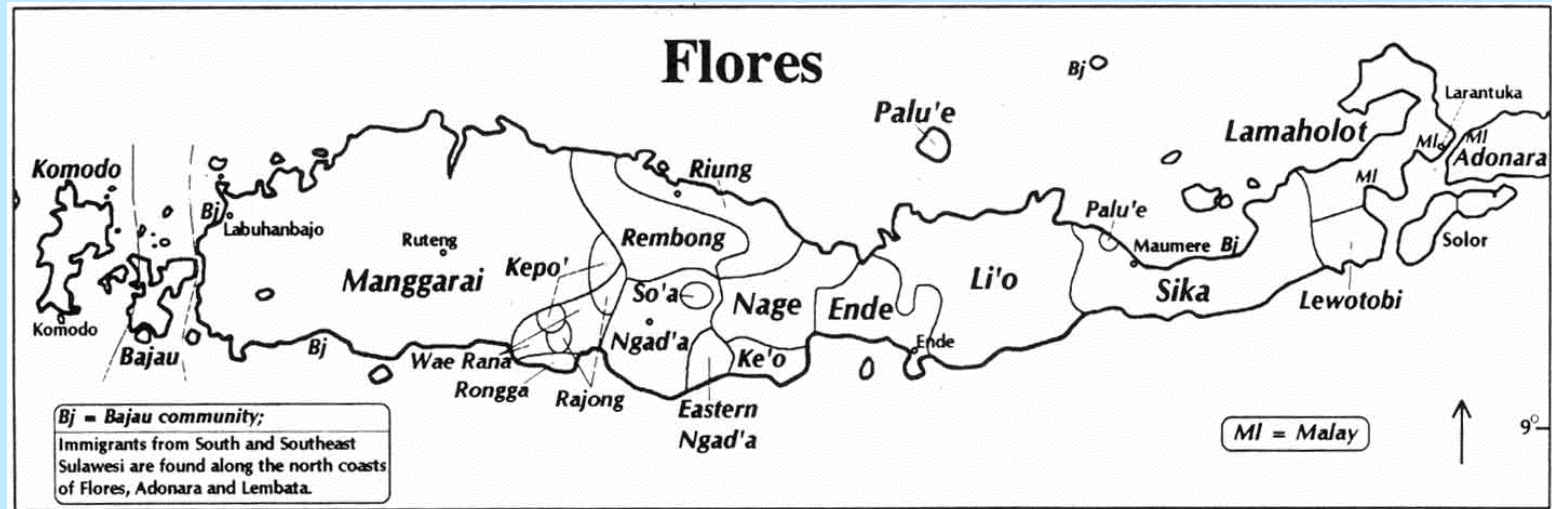


Nusa Tenggara Barat linguistic research

- Three languages
 - Sasak
 - Variety of work by Peter Austin and associates
 - Work by Fay Wouk
 - Sumbawa
 - Variety of work by Asako Shiohara and associates
 - Bima
 - Masters thesis by Melanie Owen



Flores – Lambata maps

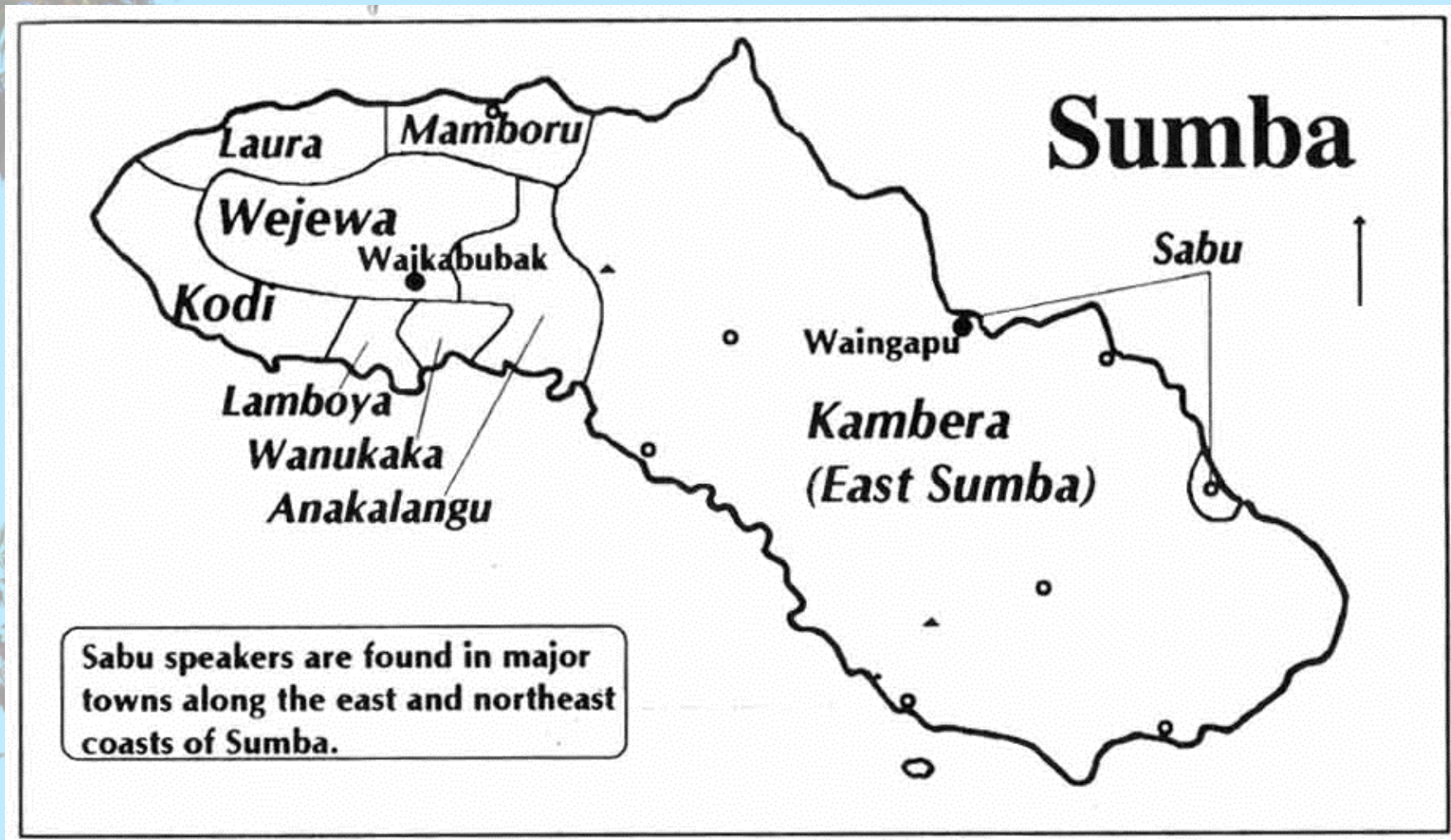


Flores – Lembata linguistic research



- 28 languages
- Rongga (Wayan Arka)
- Ke'ó (Louise Baird)
- Lamaholot (Nishiyama, Pampus)
- Sikka (dictionary Lewis)
- Isolating typology (Shibatani, Arka)

Sumba - map

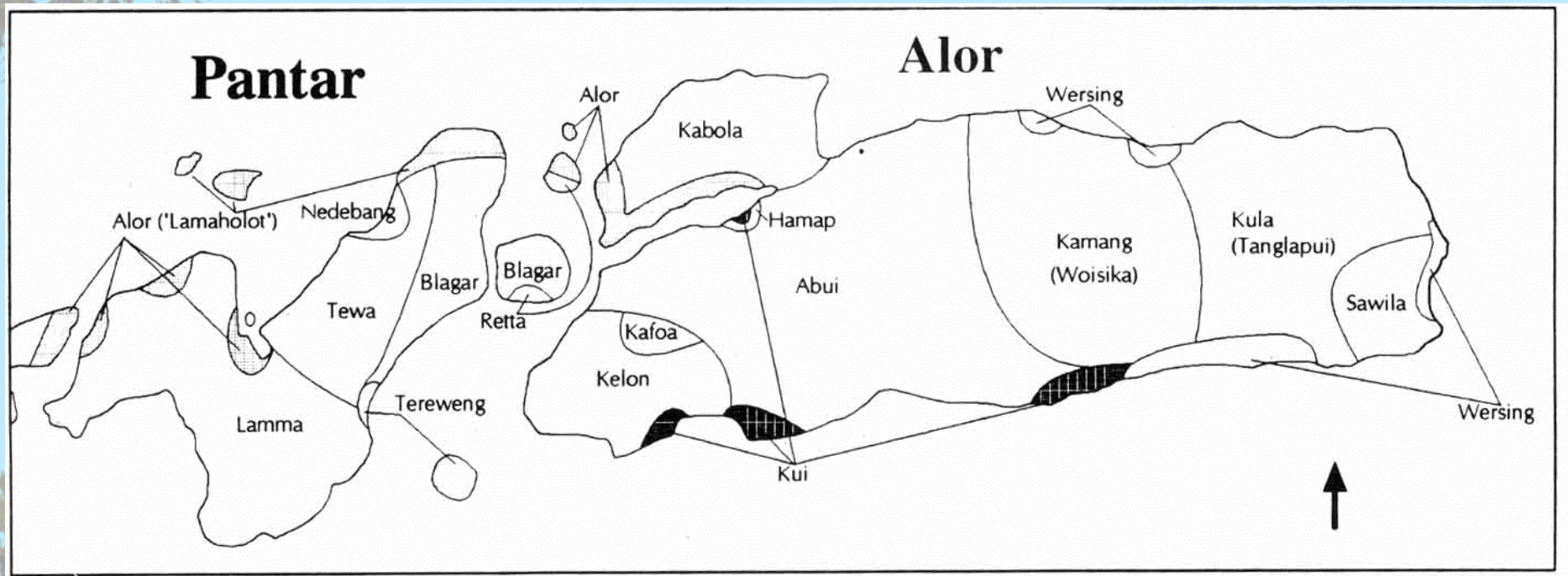


Sumba - Sabu

- Nine languages
- Kambera (East Sumba)
Klamer
- Sabu (Some work by
Chuck Grimes)



Alor – Pantar map



Alor-Pantar

- 17 Languages
- Frantisek discusses later



Western Timor - maps



Western Timor area

- Helong (Bowden)
- Uab Meto, Biboki dialect (Gregorius Neonbasu)
- UBB – GMIT Bible translations, school materials, etc.
- 'Middle Indonesian project' (KITLV, Joel Errington)
- Local research (Jermy will discuss next)

