

***Satera Jontal* in the Sumbawa District in Eastern Indonesia**

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Satera Jontal is script attested in the Sumbawa district, the NTB province, Indonesia. This is a variant of Bugis/ Makassar script (*Aksar Lontaraq*) in the south Sulawesi. This presentation mainly deals with the two points below.

(1) The innovation that *Satera Jontal* exhibits from the parent script (*Aksara Lontaraq*) The remarkable changes observed are (a) the simplification the shape that is observed some letters and diacritics and (b) adjustment to fit the Sumbawa phonemic system such as development of a ‘vowel killer’ (a diacritic employed to cancel a following vowel) to indicate the closed syllable, and lack of some letters that does not have the corresponding phonemes.

(2) Recent local government initiative to develop *Satera Jontal*

Since the end of the New Order, the local government has been attempted to develop this script as a unique cultural feature that the district retains. It appears in the street’s name indication and had been taught as a subject in the local content of the primary curriculum until 2012.