

Voice in Makassarese and Makassar Malay

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Sulawesi has two main varieties of contact Malay: Manado Malay and Makassar Malay. Manado Malay is spoken by around 1 million inhabitants of Northern Sulawesi and is the main mother tongue of the region, while Makassar Malay is spoken primarily as a second language in Southern Sulawesi. While Manado Malay has lost morphological voice marking, Makassar Malay maintains it, but has realigned it under the influence of South Sulawesi languages, primarily Bugis and Makassarese. This paper will outline the voice and person-marking system of Makassar Malay with reference to the South Sulawesi languages on which it is based, and will compare it with Manado Malay as a more representative contact Malay variety.