

Tense, Aspect, Mood, and Polarity in Sumbawa

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Sumbawa is a language spoken in the Western part of Sumbawa Island in Indonesia. It is considered as a member of the Sundic group of the Western Malayo–Polynesian languages in the Austronesian family (Tryon (1995: 27)). This paper surveys the Tense, Aspect, Mood and polarity system in Sumbawa. As Wouk (2002: 304) suggests, Sumbawa develops tense marking as a local innovation, and it develops considerable number of negative markers by forming a complex of the negator *nó*, a tense-modal marker, and/or a pragmatic particle.