

## Cognates between Northern Atlantic Groups and Bantu

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This is a work-in-progress list of cognates between the following Niger-Congo (or “Atlantic-Congo” depending on preferred terminology) groups:

	# of extant languages	size of lexica	# of reconstructed roots
Fula-Sereer	2+ (many Fula dialects)	~15,000 each	>400
Cangin	3~5 (3 dial. continua)	~2000 each	>500
Wolof	1	~15,000	—
Bainunk-Kobiana-Kasanga	~5 (3 Bai. groups)	4x 1500-2000, ~500 (Kas.)	>350
Biafada-Pajade	2	3500 (P), 600 (B)	>200
Tenda	3	~4000 each	400, +400 Bassari-Bedik
Joola	10~20	3x ~5000, 1x ~3000, 1x ~1000, ~15x 200	(preliminary)
Manjak cluster	2~4	1x ~3000, 1x 2000, 2x 600	>1000 (Doneux)
Balanta	1~2 (2 dialect areas)	~3000, ~2000	—
Bijogo	1~3 (3 dialect areas)	1x ~1800, 2x ~600	—
Benue-Congo	~1000		very few
Bantu	>500		1367 “main” in BLR3

Comparisons with Benue-Congo are for the most part limited to Bantu. Bantu reconstructions are given in the form they appear in the BLR3, but with Guthrie’s vowel symbols. The few PBC reconstructions (in fact “pseudo-reconstructions”) are from De Wolf (1971). Some of the Manjak cluster reconstructions can be found in Doneux (1975), others are my own. All other reconstructions are my own.

### 1 The development of consonants in each group

The identification of cognates assumes the regular consonant correspondences in Table 1. This presents the reconstructed Proto-Niger-Congo consonants and their regular reflexes in root-initial position, when not preceded by a consonant (which leads to mutation in some groups). The regular reflexes are usually the same in other positions, but there are numerous differences. Table 2 is a full chart of the regular outcomes in all positions for proto-languages (all columns shaded in blue, +Balanta) as well as modern languages. “#” indicates a word boundary, and “\$C” gives the outcome in stem-initial position. In the case that there are different reflexes in combination with a preceding consonant, these are also indicated in Table 2. A “gem” column shows the outcome of consonants when geminated, which is caused by certain oral consonants assimilating to the following consonant. A “nas” column shows the outcome of consonants when prenasalized, i.e. preceded historically by a nasal consonant. There are two environments in which these fortis/geminated and prenasalized outcomes arise. 1) In root-initial position, consonant-final prefixes can lead to these outcomes. This results in the consonant mutation

systems of modern Fula, Sereer, Wolof, Kobia-na-Kasanga, Biafada, Pajade, and Tenda languages. 2) Consonant clusters (or simply original geminates and NC clusters) were originally found in root-final position in CVCC roots. The outcomes of CC clusters are generally the same in these two environments. Table 2 also shows the reconstructed consonants in each group that cannot be traced to a PNC consonant. Reconstructions with these “extra” consonants generally do not have cognates outside of the group, but their origin is as of now unaccounted for. Cangin is an exception, for which cognates do exist for Proto-Cangin \*x and \*r (discussed below). The few consonants in parentheses in Table 2 have not been identified with external cognates, so are simply hypothesized to have descended from the corresponding PNC consonant. In both tables, sound changes (from PNC in Table 1 and from each subgroup’s proto-language in Table 2) are shaded as follows: lenition, devoicing, lenition+devoicing, (de)nasalization, deimplosion, fortition, hardening+devoicing, hardening+voicing, other change.

Table 1: Regular consonant reflexes in each proto-language (in root-initial position)

NC	FS	Cang.	Wolof	BKK	BP	Tenda	Joola	Manj.	Bal.	Bij.	Bantu
<b>p</b>	f	p	f	f	f	f	f	f	f	p	p
<b>t</b>	t	t	t	ɾ	ɾ	ɾ	l, t	ɬ	t	t	t
<b>c</b>	s	s	s	ʃ	s	ʃ	s, c	c	s	c	c
<b>ɕ</b>	s	s	s	s	s	ʃ	ɬ, t	t	s	ɕ	c
<b>k</b> (pal)	x	k	h	k	h	x	Ø, k	k	h	k	k
<b>x</b>	x	H	x	h	h	x	Ø, k	h	h?	k	k
<b>h</b>	h	h	h	h	w/Ø	x	Ø, k	h	h	Ø	Ø
<b>b</b>	b	w	b	b	b	w	f, p	p	f	β	b
<b>d</b>	r	l	d	d	r	r	t	tr̥	θ	r	d
<b>g</b> (pal)	g	ɣ	g	g	g	ɣ	k	k	g	g	g
<b>w</b>	w	f	w	w/Ø	w/Ø	w	w	w		β	
<b>l</b>	l	n	r	n	y	n~l̥	l	l	l	Ø	Ø?
<b>j~y</b>	y	y/Ø	y	y	y	y	y	y		y/Ø	y
<b>ɓ</b>	ɓ	ɓ	w/Ø	Ø	ɓ	ɓ	b	b	b	b	b
<b>ɗ</b>	ɗ	ɗ	l	r	ɗ	ɗ	d [d~r]	d [d~r]	d	ɗ	d
<b>ɟ</b>	ɟ	ɟ	y?	y	ɟ	ɟ	j	j?	j	j	y?
<b>m</b>	m	m	m	m	m	m~w̃	m	m	m	m	m
<b>n</b>	n	n	n	n	n	n~l̥	n	n	l	n	n
<b>ɲ</b>	ɲ	ɲ	ɲ	ɲ	ɲ	ɲ~ỹ	ɲ	ɲ	ɲ		ɲ?
<b>ŋ</b>	ŋ	(ŋ)	ŋ	ŋ	ŋ	ŋ~ỹ		ŋ			



I am rather confident in the phonetic value of most of the reconstructed Proto-Niger-Congo consonants, but a few require comment.

- **\*\*c** and **\*\*t** were either stops or affricates. Both usually end up as fricatives in the modern languages, but remain as stops/affricates in a number of distant groups (e.g. Kamona Bijogo, Swahili). A change from a stop/affricate to a fricative would be trivial, but the other direction is much less likely. Nonetheless, these quite possibly had optional fricative allophones in PNC.
- Uvular **\*\*x** was either a stop [q] or fricative [χ], perhaps both in variation.
- Given its realization in Cangin (f) and Bijogo (β), it is possible that **\*\*w** was a fricative [β]. However changes of the sort [w > v] are amply attested cross-linguistically.
- **\*\*l** has a tendency to nasalize or lenite, but [l] seems by far the most likely original value.
- **\*\*j~y** was likely a stop/affricate word-initially (as in class prefixes), but a glide elsewhere. It is true that in Benue-Congo the sound associated with this phoneme often becomes [z], but this could be due to hardening ([y > ʒ > z]), and in some cases (often in Bantu) many tokens of “j~y” in fact come from earlier \*g.

Naturally, evidence from other Volta-Congo groups (and more evidence from the rest of Benue-Congo) would be very valuable, especially in determining which roots are shared between Volta-Congo and the various Atlantic groups. However, under the hypothesis that the Atlantic groups represent primary branches of Niger-Congo, evidence from Volta-Congo as a whole would be of equal importance to each Atlantic group in reconstructing the Proto-Niger-Congo phonemes and roots. This of course assumes that Volta-Congo is a valid subgroup, which may turn out to be incorrect. Incorporating evidence from the remaining Atlantic groups (Nalu, Rio Nuñez, Mel, Sua, Limba, Gola) will be extremely important.

For now I do not have a strict hypothesis of regular vowel correspondences, though I do not ignore vowels in deciding cognacy. Generally front vowels correspond with front vowels across subgroups, back with back, and /a/ with /a/. Between certain groups the exact vowel correspondences are quite clear, but in other cases they are messy. Even in Proto-Bantu reconstructions, the same root often has multiple variants with different vowels. Notes on each family follow for changes that are not fully explained by Tables 1 and 2.

### 1.1 Fula-Sereer

- a) In Fula, geminates degeminated word-initially, and voiceless prenasalized stops denasalized word-initially. Some word-initial “geminates” are in truth consonants that were hardened by a prefix-final \*l, before the prefix became a suffix (still retaining the unassimilated /l/).
- b) Unlike in all other languages, Fula retains a number of C<sub>1</sub>C<sub>2</sub> clusters in CVCC roots, rather than always forming geminates or prenasalized stops. As such, the “gem” and “nas” columns do not in fact show the full range of outcomes for original CC clusters.
- c) The development of **\*\*t** is not straightforward. In most cases, it becomes Sereer /d/ and Fula /t/ in root-final position. I take this to be the result of \*d in Proto-Fula-Sereer, which then devoiced stem-finally in Fula (cf. Fula *mut-* ‘sink’ vs. *mud-aa-* ‘sink intentionally’ = Sereer *mud-oox*). In two words Sereer has /t/: *ɲat* ‘bite’ and *a-fat* ‘road.’ For the first, cf. \*ɲaɾ and \*ɲatt ‘bite’ co-existing in Tenda. For the second, the noun is in the *a-II* class, which sometimes causes fortition of root-final consonants, in addition to the regular fortition of root-initial consonants; cf. *a-qooq* ‘farming’ from the verb *xoox* ‘farm.’ More relevant are *o-feet* ‘tomorrow’ and *mbeet* ‘dawn’ from *feed* ‘to dawn,’ and *maat* ‘government’ vs. *o-maad*

‘king.’ These /t~d/ alternations are irregular, but support the idea that PFS root-final \*d in nouns can sometimes become Sereer /t/. In root-initial position, PFS \*t (from \*\*t) sometimes becomes Sereer /d/. This is the result of the analogical reassignment of certain roots from one mutation series t~t to another, d~t~nd, made possible by their shared grade II consonant. E.g. from the noun *a-top* ‘rain’ in the *a-II* class, the root could be etymologically-correct *tob*, or innovated *dob*— the second of these analogically replaced the former. Being an analogical change, there are many \*t-initial roots in which this t > d switch does not take place.

- d) There are some complications involving root-final k/g. Native root-final /k/ does not appear in Fula, and in Sereer can derive only from earlier \*gg. However there are also four roots (all very widespread) in which Sereer has final /k/ that does not derive from \*gg: *naak* ‘cow’ (Fula *nag-ge*), *fa-ñiik~fa-ñiig* ‘elephant’ (Fula *ñii-wa*), *book* ‘mosquito’ (Fula *bow-ngu*), *baak* ‘baobab fruit’ (Fula *boh-re*). In the first three, Fula shows the reflex of \*\*g, and in ‘baobab’ the reflex of \*\*k or \*\*x. It is also significant that all four Sereer words have a long vowel, but not in other groups. Comparing between other groups, there is disagreement about the final consonant in ‘baobab’ and ‘mosquito,’ with some groups showing the outcome of \*\*g, and others \*\*k. ‘Cow’ and ‘elephant’ seem to all derive from \*\*g-final roots in other groups (but \*k in some of Bainunk?). ‘Baobab’ has a number of irregularities across and within groups, but for the other three roots it seems most likely that the PFS roots were \*g-final as in other groups. Thus there was a Sereer change: PFS \*Vg# > VVk~g. The devoicing took place only optionally in ‘elephant,’ and did not take place at all in *ndiig* ‘rainy season’ and *o-maag* ‘older sibling,’ while the vowels do lengthen. In *bog* ‘bathe’ there is no change, perhaps because it is a verb (which are generally suffixed).
- e) The final /k/ in the Sereer numerals ‘2-5’ is not straightforward. I assume it was original only in ‘2’ and spread by contamination to ‘3-5.’ However [k] should not exist even in ‘2,’ as singleton \*[k] does not exist in PFS.
- f) Proto-Fula \*y becomes ?/w/y depending on the vocalic context, and varying by dialect.
- g) PFS roots with \*j and root-initial \*d do not have outside cognates, and were presumably innovated. In fact PFS root-initial \*d is quite rare, though d-initial roots are common in both modern languages.
- h) Given that it develops to Fula /w/, Sereer /f/, \*b was likely a fricative [β].
- i) Both Fula and Sereer have modern b-initial roots, but these are all borrowed or otherwise innovated; likewise for Fula g-initial roots (PFS \*g > F. \*y).

## 1.2 Cangin

- a) For justification of the Proto-Cangin reconstructions, see Merrill (in preparation).
- b) In morpheme-initial position, \*\*t often becomes Cangin \*s (see ‘leaf’), supported by a few Cangin-internal alternations (e.g. \*tɨb ‘forge,’ \*sɨsɨb ‘smith’). This is in fact a post-vocalic lenition, as nouns were all earlier prefixed. This does not happen in verbs, which were unprefixed. However it also seems to occur word-finally in some cases, for example in the reversive suffix \*-ɨs. This lenition to \*s must post-date the earlier lenition of final \*\*t to \*ɨ, affecting tokens of \*t that could not originally lenite (non-final tokens and, likely, some earlier geminates).
- c) \*\*y is often deleted root-initially: seemingly always after a class prefix (‘honey, elephant’), and in Noon-Laalaa-Saafi before a front vowel, cf. NLS \**ed* vs. Ndut-Paloor \**yed* ‘give.’
- d) Cangin \*H was likely uvular [χ], and is the reflex of \*\*x. It appears in all positions.

- e) Cangin \*x cannot appear word-initially (like \*r̥). It is distinct from \*H, but in the few outside cognates it also corresponds to \*\*x (‘four’ and the anticausative suffix). For now this issue is unresolved.
- f) Cangin \*r is very rare, as it can only appear intervocalically— in fact only stem-initially in prefixed nouns. Its phonetic value is not known. It becomes Noon-Laalaa-Saafi /t/ and Ndut-Paloor /l/. The root \*-reḅ can appear in \*ḅe-reḅ ‘woman’ and \*reḅ ‘female’; the unprefixed root becomes NLS /leḅ/, vs. prefixed /ḅeteḅ/. Only four \*r-initial roots are reconstructed, but all have potential outside connections. \*kV-ra ‘pot’ is from the Mande Wanderwort *daa* (cf. Wolof *ndaa*, Tenda \*-ḅaa). \*a-roḅ ‘stone’ can be compared with Manjak \*pə-laak, Balanta f-làagí, in which the root initial consonant must come from \*\*l. \*ki-rik ‘tree’ appears to be cognate with \*\*t-initial roots like Tenda \*-r̥əx, Bantu \*-tí. \*ḅe-reḅ ‘woman’ may be cognate with Fula-Sereer \*-rew, in which the initial consonant comes from \*\*d. Thus, Cangin \*r might correspond to PNC \*\*l, \*\*t, \*\*d in three different roots, and Mande /d/ in the borrowing ‘pot.’ This issue is unresolved.
- g) 4 voiced prenasalized stops existed in Cangin. Some class prefixes result in root-initial prenasalized stops, most notably \*n- but also probably \*ca- (animals) and perhaps some others. However there are hardly any roots which appear both nasalized and not nasalized (one that does is \*leen ~ \*n-deen ‘kapok’ in two different classes), so it is hard to know which consonants become ND when prenasalized, and which ones simply delete the nasal.
- h) There is no direct evidence for geminates in Cangin, but the existence of earlier root-final geminates is the easiest explanation for root-final \*p, \*t, \*c, since \*\*p, \*\*t, \*\*c become PC \*f, \*r̥, \*s in root-final position. There is no evidence of any sort for geminates in root-initial position— note that PC \*c is never found root-initially.
- i) The development of consonants in prefixes is not represented in Table 2.

### 1.3 Wolof

- a) Geminates (created by the prefixes \*ba<sup>X</sup>- and \*si<sup>X</sup>-) are degeminated word-initially. Voiceless prenasalized consonants were only recently denasalized in word-initial position—they remain in older sources.
- b) \*\*ḅ > Ø after a C- class prefix, > w elsewhere
- c) PNC implosives are lenited, but seem to remain as voiced egressive stops when geminated. However the evidence is quite limited; cf. *gàddaam* g- ‘spleen’ and *gàddeem* g- ‘megabat’ (vs. Sereer (*g*)*a-feem*). In root-final position, this assumption is important in at least *xob* ‘leaf.’ It is unknown what happens to implosives in NC clusters, though it is quite likely that the class prefix in ‘spleen’ and ‘megabat’ was *gaN-*, since there is independent evidence for a prefix of this shape, but none for hypothetical *ga<sup>X</sup>-*.
- d) \*g is deleted root-initially after a C- class prefix, e.g. *b-opp*, †*i-gopp* ‘head(s),’ *b-ët*, †*i-gët* ‘eye(s).’ Intervocalic deletion of \*g did occur in other positions, e.g. earlier sources’ *Lagatir* (proper name), *jagaraf* and *jagodin* (government officials) > modern *Latir*, *jaraf*, *jawrin*.
- e) /h/ is preserved in Saalum, but becomes Ø/w/y in other dialects. Postvocalic /d/ becomes /r/ in most dialects, but remains in Saalum. Wherever relevant I cite the Saalum form of words (if available), which can be easily identified by having /h/ and postvocalic /d/.
- f) Wolof exhibits gemination of root-final consonants in many roots (e.g. *nopp* ‘ear,’ *honn* ‘swallow’). This is not a predictable change, and is currently unexplained.
- g) Wolof roots with /j/ do not have outside cognates; the consonant was presumably innovated.

#### 1.4 Bainunk-Kobiana-Kasanga

- a) There are some differences between outcomes in the “Bainunk” columns of Table 2 and the individual Bainunk languages.
- b) Proto-Bainunk did likely contain geminates, and these are (irregularly?) maintained in root-final position in Guñaamolo. They seem to be indicated in the earliest Bainunk wordlist from the 17<sup>th</sup> century (published in D’Avezac 1845). Kasanga is not reported to have geminates (except /dd/?), but the language is extremely poorly documented.
- c) In the 17<sup>th</sup> century list, \*d is always /d/. Thus it seems that it was not lenited in any position in Proto-BKK or Proto-Bainunk. In all modern Bainunk languages \*d > r except word- and stem-initially.
- d) In Guñaamolo, the /t/ of other Bainunk varieties (from \*tt or \*nt) becomes /r/ word-finally. This is a recent change, seen even in recent borrowings.
- e) The proto-phoneme \*k~x was [k] in word- and root-initial position (and when geminated), and [x] elsewhere. It remains as [x] in Gubëeher, and develops to [h] in Guñaamolo. Gujaher sources are inconsistent in transcribing [x] vs. [h]— it seems the language is in the final stages of merging the two sounds. In Gubëeher, root-initial \*[k] spirantizes to /x/, but word-initial \*[k] remains /k/. Geminate \*kk is also /k/, and /x/ becomes [k] after a nasal. Prefixes with \*ki develop to /si/ in all varieties but two: Gujaher has /ci/, and the 17<sup>th</sup> century wordlist has either [ci] or [ki] (the spelling <qui> is ambiguous, but it cannot be /s/).
- f) All modern languages show palatalization of velar stops before front vowels to some extent. It is most common in Gubëeher and Gujaher, and rarest in Kobiana and Guñaamolo. Nonetheless it had not taken place in Proto-BKK, as in the relevant cognates at least one language always preserves the original velar (assuming a Kobiana cognate exists). When palatalization affects \*k in Gubëeher, it becomes /c/, escaping the later spirantization change.
- g) \*\*w > BKK \*w, but > Ø/y before a front vowel; there is only one relevant example of this second outcome, ‘fish scale.’
- h) The proto-phoneme \*c~ʃ was only realized as [c] in word-initial position, which in effect was only in noun class markers. It is retained as /c/ in Gujaher, but becomes /s/ in all other BKK languages, including the variety recorded in the 17<sup>th</sup> century list.
- i) As \*s becomes Bainunk /r/, KK /s/, and \*ʃ becomes /s/ in all languages, it may be that \*ʃ was [s], and \*s [ʃ], informed by its historical origin as \*\*t.
- j) In Kasanga, \*g > Ø except in word- and root-initial position.
- k) A number of changes involving prenasalized consonants in root-final position are seemingly inconsistent. Especially in Guñaamolo and Gubëeher, VNC often becomes VVC. In other roots, the oral stop of NC is lost in one or more languages, most often Kobiana, though it is possible that it was added somehow in the others— see ‘nose’ and ‘breast’ in particular.
- l) Given the Kasanga reflex /d/, \*r may in fact have still been [d] as in PNC.
- m) \*j is reconstructed in an appreciable number of roots, but these do not have outside cognates. \*j-initial noun class prefixes simply come from PNC \*j~y, which becomes BKK \*y in roots.
- n) There are no outside cognates for \*l, and in fact only a few non-borrowed roots can be reconstructed with this consonant in Proto-BKK. It did likely exist in Proto-BKK, but was rare and perhaps a borrowed sound.

#### 1.5 Biafada-Pajade

- a) \*\*h, \*\*w > \*w word initially (only possible in verbs), > Ø elsewhere
- b) Velar palatalization occurs only before \*i; this had already taken place in Proto-BP.

- c) PB \*j is almost exclusively from earlier \*\*g before \*i, but there are two reconstructed roots with \*j in other positions: \*jakk ‘give present’ and \*mij ‘think.’ I consider these exceptional. In the prefix \*ji-, \*j may come from PNC \*\*j~y, which becomes BP \*y in roots, but in theory could come from \*\*gi.
- d) Original geminate implosives always remain geminate in Pajade. Wilson (1965) describes Pajade voiced geminate stops as implosive (indeed they all come from Proto-BP implosives). For voiceless stops, the situation is unclear. In Meier’s (2001) and Cover’s (2010) data, Pajade does have voiceless geminates in some words, but only relatively rarely (including zero tokens of /cc/). From an etymological standpoint, it is not clear why these appear in the words that they do and not others. Wilson reports many more tokens of voiceless geminates, and proposes that they derive regularly from the fortition or prenasalization of original voiceless obstruents, versus the singletons which derive from the fortition of voiced egressive obstruents/sonorants (i.e. \*pp, \*mp > pp, but \*bb > p, though he does not put it in these terms). All three sources report geminate nasals, but only Wilson has them root-initially (as in Biafada). Meyer has no examples of /ññ/, and only one of /ŋŋ/. Biafada also sometimes has a singleton for an expected geminate; recall that documentation is very limited.
- e) Biafada /bw/ is always from Proto-BP \*b, usually next to a round vowel, as in the class prefix \*bo- > bwa-. However in some cases there is not an adjacent round vowel.
- f) In Pajade, BP \*g > Ø except word initially or when preceded by a consonant
- g) Similarly, in Pajade, BP \*h > Ø, or > w/y word-initially (in verbs)

## 1.6 Tenda

- a) Velar palatalization occurs only before \*i, which then becomes \*ə. This had already taken place by the Proto-Tenda stage.
- b) Labialized velars develop in all languages from velars next to round vowels. The round vowel then generally becomes /ə/.
- c) Prenasalized Proto-Tenda \*x > BB /k/ or /ng/ inconsistently; this is due to an intervocalic voicing change \*x > /ɣ/ in Bedik and southern Bassari which seems to have exceptions, or dialect borrowing was involved.
- d) No Proto-Tenda roots are easily reconstructable with \*ɣ outside of root-initial position, and /ɣ/ does not appear in this position in Bassari-Bedik. The reflex of non-root-initial \*\*g is Ø in all languages, as in ‘cow,’ ‘rainy season,’ and ‘elephant.’ However \*ɣ did exist in this position in Proto-Tenda, and leaves a trace in the preceding vowel. Konyagi has /i/ in *ỹi-łi* ‘cow’ which has \*a in all outside groups. A reconstruction \*ji-na (with \*\*g lost) cannot account for the Konyagi form, but \*ji-nay can, as \*ɣ becomes Konyagi /y/ except next to a round vowel (> /w/). The monophthongization \*ay > \*æy > i is straightforward. The same change took place in \*i-ñí “elephant,” and here it seem the Proto-Tenda reconstruction must be \*geŋ-ñay, based on Bedik *ge-ñò*, which could develop as \*ñay > \*ñaw > -ño. A reconstruction with \*y or \*w could not account for both languages. In \*nuuy > *łəw̃* ‘song,’ Konyagi retains a consonantal reflex, as do Bassari and Bedik in \*aa-diiyVr ‘stranger’ (though the /y/ could be epenthetic). Geminate \*gg is found in final position, and simply degeminates in the modern languages like all other Proto-Tenda geminates.
- e) In Konyagi, \*ɣ, ỹ > w, ỹ next to a round vowel, > y, ỹ elsewhere.
- f) In Bedik \*ł “geminates” to /l/ when the preceding consonant was \*r from the prefix \*er-, e.g. \*er-łiił > *i-lil* ‘egg,’ but true \*nn > /n/.
- g) In Bassari and rarely Konyagi, there can be a “nasalization transfer” between a nasalized and oral continuant in a root, e.g. \*-yəw̃ ‘sing’ > Bassari -*ỹúw*, vs. Konyagi -*yəw̃*, Bedik -*yùm*.



- h) Konyagi /w/ is in some roots phonologically labial, and in others velar, as it can derive from Proto-Tenda \*w or \*y. Most /w/s were reanalyzed as velar, and now take part in the w~g~nk mutation series. The opposite direction of reanalysis is rarely seen, as in \*gaŋ-yur > æ-mpùl ‘cricket.’
- i) In Konyagi \*ỵ and \*y merge as /y/, but remain distinct when geminated or prenasalized, yielding two series y~ỵ~nj and y~j~nc. The second of these has become overwhelmingly preferred, with most y-initial roots (including all verbs) reassigned to this mutation series.
- j) I do not consider tone here, but both Konyagi and Bassari have inverted the Proto-Tenda tones, preserved for the most part in Bedik. This accounts for the high number of rising tone patterns in Konyagi and Bassari. In general, the Bedik tones line up with Proto-Bantu.

## 1.7 Bak

Bak as a whole is characterized by the following set of consonant changes:

PNC	Proto-Bak	Joola	Manjak	Balanta
**b, d, y	*b, d, j	*b, d~r, j	*b, d~r, j	b, d, j
**b, d, g	*p, t, g	*f, t, k	*p, ṭ, k	f, θ, g
**p, t, k	*f, ṭ, k	*f, l, Ø	*f, l, k	f, t, h

Proto-Bak \*ṭ from \*\*t is some lenited voiceless coronal. Given the Balanta reflex [t], it was possibly still [t], but if so \*\*d could not have already become [t] in Proto-Bak. Another shared Bak change involves the development of word-final \*\*p and \*\*b. These tend to be /w/ or Ø in the modern languages, suggesting a change to Proto-Bak \*w in this position. Words exhibiting this change are most notably ‘head, ear, pour, millet.’ In Joola the development is to \*w after a mid vowel (further deleted in Fonyi), and Ø after a high vowel. However all of these words have a round vowel, and based on some Proto-Bak forms like \*-ṭap ‘sting,’ and the outside cognates for Joola \*-lefej ‘sole’ (\*\*t-p) and Manjak \*-ṭraf (\*\*d-p), it seems this change only took place after a round vowel. Furthermore geminate \*\*pp was not subject to this change.

Proto-NC CC clusters do have different reflexes in Bak languages versus single consonants. However the evidence for their development is somewhat limited, since no productive system of root-initial consonant mutation arose in Bak (though see the discussion of the Joola fortis series below), so evidence comes only from original \*\*CC-final roots. Thus these reflexes are not shown in Table 2. The development of Joola prenasalized consonants is recoverable from Joola-internal comparison, and involves some notable changes (e.g. \*-wunkul > Eegimaa -vvugul ‘new’).

### 1.7.1 Joola

Proto-Bak {\*ṭ, c, ṭ, k, h, p} each have two regular root-initial reflexes in Joola. The first is more common, and the second “fortis” reflex less common. Note that Proto-Bak \*f (from PNC \*\*p) does not have a fortis reflex, and all other Proto-Bak consonants show only a single Joola reflex.

Proto-NC	**t	**c	**ṭ	**k	**x, h	**b
Proto-Bak	*ṭ	*c	*ṭ	*k	*h	*p
Joola regular reflex	l	s	ɬ	Ø	Ø	f
Joola fortis reflex	t	c	t	k	k	p

These split reflexes are supported by the following cognates:

<b>**NC &gt; *Bak</b>	<b>Joola</b>	<b>Manjak</b>	<b>Balanta</b>	<b>PNC</b>	
<b>**p &gt; *f</b>	f	f	f	<b>**p</b>	
no Jo. fortis	*-feʎul	*fət	(fur, fer)	p-t	‘flay’
	*-fuuten	*fuutrɔ		p-d	‘blow’
	F. -fac			p-cc	‘split’
	*bu-fal	*ka-fal			‘body hair, fur’
	*-fum	*fɔm~fɔm			‘break’
	*ka-fin	*ka-fiin			‘white hair’
	Kw. -faan	fɔl			‘joke’
	Gus. -fiiten	*fiitrɔ			‘lightning (v)’
	Gus. ga-fuul	*fɔl			‘(be) empty shell’
<b>**b &gt; *p</b>	f	p	f	<b>**b</b>	
	*e-fool		(mfɔl)	b-t	‘toad’
	*-fint	*pintɔ			‘lie (down)’
	*-faal	*pal			‘surpass’
	*-fuʎ	*pul-a			‘crawl’
<b>*p &gt; Jo. fortis</b>	p	p	f	<b>**b</b>	
	*-puum/piim	*puman	fɔɔm	b/p-m	‘be blind’
	*-put	*puutrɔ		b-d	‘rot’
	*-pɔn	*pɔn			‘count’
<b>**t &gt; *ʎ</b>	l	ʎ (Bok s)	t	<b>**t</b>	
	*-lub	*ʎɔb	tɔb	t-ʂ	‘rain’
	*-liir	*ʎiir	tɪd	t-d	‘braid’
	*e-liw		tɪw	t-w	‘meat’
	*bu-lefej			t-p	‘sole’
	*-liik	siek			J ‘measure/try’ M ‘take’
	F. u-lur	u-suar			‘mountain’
<b>*ʎ &gt; Jo. fortis</b>	t	ʎ (Bok s)	t	<b>**t</b>	
	Eeg. -ttuŋ	*ʎɔn	(rɔŋ)	t-N	‘pound in mortar’
	*e/fu-ʎuk	*u-ʎuk			‘fist’
	*e/fu-ʎuk	u-suk			‘knot’
	*fu-tonj	*pə-ʎɔnj			‘heel’
	Kasa -tuul	sɔɔl			‘pick fruit’
<b>**c &gt; *c</b>	s	c	s	<b>**c</b>	
	*e-saamay			c-m	‘leopard’
	*fa-sɔm		g-sáàm		‘blood’
	*e-sɔk	*u-caak			‘country’
	*-sant	*caat			‘comb’
	*-sow	*cɔw			‘grill’
	*fu-sɔŋa	*u-ncaŋ			‘guinea fowl’
<b>*c &gt; Jo. fortis</b>	c	c	s	<b>**c</b>	
	*ba-caam	*u-ncaam		c-m	‘pay, money, livestock’
	F. coop		sɔɔf	c-pp	‘pound in mortar’
	*ba-caar				‘hunger’

<b>**t &gt; *t</b>	ʈ	t	s	<b>**t</b>	
	*-ʈuk		sug	ʈ-g	‘sow’
	*-ʈí	*te	siim		‘hear, understand’
	SJ *o-ʈum	*m-tum	b-súm		‘mouth’
	*ʈuba	*təb	sìbí		‘two’
	*fu-ʈi~ʈe	*pə-ti	résè		‘rainy season’
	*ka-ʈiw	u-tiw			‘horsefly’
	*-ʈaab	u-tuba			‘pigeon’
	*-ʈook	*tuh			‘stop up’
	Kasa ʈaj	tuj			‘spit’
<b>*t &gt; Jo. fortis</b>	t	t	s	<b>**t</b>	
	*-taf	*tap	saf		‘ <i>piquer</i> ’
	*bu-tum	*m-tum	b-súm		‘mouth’
	*ka-toj	*ka-tə			‘leaf’ (?)
<b>**k &gt; *k</b>	Ø	k	h	<b>**k</b>	
	*fu-iñ		f-húñè	k-ñ	‘liver’
	*e-ol			k-t	‘fish’
	*fu-et			k/x-d	‘tail’
	*ka-ur	ka-nkuərum			‘fingernail’
<b>*k &gt; Jo. fortis</b>	k	k	h	<b>**k</b>	
	*-ket	*kɪtɾ		k-d	‘die’
	*-kur			k-d	‘rear child’
<b>**x, h &gt; *h</b>	Ø	h	h	<b>**x, h</b>	
	*f-unt	*pə-huɔnɾ	(f-θùɔnθí)	h/x-nd	‘pestle’
	*a-are	*a-har		h-d	‘wife, woman’
	*ka-uul		f-hôul	h/x-l	‘bone’
	*e-ut			x-d	‘star’
	*e-aaj	*u-haaj			‘bee’
	*ka-ot	*ka-hɔɾ			‘leg’
	*-iif	*hɪfəntɾ			‘breathe’
	Bl. y-al	*u-haaʈ			‘heart’
<b>*h &gt; Jo. fortis</b>	k	h	h	<b>**x, h</b>	
	*ka-kub	*ka-huub		x-ʃ	‘bark’
	*e-kondor			h-n	‘swallow,’ J ‘throat’

These fortis reflexes are the only source of Joola \*p- and \*c-initial roots (\*t and \*k also come from \*\*d and \*\*g). As a consequence, there are relatively few \*p- and \*c-initial roots that can be reconstructed to Proto-Joola when compared with other consonants. The reason for these split reflexes is not known, but the most likely explanation is gemination yielding the fortis series. Though based on rather limited evidence, the fortis reflexes in root-initial position are the same as the Joola reflexes of reconstructed PNC geminates (or oral CC clusters) in root-final position. Another possibility is prenasalization, since no Proto-Joola roots begin with prenasalized consonants. This fortition change must have taken place between Proto-Bak and Proto-Joola, as there is no evidence for it in other Bak languages, and both series of reflexes must be

reconstructed to Proto-Joola. The trigger of fortition is unknown. In other Atlantic groups, prefix-final consonants are responsible for fortition and nasalization changes, leading to systems of consonant mutation when multiple different prefixes can appear on the same root. No mutation system exists in Joola, but it is still possible that specific class prefixes are responsible for fortition (note that lexically-specific class prefixes appear on infinitive verbs, as well as nouns). Notably, ‘mouth’ appears with a fortis consonant in Central and Western Joola \*bu-t̥um, but the lenis consonant in Southern Joola *o-l̥um* (from Proto-Joola \*fu-l̥um). In this case, a difference in noun class co-occurs with a difference in consonant series. However in another case, a difference in series exists for two nouns with the same prefix: Proto-Joola \*ka-kub ‘bark’ vs. Gusilaay *ga-wub* ‘shell.’ More broadly, it is not possible to identify the roots with fortis reflexes with particular classes. For now the question of how the Joola fortis series arose is unresolved.

Other Joola notes:

- a) Eegimaa (Banjal) exhibits a new gemination phenomenon, unrelated to the earlier fortition change. All Proto-Joola consonants can be either singleton or geminate in Eegimaa, with the singletons lenited; note that \*w geminates as /vv/. These geminates are lexically-specific, and appear only in intervocalic position. They do not alternate with singletons. Geminate-initial roots are evenly distributed across noun classes, and in verbs. Banjal has lost the Proto-Joola vowel length distinction, and it is possible that the gemination change took place when a following long vowel was shortened (it cannot be conditioned by the preceding vowel, since it does not take place word-finally, and long vowels do not appear in Central Joola prefixes). Etymologically, Eegimaa geminate-initial roots do often line up with long vowel roots in the rest of Joola, but this is not always the case, so the question of how gemination arose is for now not resolved.
- b) Eegimaa <ɰ> is the lenited realization of Proto-Joola \*t, but neither A. Bassène (2007) nor M. Bassène (2012) give a phonetic description. This same symbol is used for roughly [t̥] in Manjak cluster languages (though the sound varies considerably by dialect). Eegimaa <ɰ> is realized [l] root-finally before a vowel, and Proto-Joola \*t > Eegimaa [l] root-internally.
- c) In Banjal and Gusilaay (closely related), \*k becomes /g/ in class prefixes.
- d) I do not yet take Southern Joola (Bayot) into account in treating Joola. It should be noted that Bayot has a number of consonant phonemes not found in other Joola languages, including retroflexes.
- e) Barry (1987) reconstructs a number of additional Proto-Joola consonant phonemes (\*x, s<sup>2</sup>, s<sup>3</sup>, t<sup>2</sup>, r<sup>2</sup>) based entirely on correspondences between Central+Western and Southern Joola (though notably these do not involve the “extra” Bayot phonemes). Since I have not taken Southern Joola into account yet, I have no explanation for these additional sound correspondences— it remains to be seen if they can be explained by conditioned sound changes.
- f) Barry also reconstructs \*g in \*-gog ‘narrow’ and \*ng in \*ka-pongol ‘skin’ (\*ka-pol in many languages). As \*g is rare, I have left it out of Table 2 for now.

### 1.7.2 Manjak cluster

- a) The presentation of reflexes for Proto-Manjak consonants in modern languages/dialects is adapted from the chart in Doneux (1975: 3-4).
- b) Some additional reflexes of \*ɭ are [ʂ] in Woo (Mankanya), [l] in Yu, and [ɬ] in Pexixe (*pəlii*). Doneux reconstructs \*s, but this consonant must be \*[ɬ].

- c) The Proto-Manjak vowel system is: \*[i, ɪ, ε, a, ə, ʊ, u, ʌ, ə]. The 4 high vowels and [a] can be contrastively long. Long high vowels diphthongize in Bok (the best studied dialect), and in Mankanya and some Manjak dialects (including Pepel) short [ɪ, ʊ] lower to [e, o]. Doneux reconstructs [e, o], but based on external and internal comparison [ɪ, ʊ] are much more likely.
- d) A number of Manjak noun roots are prenasalized. This seems to be the result of earlier prefix-final consonants, though any alternations have for the most part been leveled. However some exist, often optionally e.g. \*bə-t̪ɪm ‘canoe,’ \*pə-nt̪ɪm or \*pə-t̪ɪm ‘kapok tree,’ \*ka-nt̪ɪm or \*ka-t̪ɪm ‘shuttle (weaving).’ Prenasalization does not have any effect on following consonants, except that /d/ has its allophone [d] rather than [r]. Voiceless fricatives are not prenasalized, but for now I’m not sure if this is due to the nasal being deleted, or the fricative being hardened.

### 1.7.3 Balanta

- a) Balanta is by far the most lexically divergent of all the languages examined here— more so even than Bijogo. The identification of regular sound correspondences is aided greatly by comparison with the rest of Bak, since Balanta shares so few cognates with languages outside of Bak. Nonetheless, even the shared cognates with Joola and Manjak are relatively few.
- b) The consonant system of the northern variety (f-Ja) is more conservative with regard to stops, as the Proto-Bak voiced stops remain (underlyingly) voiced. F-Ja does often lose /h/ (> Ø/w/y), including in the personal singular class prefix /ha-/ but it remains underlyingly in most words.
- c) All consonants (including fricatives) can be prenasalized, but the development of a consonant after a nasal is exactly as in other positions. Root-initial prenasalization seems to be historically associated with particular prefixes, notably \*gɪ-, suggesting Proto-Bak \*gaN-.
- d) The source of /gb/ is unknown. The best potential cognate is *f-gbúvθè* ‘star’ for \*\*x-d, where root-initial /h/ would be expected.
- e) The source of /r/ is unknown. There are multiple potential cognates to roots with /r/, but with different original consonants: *fvr/fɛr* ‘flay’ with \*\*p-t̪, *rɔŋ* ‘pound in mortar’ with \*t-N, and *ŋar* ‘scratch’ with \*ŋ-d. See also ‘flower’ and ‘snore,’ where the final consonant correspondence is irregular across multiple groups.
- f) The source of /n/ is unknown. The regular reflex of \*\*n is Balanta /l/. There are in fact relatively few Balanta n-initial roots: 18 not obviously borrowed in Creissels and Biaye (2016), vs. e.g. 53 m-initial. However some are very basic, e.g. *a-nîn* ‘woman.’ So far the best possible outside connections are *f-d̪in* ‘breast’ with Sereer *feen*, and *gómna* ‘hippo’ with Manjak *u-kɔmal*, Bijogo *e-gɔmɔr*.

### 1.8 Bijogo

- a) Orango and Kamona (Caravela) are recorded as having contrastive /w/ and /β/, while Kagbaaga (Bubaque) has only /w/. Wherever Orango has /w/ in Wilson’s data (only 23 words, vs. 57 with /β/), the other two dialects have Ø. This may represent an original \*w, but it’s quite likely that the /w/ is epenthetic in Orango. There are two possible outside cognates for Orango /w/: *wes* ‘sweep’ (Kagbaaga *ɛs*) with Kobiana *sa-yées* ‘broom,’ and *ɛ-wade* ‘mouse’ (Kagbaaga *ɛ-adik*) with the more widespread root \*\*yaad. I take Orango /w/ as epenthetic, probably in most cases involving the loss of original \*\*y and \*\*h.
- b) Proto-Bijogo \*β is the regular outcome of both \*\*b and \*\*w. In Orango it is always /β/, and in Kagbaaga it is usually deleted, but is sometimes /w/ root-initially. In Kamona the evidence

is limited— it is usually /β/, but Segerer records /w/ in a few words, notably both ‘hair’ and ‘goat.’ For now I assume only a single proto-phoneme \*β in all these words.

- c) Root-initial \*y is always deleted in Kagbaaga and seemingly Kamona; Segerer lists just 5 y-initial roots for Kagbaaga. It is often retained in Orango, cf. *yegen* ‘know,’ *ka-yoga* ‘elephant,’ vs. Kagbaaga *egen*, *e-oga*, but lost in other words (‘swallow, mouse’). In unprefixated *yaare* ‘buffalo’ it is likely originally the class prefix *e-* found on animals.
- d) Wilson describes Orango /ɖ/ as a voiced alveolar, usually realized as a tap (and presumably as a stop when not a tap). It corresponds to /d/ in other dialects, and is the reflex of \*\*ɖ.
- e) In Orango \*t and \*d are dental stops (this distinguishes /d/ [ɖ] from alveolar /d/).
- f) Orango /b/ is linguolabial [ɸ], and corresponds to bilabial [b] in other dialects. This is an exceedingly rare sound cross-linguistically, and I doubt that Proto-Bijogo \*b was realized as such. It simply comes from \*\*ɸ.
- g) I assume the loss of \*\*ɸ in *kɔ-ɔkɔ* ‘arm,’ which does not occur in any other root, but does in the prefix *u-*. This deletion may be regular between round vowels, as there is no contradictory evidence.
- h) *num* ‘bite’ has /n/ for expected \*ɖ, as does *nu-numɛ* ‘tongue.’ In both cases I assume a regular nasalization of \*ɖ to /n/ triggered by the following nasal. However ‘tongue’ also has an unexpected vowel, and may in fact be either contaminated by, or built from the root ‘bite.’ I do not yet know if this or other nasalization changes have occurred in other Bijogo roots.
- i) In the few cognates identified for \*\*d, Bijogo has /r/ and /d/. Based on very limited evidence, /r/ is the reflex in root-initial position (‘feather, be’), and /d/ elsewhere (‘fly, mouse’). However /r/ does appear in non-root-initial position, and there are /d/-initial roots, though no cognates have been identified for these.
- j) Similar to Bak, word-final \*\*p is lost in ‘head, ear.’ In Segerer’s Kagbaaga data, only six roots have non-root-initial /p/ (when not in a cluster /mp/), none with outside cognates. It seems that \*\*p was lost in non-root-initial position. This could be seen as an innovation shared with Bak, but recall that in Bak the change seems to only occur after a round vowel. Orango and Kamona /β/ appears relatively often in non-root-initial position, and so it seems the same fate did not befall \*\*b and \*\*w (in contrast with the Bak change). Non-initial /b/ is common in all dialects— the only sound affected by this change was \*\*p.
- k) In *bu* ‘head,’ I assume the deletion of root-initial \*\*g (recall the Wolof change), as proposed by Segerer. However this may not be warranted— root-initial /g/ is found elsewhere, including in roots with outside cognates, and unlike in Wolof there is not evidence for intervocalic \*g-deletion in other environments. Nonetheless ‘head’ is already irregular in that it retains marker-initial /b/, which is regularly lost. Segerer also proposes this change in *nɛ* ‘eye,’ making it cognate with the root in all other groups, but I find this somewhat doubtful, since there is no support for the loss of final \*\*t.
- l) The labiovelars /kp/ and /gb/ likely all derive from earlier \*k and \*b when labialized. This change is clear in the class prefix *kɔ-* which has an allomorph *kpa-*. The clearest example of this change in a root is *-kpa* ‘bark’ from \*\*xoba; roughly \*\*xoba > \*koβa > \*kwa > kpa. Another possible example is *-kpa* ‘tap palm tree,’ compared with Cangin \**kop*; roughly \*\*kopa > \*koa > \*kwa > kpa (though this example is much more speculative, the root having much less external support). A third possible example is *-kpɛ* ‘die,’ cf. Bantu \**kú*. See also ‘feather.’ There are unfortunately no similar examples for /gb/, but presumably the development from \*g was parallel.

## 1.9 Benue-Congo and Bantu

- a) In eight words I rely on Benue-Congo roots not found in Bantu— it must be stressed that I am not truly relying on regular sound correspondences here, since Proto-BC has no agreed-upon reconstructions. Nonetheless, most of these are very strong cognate candidates, and are found in other Volta-Congo groups (especially ‘cow, elephant, ten’). For one root, De Wolf’s reconstructed BC \*i-kote ‘fish,’ I have been unable to find the modern forms that are the basis of this (pseudo-)reconstruction.
- b) In Bantu, there is a great deal of uncertainty regarding vowel-, \*y-, and \*j-initial roots. Guthrie (1967) reconstructs contrastive \*y- and \*j-initial roots, with many more of the former. In fact his \*y is by far the most common root-initial consonant. However this is guided by an assumption that all Bantu roots were consonant-initial, which is not well-supported by the evidence. Many roots like \*-yàdí ‘woman’ and \*-yámí ‘chief’ never show a consonantal reflex in any modern language. I assume that many Proto-Bantu roots were in fact vowel-initial, and that the regular reflex of \*\*h and \*\*l (and perhaps \*\*w?) is Bantu Ø in all positions. Guthrie’s \*j vs. \*y distinction is based on different outcomes in modern Bantu languages, but the data is rather messy. The BLR3 combines these two consonants as \*j, such that there is an even larger number of \*j-initial roots than Guthrie’s \*y-initial roots (183 out of 1367). I cite roots as they appear in the BLR3, but recall that some of these were almost certainly vowel-initial, and it is possible that a \*j vs. \*y contrast also existed.
- c) Bantu \*g is weakened to \*y (or \*j) in many roots. Often \*g- and \*y/j-initial roots are reconstructed as variants of each other. This change is important in \*-jím̄b ‘sing’ and \*-jíc̄ò ‘eye’ which have /g/ in outside groups. ‘Eye’ in particular requires comment. A number of Bantoid languages have the root as t-final, e.g. Dzodinka *-līt-mīt* ‘eye(s)’ (in which the initial consonant is a fused class 5/6 prefix), which suggests that the final stop was palatalized in Bantu. For the initial consonant, cf. Gerhardt’s (1983: 226) reconstruction \*-gis for a subgroup of the Plateau languages. Thus the BC form seems to be \*-gito or similar. It is not currently clear to me if the weakening/palatalization of \*g to \*y in Bantu is regular in any sense, nor if any other roots exhibit palatalization of \*t to \*c.
- d) Voiced prenasalized stops in roots are common in C2 position, but voiceless ones are not. Of the 1367 “main” reconstructions in the BLR3, three have \*nt, five have \*nk, and there are none with \*mp, \*nc. It seems likely that original NT clusters were eliminated at some point prior to PB, with these few roots being innovations. This is relevant in connecting BC \*-tak “leg” with forms in Wolof and Biafada-Pajade, but remains to be confirmed.
- e) In two roots, PB has root-final \*mb for \*\*m: \*-jím̄b ‘sing’ and \*-dám̄ba ‘spleen.’ This seems to be a Bantu innovation, as at least ‘sing’ is found in other BC languages with /m/. Note also PB \*-gòmb ‘beat drum’ vs. \*-gòm̄à ‘drum (n).’
- f) Bantu is known to have lost Benue-Congo \*ŋ, but the roots cited always involve non-root-initial \*ŋ (e.g. \*-tuŋi > \*-tùì ‘ear’). The only relevant example cited here is \*\*t-ŋ ‘pound in mortar.’ I do not know what the outcome of root-initial \*ŋ is in Bantu, or even if it existed in this position in Proto-BC. \*ŋ is a relatively rare root-initial consonant in the Atlantic groups.

## 2 Cognates between groups

The cognates on the following pages are proposed with two levels of confidence: those shaded dark blue I judge to be likely, and those in light blue I judge to be unlikely, either due to irregular sound correspondences or significant differences in meaning. Words which are not shaded are listed for various reasons, but are not proposed as potential cognates. Words shaded in red are look-alikes which cannot be true cognates. In the first column I give the number of groups in which a likely cognate appears, followed by the higher number when unlikely cognates are included (e.g. 57 = 5 groups with likely cognates, and two more with unlikely cognates). The table is sorted by these numbers, with all of the roots having BC cognates shown first. The second column gives an explanation for the shared form and meaning of the proposed cognates, identified by the following codes:

- 1 cognacy
- 2 borrowing between groups
- 3 universal form-meaning mapping (e.g. [tu] ‘spit’)
- 0 coincidence

Often more than one code appears with a cognate set, as multiple explanations are plausible. The use of “2” simply indicates that at least one language might have borrowed the root from another NC language. The third column gives the meaning. This meaning holds for the listed cognates unless specifically noted. The next two columns give the PNC consonants in root-initial and non-initial position that can be reconstructed for the root. Transcription systems are adapted for some languages: a “+” below a Cangin, Joola, Bainunk, or Tenda vowel indicates +ATR (or “tense” in Tenda), which in Joola and Bainunk spreads throughout the word.

Some notes:

- For some roots, groups show reflexes of different consonants in C2 position; i.e. the sound correspondences cannot be regularly attributed to a single original consonant. This is of course not ideal, and these proposed cognates should be treated with much greater skepticism. 22 out of 150 roots that appear in three or more groups show this sort of discrepancy.
  - Four of the 22 involve a discrepancy in gemination.
  - Some of these discrepancies are seen even within Bantu, specifically **\*\*d** vs. **\*\*n** in ‘breast’ and **\*\*d** vs. **\*\*n** in ‘swallow,’ so it is likely that some of these irregularities can be traced to original root variants in PNC.
  - In some cases, it seems that a CV root was extended with various different consonants, see especially ‘sleep, fart, white, urinate,’ resulting in discrepancies.
- For some roots there is not enough evidence to decide between reconstructing **\*\*c** vs. **\*\*t**, or **\*\*k** vs. **\*\*x**. For the first set, evidence is needed from Bainunk, Joola, Manjak, or Bijogo. For the second, evidence is needed from Cangin, Wolof, BKK, or Manjak.
- For cognates only found in Pajade and Tenda (which are possible borrowings anyway), it can furthermore be impossible to choose between **\*\*k/x/h**.
- For now I have not reconstructed the vowels of the PNC roots.
- In the Bantu/VC column, I have also given potential Gbaya (Gb) cognates, which sometimes show support for roots shapes not present in BC (e.g. in ‘arm’).



The principal lexical sources that I rely on are listed below. Note that some are unpublished manuscripts/wordlists available in the RefLex database (Segerer & Flavier 2011-2020).

- Sereer: My fieldnotes (2012-15; Saalum dialect), Crétois (1973/77)  
Fula: Seydou (1998), Seydou (2014), De Wolf (1995), Niang (1997), Bah (2009)  
Noon: My fieldnotes (2014; Northern dialect), Soukka (2000; Padee dial), Lopis-Sylla (2010; Thies dial.)  
Laalaa: Dièye (2010), Thornell et al. (2016), Pichl (1981)  
Saafi: Botne & Pouille (2016), Pouye (2015), Mbodj (1983)  
Ndut: Morgan (1996), Pichl (1977), Doneux fieldnotes (RefLex)  
Paloor: Thornell et al. (2016), D'Alton (1983), Pichl (1977)  
Wolof: Diouf (2003), Kobès (1923 [1869]), see additional sources in Merrill (2021)  
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Bassari: Ferry (1991)  
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Bayot: Diagne (2009)  
All Joola: Barry (1987), Carlton & Rand (1994)  
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Mankanya: Trifkovic (1969), Gaved (2020)  
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Bijogo: Segerer (2000), Wilson (2008: RefLex), Segerer (1998: RefLex)  
Proto-Bantu: BLR 3 (Bastin et al. 2002), Guthrie (1967)

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9	1	bark	x	b(6)	*xob	ko6-al	o-xo6 ol-	*hu6 *pi-hu6 'leaf'	xob w- 'leaf'	*	Ka. gu-hubud (< guj)	gu-hubut		gu-kub (< Joola)	*gan-hu6a	ka-ɲube	gu-ɲudə	*xV66	væ-kù6	-xó6átá 'strip bark'	ga-ngó6átél	*ka-kub 'bark' Gus. ga-wub 'shell'	ka-wəb, Mank. ka-huub		ko-kpa	*mu/di-kó6á 'skin/bark' *jù6~jò6 'peel/skin (v)'	húbumbu		
89	1	eye	g	t	*gid	yit-ere	a-ngid al-	*yif/yaif	b-ët b-/gët y-	*si-ggiif	si-ggəh	ci-gil	si-jil	si-gil	*gəra	maa-se	gəra	*-yɛf	i-nkór	a-ngə6s	gi-ngù6s	*-kif	*pə-kəl	f-gít	n-ɛ	*di-jcò			
79	13	spit/saliva	t	Ø	*tuxud	tuut-o- Arn. tuhut-	duxud, tuxud	*tuHuɹ (< ser?)	tɛfli	*-foott		-loot	-loot	-lott	*rəmp (v) *ma-tto (n)	səp; ma-to (n)	rəmp	*-ro (n) *rapp (v)	u-ró, wə-tó i-táp	6a-tó -səp	ga-tótó -səp	Kasa -taj	tuj	tufaj	tu	*-tú, -tú-ij, -tú-id			
78	12	king/chief	l	m	*ox-lam	lam-6o	o-lam 'heir' lam 'inherit'	*lam 'inherit' < ser.	borom b- 'master'	*u-nam	u-nám	u-nam	u-nam		*u-yam-ə *yam 'reign'	u-yame yam	u-yamə	*aa-nam *nam 'reign'	-lɛw		a-lám			a-lámə	Or ɔ-am 'boss'	*mu-jámí			
78	13	tongue	d	m	*-de(le)m	dém-ngal	délem l-	*pe-dem	lámniñ w-	*	jaaró(m)	bu-lɛmac	bu-lemes	bu-lemes	*bu-deemə	pə-deemɛ	bu-deema	*-dím	ryów	a-níw	i-dém	*fu-rim 'voice'	*pə-rim 'speech' *pə-nduməntɹ 'tongue'	gi-démét	nu-numɛ	*du-dímj			
7	13	eat	n	m	*naam	naam-	naam	*nam	nam w- 'food'	*-naam(ɹa)	-naam(ta)		-nama 'taste'	-naamla				*-namm 'gnaw'		-yámə	-nam					*n-námə 'meat'; Mundabli nām 'fufu'			
7	1	cow	n	g	*ge-nag	nag-ge	naak l-	*-noy	nag w-						*-nagə	ku-naa	nnagə	*ji-nay ~ > K. *yi-lɛy	yi-li					jilə		BC *i-nak, Amo ɛ-ná	Son. ná		
68	12	block/stop up/ram in	ɬ	x	*	sukk-	sux; o-soxoof ol- 'cork'	*sox 'plant' *soH 'seeds'	sox 'load gun'	*-sox	soh		-roox	-rokk	*	sukk (< ful?)	soog 'load gun'	*-fo(y)	-sɔy	-fó	-fɔy	*-fook	*tuh				*-còk 'poke in, ram in'	súki	
67	1	four	n	x	*naxi-	nai	naxik	*nixiif		*saN-naC	sána(ɲ)	rɛnek	rendek	ha-renek	*-nVhi	man-ne	nnihi~nihi	*-nax	-lɛx	-nəx	-lá				-tállá		*-nəj		
67	10	breast (breast)milk	6	d/n	*6ir- 'milk(v)'	6ir-6ir-am	6ir	*6iif	ween w- meen m-	*bu-ɲn(d) *muN-ɲn(d) *bu-muN-ɲn(d) 'breast'	bu-bín	mu-yɲn bu-mɲn	mind bu-mind	mɲnd bu-mɲnd	*pa-66ər *mam-6ər	pə-bər mam-bər	bbəl	*er-6ər *maɲ-6ər	i-6əl6 wə-mbəl6	e-6ər o-mər	e-6ər ma-mər	*fi-it	*pə-(y)il				*di-béédè (var. *-béenè) Gb *bèrè		
67	10	tooth	Ø/N	N	*re-niif	niin-de	niif l-		b-ɛñ b-/gɛñ y-						*	pi-nɛ/maa-nɛ		*-nVngaa		yəngə	gi-nángə	*ka-niɲ~niɲ Mank., Pepel pə-niɲ/pə-ni		ka-ni	*di-jín6 BC *-nino~i Irigwe ri-ni	nif			
67	1	rear/raise child	k	d				*kod	hudd 'raise livestock'	*-kur/n	-h~kkun 'bear child'	-kunah 'be polite'	-xun	-kun	*	kud		*-xod/xud	-xwɔd	-xwɔl		*-kur	*kut			*-kú6 'grow up'	Bam. kólo		
6	1	mosquito	6	g/k	*gun-6og	6ow-ngu	6ook n-	*6uk	yoo w- < *y-oh (pl.)	*-ung-ux	joong	a-yung	a-wux	a-wuug												*m/du-bú, Somyev tə-bogo			
6	1	ten clap	p	h	*		fox	*puh/poh	fukk						*ba-ppo	pa-ppo	ba-ppo	*-foox/fuux *-fok(k)-a, *-fox 'hold in 2 hands'	i-pəxw -fəkwá	f~pəx/pux -fəxwá, -fəxw	ma-fú/pó -fəwá, -fó					BC *pu			
6	1	arm	6	x, y	*		o-6ay ol-xar6axay 'ten'		loxo l-						*		ga-mbahay 'hand'	*-6aakk	i-vákó 'hand'					ko-6ko	*ku-bókò Gb *6akà				
6	1	elephant	n/(n)	g/y	*ban-nig	niif-wa	faniik/g f-		ney w-	*jan-niix/g		jeñah	ja-niix	janñig				*geɲ-nay	i-nif	e-nám	ge-nò	*e-niib E. e-niix < Bai?				BC *i-ni, Humono è-ni			
4	1	elephant	y	g				*ca-oɣ							*wan-yoogə	wa-ywe	yyoogə								e-oga, Kam, Or ka-yoga	*n-jògù			
6	13	rot/be ripe	b	d	*boor	woor-	foor, fot			*-bud	(-boh), Ka. -bul	-put (< jo.)	-bur, -put (< jo.)	-pur (< jo.)	*bor	pər	bwəl	*-wər	-wəl	-wər	-wúr	*-put	Mank. -pootɹ				*-bò6 P-Plateau 4 *bor Gb *mbór		
6	10	be able/can/know how	m	n				*mɲn	mɛn	*-min	-min	-mɲn	-min	-min	*mən	mən	mənɹ					*-manj 'know'	me				*-màn(j) ~màɲ~mɛɲ 'know'		
6	10	flay/skin skin (n)	p	ɬ			fas 'strip bark'		fees		-ppaacc 'strip bark'	-pas 'strip bark'			*fəs	fəs	fəs	*-fej	-fɛs	-fɛj	-fɛj	F -feɬul (Weiss)	*fət	fur, fɛr	pɛtak~pɔtak ko-pɔɔ	*-pú6ud *di/du-pú6u			
57	1	dog	6	h/(C)	*	6oosaa-ru	o-6ox ol-	*6uh							*	ci-baa		*	i-vé						e-booti	*m-búà			
57	10	smile	m	y/n	*	moos-o-	muuy-oox	*moo6	muuñ	*	-mozəzə(n)				*	miñ									moj	*-mùè(ɲ)			
57	123	be mute	m	m	*muum	muum-d-	muum		muuma	*			-mumune		*	ku-miim						-mòm 'be quiet'		múumúni			*-mú6m	múumúnee	
57	10	tree	t	k/h	*-reex ?	leg-gal; lek-ki 'medicine'	ndaxar n-; a-teex al- 'wood'	*ki-rik	matt m- 'wood'						*6u-ɹe *ma-tte (pl)	mat	bur, ɹbure	*gaɲ-ɹəx		a-təx	ga-tò				ɲu-te	*mu-tí, Pinyin -tók, medum. -túx Gb *tè			
56	1	hippopotamus	g	b(6)	*	ngabb-u		Sa. cahuy < *ca-yuy~6?		*ja-6o	jaagó	jogo	jogo	jogo	*wan-guwə	wan-kuwe	nguwə									*e-kaw		*n-gú6ú Gb *ngù6ú	
2	1	hippopotamus	g	m																						*u-kəmal	gómna	ɛ-gomər	
5	1	sing	g	m	*gim	yim-	gim			*-yɲn	-yin	-yɲn	-yɲn		*jim	cim	jəm	*-yəm	-yów	-yúw	-yúm	*-kɲm					*-jimb Gb *gimà		
5	13	goat	b	Ø	*ban-be	mbee-wa	fambe f-		béy w-	*fa-bj ?		febbi	feebi	ɹfa-be													*u-pi	e-we Or ee-6e	baa

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3	13	goat	p	∅				*pe'										*ji-fe 'sheep'	i-fé	i-fëyi	jə-fè					Idoma òpí, Basa-Benue u-pí, etc.		
5	1	child	ḅ	∅	*-biy	biɗ-do	o-biy ol-								*nin-be	nəm-be	nə-mbe	*ha-bi 'girl'		ə-bí	hébè		mbí	ɔ-ngbya		*-bɛ́-ad 'bear child'	Reshe ú-bi	
5	1	split	p	cc	*	fecc-, fels-	fac(it), pasit		fàcc 'crack'	*-facc	-f~ppaac 'strip bark'	-fac	-pac 'sculpt'	-fac								F -fac (Fonyi only)			Or piit	*-pàc		
5	1	jump/fly	k/(h)	d			yet			*-kjd, hjid?	-h~kkil	-cɛr	-cɛr	-hjir	*siir	siir-o	fiil					*-yit	*-yitɛ	hi0, yi0 'jump'	kid Or giɗ	*-kɛd-uk 'jump over'		
5	13	pound in mortar	t	ŋ/n											*ku-ton 'mortar'			*-ɽɛŋ		-sɛŋ	-súŋ	JE e-ttuŋ *-loŋ(g)	*ɛn Mank. pə-soŋ 'mortar'	ruŋ	toŋ ka-tə 'mortar'	*-tó	tuu Bam. tòntà	
46	1	spleen	ɗ	m/(b)	*gol-ɗaam(b)	ɗaam-ol	o-ɗaam(b) ol-		gàddaam g-						*pə-deebo			*gaŋ-deem		a-nɛw	ga-nèm		*u-dub 'liver'	Or. ɛ-ɗamba 'love'	*di-ɗamba			
45	1	three	t	t	*tad-	tati	tadik~daduk		ñ-ett	*-ɽaɽ	-héh	-laal	-lall	-lall				*-ɽaɽ	-ràèr	-sàs	-sàs					*-tátù		
45	1	hear/understand	y	g					yég 'be informed'	*-yeg	-yeg	-yeg	-yeg	-yeg		yec									(y)egen 'know, understand'	*-jígú 'hear'	*-jíg 'learn'	
45	1	daylight	ɽ	n					ceeñeer l- 'sunbeam', ciñaag 'warm self in morn'	*-senn 'be clear'	-s~ccen, má-sen 'daylight,' tá-ccen 'dawn'	-ren	-renn	-renn, harenaam 'dawn'				*-ɽan 'dawn, tomorrow, morning'	æ-céɽ	e-cán	báɽal				ɽen(e) 'shine'	*mu-cána		
45	1	white	p	t/∅						*-fes	(-f~ppundu)	-fer	-fer	-fer	*faas *fvc	faas fac~fic 'be clean, pure'	f~paas fac 'be clean'	*-fej		-fèj	-fèj	*-fiit	*fac~faac				*-pe Lamnso fóf, etc. Gb *féŋ	
45	10	pound in mortar	c	p(p)							-s~ccupp				*soof			*-ɽif		-ɽif	-ɽéf	F -coop 'thresh 2nd time'		sɔɔf		*-copud (zones K, L)		
37	1	plant (a stake)	ɽ	p			sip (< wo)	*yip~yíp	sèpp	*-sif-un	-s~ccifa(n)	-ɽifan	-rifun	-rufun		cif	jəbw	*-ɽif		-ɽif	-ɽéf	F -cup	ɔɔf, capɽ Mank. θep pə-cap 'pillar'			*-còp 'prod w/ stick'		
4	12	bathe	ḅ	g			bog	*bo(ɣ)-ox										*-boggən	-vɔgwól						ɔk 'swim'	*-jóg ? Tikar ɓɔ? < *ɓɔk Gb *bɔsá		
4	1	guest/stranger	g	n			genar (pl.)		gan g-	*gVnaal	ú-gunaan	u-jinaal	(u-jinaer)													*mu-gèŋ Gb *gèŋè		
4	1	thresh (pound to remove chaff)	c	xx	*-sox(x)	sokk-	sox		soq	*-sakk				-sak 'thresh 2nd time'												*-cókud		
4	12	foot shoe	p	ɗ		faɗ-o	o-ñafaf ol-	*ñafaf ~ñofaf < ser		*ta-pper	tá-ppe(r)							*ra-ppar, *-feed(d)	i-fèry i-pèry	sàpàr ɓa-pɛɗ	i-tápár gi-pɛɗ					*di/m-páɗɗ		
4	1	sleep lie down	ɗ	∅	*ɗaan	ɗaan-o	ɗaan ɗaasoox 'lie on stomach'	ɗaaf 'dream'							*datta daaso	daanəh		*-ɗakk	-ryæk	-læk	-ɗák						*-ɗá-ad Gb *lá	
4	1	armpit	n	p	*ho-naaf(-faand)	naaf-ko, naaw-ki	o-naapaand ol-								*go-naafá	ko-naawe	gə-naafo	*gaŋ-naafaan		a-nàfáɽ						*ku-jápá Patapori nápkí		
4	10	medicine man	b	n			o-pan ox-fan w- (pl.)																*na-pena	ɔ-bane	*ki-m-bàndà			
4	1	toad	b	t					mbott m-										*fa-woɽ ?	for		*e-fool		mfol	ɛ-ponɔ	*m-boto		
4	10	hill	t	nd					tund											e-tənd				*u-ntunda		*n-tùndà, *mu/di-dùndù		
4	1	eat	ɗ	h					lekk													*-ri	*re		deak	*-ɗí Fefe -zəh < *-ɗik		
4	10	fish	k	t						*fa-katt			fa-xaat	fa-kat									*e-(w)ol		ŋɔ-katɔ	BC *i-kote		
36	10	hyena	m	nd, m?			o-moon ol-	*ngumu		*mɔnrum ?	muddú(m)	mɔddum	mɔndum	mɔdum		wuntuje							*e-mundugo ~e-munguno				*m-bùngú BC *i-mudum	
35	10	leave	p	d	*ful	ful-	pul 'rush out'	*pɔl		*-fɔd	-f~ppul	-fɔr	-fɔr	-fɔr								*-fɔl *-pɔr (borr. BKK?)	*pən			*-púduk 'go out, escape'	Bamenkombit fúɽə	
35	10	leg	t	nk					tank b-	*-ɗɛnk	a-ddfkk	ci-ɗjix, d'A quidinc	si-ɗjix	si-ɗjih	*-ɽankä	pa-takke	ge-rankä	*xo-nəŋ	u-xòlənɔk	yónəŋ							BC *ku-tak	
35	10	wing	b	p		wib-jo, wiifoo-ngo		*paɓ							*-baafo	mam-paafo	ge-bwaho	*gaŋ-waf	(æ-mpəw)	a-mbáf	ga-mbáf						*di/du-bàbá, *di/du-pàpá	
35	1	swallow	m	n/ɗ		mod-	meef 'choke'		mèdd 'gulp, swallow up'		-min	-ɗam	-ɗom	-ɗom								*-mer	*yɔr	nad		*-mɛd~mɛn ~mèd		
34	10	woman	k	d											*u(N)-haar ?	u-naal		*aa-ɽo-xaar cf. *aa-ɽo-ɽann 'man'		ə-sóxár	a-sóyár					*mu-káɗɗ		
34	1	bite	ɗ	m				*ɗoɓ														*-rum	*rom	ɗom	num	*-ɗúm		

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3	1	person	n	t	*neɗ-ɗo				nit k-																o-to	*mu-ntù			
3	10	be hungry hunger	h/Ø	ɗ				*ɗad-ox *(h)ad																	ad-ɔk u-ado Or aaɗu	*n-jàdà			
3	10	eyelash	x	p					xef w-	*gú-haf	ci-haaf																*n-kópè		
3	1	dawn (v)	x	y				(borr Wo.)	xéy									*-xey		-xëy	-hé						*-ké		
3	1	heart, breastbone	x	ɗ					xol 'heart'																		*n-kódò		
3	1	be	d	Ø			ref, reef		di																re 'dwell'	*-di			
3	1	tortoise	k/x	ɗ											*-hud(ä)	fa-wud	kuda	*fa-xud		fɔxól								*n-kúɗù	kuta, kutu
3	1	bee	c/t	Ø											*gun-cu *bee-su	ku-cu bee-su 'mead'	gun-cege	*er-fu *beefu 'mead' (borr. Pajade)	i-cú bésù	bèfù	bèfù							*n-jfki ? BC *i-swaki Amo fɔ-ɗù Irigwe l-[wi]	
3	13	blow	p	d											*fuur	fuur	fuul											*-púɗ (*-pód 'cool down')	
3	10	give	n	?						*-nan	-nan	-nan			*nVŋg ?	nink	nuɲ									nink 'lend'	*-jɲk--nɲk		
23	10	buffalo	y	?											*wan-yarä ?	wa-yre	wwal									yaare / ko- yaare	*n-játí		
23	10	cry	ɗ	ɗ											*ɗand	dand	dand											*-did	
2	1	two	ɗ	?	*ɗik	ɗidi	fik																					*-badi	
2	10	name	g? Ø?	n	*in-de	gon l-																			Or ŋa-βini	*di-jɲà			
2	10	farm, cultivate	d	m	*rem-		*lɲ																					*-dim	
2	10	egg	g	N		gin l-																						*di-gí	
2	1	do, act, make	p	ng				*pang 'do'																				*-páng	
2	10	wound	p	t				*puɲ																				*ki/m-pútá	
2	1	split	ɗ	ɗ				*ɗad																				*-dàd	
2	1	small	n	?			neew (< wo)		néew																			*-nɔ	
2	1	ember	x	ɗ					xal w-																			*di-káda Gb *kɛlɪ	
2	1	voice	ɗ	k					lakk w- 'language'																			*di/n-ɗáká	
2	1	froth/foam	p	d					fuur																			*-púɗ	
2	10	baobab	β	y					guy g- (root wuy)																			*mu-bùjú	
2	1	long, be	t	d											*-ɟar	sar	ral											*-tadí	
2	10	see	y	n												jeen												*-jén	
2	1	louse	ɗ	Ø/h													nda											*-n-dá	
2	10	tail	k/x	d																		*fu-et						*mu-kíɗà	
2	10	woman	h	ɗ																		*a-are	*a-har 'wife'					*mu-jadí	
2	10	fish	d	β																								*-ɗób, -ɗùb (v)	
2	10	die	k/x	Ø		xon	*Hɟl																		kpe			*-kú	
2	10	saliva	t	Ø																					n-ta			*ma-táɟ	
2	10	neck	k/x	t																					ŋo-kota			*di/n-kòtɟ	
8	1	ear	n	p	*ru-nof	nof-ru	nof n-	*nuf	nopp b-	*ki-nuf	si-núf	ci-nuf	-nuɟala 'clean ears'		*go-nafá	ko-nafa	ge-nafa	*gaŋ-naf	æ-nóf	a-nəf	ga-nəf				*ka-nu		gi-ló	ko-nno	
7	10	smoke	ɟ	Ø/C	*suuC	cuur-ki	(f)o-suun ol-	*sɟt (v)	suur (v)		á-cculugg				*hu-ccV	ku-ci	fu-cu, fu-ci	*-ɟən (v) *xoC-ɟ...	-sól xwə-cicə	-ɟən o-kwocón	-ɟəl go-kwoc								[ɟkp (v) maɟɟɟɟa (n)]
7	10	hair	w	l	*wil	bilee-wol (A)	wil l-	*fen f-	kawar g-						*i		ga-i/bwa-i	*-waan		e-mbän	gu-mbál				*ka-wal	*ka-wel	gi-húl	ε-wa Or εε-βa	
7	1	head	g	p				*ɟaf	b-opp b- /gopp y-	*bu-gof	bu-góf	bu-gof, bi-gof	bu-gof	bi-gof	*bu-gafá	po-ofe	boofa (maa- gafa)	*-ɟaf	æ-nkəf	gəf	gəf				*fu-kow	Mank. bə- kow	b-gó		
6	123	ant	ñ	ñ	*-ñuuñ-	ñuuñ-u	ñiiñax l-	*ñiiñ		*-ñuuñ	jáñuuñ	a-ñuuñ		a-ñuuñ	*gun- ñuuñ-ñiñi	ku-ñiñi	gu-ñiiñuu	*-ñVññ	æ-ñiñ 'red ant sp.'	gi-ñiñ	e-ñiñi								*u-nuon 'small ant'
6	1	liver/heart	k	ñ	*re-xeeñ	heeñ-ere	xeeñ l-	*keeñ			baasó(n)	bu-ciin 'heart'	bu-ciin	bu-kiiñ	*bu-seeñ(i)	pə-seeñi	bu-señ 'chest'									*fu-iñ	Pepel fiñ (borr?)	f-húñè	
6	1	star	x	d	*-xoor	hood-ere	o-xoor ol-	*Hul		*-hɟud	a-wóol	gu-huur		gu-huur	*-hVVr(ä)	pu-oor	wweela	*er-xor	i-kòl		e-kór								f-gbúθè
57	1	chew/eat	y	k(k)	*yax(x)	yakk-	yax	*yaaɓ 'cut w/ teeth'	yéy < yéh ?	*-yaax(Vɟa)	'eat'	-yaah	yaax(ɛla)	-yahala	*yah	jaa	jah	*-yaakk	u-yàkálél	-yák	-yák								gi-njáagám 'jaw'

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56	1	dance	g	m	*gam, gom	'am-, wom-	gom 'do wrestling dance'	*yam		*-gom					*gam	kam	gam	*-yam	-wəw	a-ngàwá 'dancing place'		Huluf, Esu. -gom				*-gomb 'clap hands/beat drum,' *n-gómà 'drum'			
56	1	nose	k	n		hin-ere			bakkan ~bakken b-	*gu-ñan-kin(d)	gu-ñíkkə(n)	gu-ñankin	gu-cind	ñan-kindəj	*ña-sin	ña-sin	ña-siñ	*er-ɟən	i-cəl	e-cén	e-cəl	Kw e-ñinu < *e-fi-ñinu ?							
56	10	bowels, intestines	b	t			o-fud ol-'belly'		butit b-, butti 'eviscerate'		a-bbú 'belly'				*		bu-bur	* 'eviscerate'			-büt				*pə-pəs 'belly'	m-mbüté			
56	1	feather	d	ng?					dunq w-	*gu-dung	gú-lung Ka. gu-lung				*-runga	kan-tunke	bu-lungu	*-rong	u-lónkw	e-ndòngw	ge-ndóng					*ka-lung (< KK?)	ku-runkpe Or ku-runke		
5	1	rainy season	d	g	*-ri(i)g		ndiig n-, riig (v)	*lay~ley		KK *boo-lug	bóolug				*bo/pa*-rigV~rugV	pa-tio	bwa-logu	*-ruu	æ-lú		mu-dù, ñu-rù					*pə-ti			
5	12	baobab baobab fruit	ɓ	g/(k)	*-ɓVk *re-ɓVk	ɓok-ki ɓoh-re	ɓaak n-ɓaak l-	*ɓoy		*ki-ɔog		ci-bok	si-ɔog bu-ɔog	si-bokk				*gaŋ-ɓakk/ɓu *er-ɓakk/ɓu *ɓu < **ɓoy	æ-mbù i-bù	a-màk o-màk (pl.)	ga-mák e-ɓák	*bu-bak *fu-bak				*bə-bak			
5	1	rain	t	ɓ	*toɓ	toɓ-	doɓ	*toɓ	taw b-									*-rəɓ	-rəv	-səɓ	-súɓ	*-lub	*ɓub	tub	e-nobo				
5	13	bite	ŋ	t	*ŋat	ŋat-	ŋat		ŋet 'gnaw'	*ŋaɟ	-ŋah	-ŋal	-ŋal		*ŋaɟ	ŋas; ŋat 'break w/ teeth'	ŋar	*ŋaɟ, -ŋatt	-wəɛr, -wəɛt	-ɟás, -ɟàt	-ŋás, -ŋát								
5	1	bear child, give birth	d	m	*rim	rim-	rim	*lijm		*-dijm		-dijm	-dijm	ba-dim 'family'	*rəm	rəm	ləm	*-rəm	-lów	-rów	-rəm								
5	1	fly (insect)	w	ø/?	*-wuC	mbuub-u	buc' n/k-	*caa-fu		*-wujund	jóohund	a-wɔlund	a-wɔlur	a-wɔlul				*-wu (or -ɣu)	æ-nkú			*(e-)(a-)wɔ	*u-wu						
5	1	sun/day	n	g		naa-nge		*noy		*bu/bi-neg	bu-nég	bu-neg, bi-neg	bi-neg		*		nnagə	*-nəkka 'evening' < 'last (v)'	æ-nókà	e-nəká		*ti-nak	*pə-nak 'noon' *bə-nu 'sun'			lɛy 'sun' f-ɛy 'day'			
5	1	live, reside	g	n			gen	NdP gin < *ngin 'village'		*-gin		-jin	-jin													*-kin cən, cina < *kin Mank. kintɟ 'cohabitare'	ne-gen 'village'		
5	10	fish scale	w	ɭ	*-was	bacc-e	o-was	Pa. wasin (borr)	waas (v) waasintoor w-	*-(y)es	sá-yeese(n)	gu-yer	gu-er	gu-yer													*ka-wel	oɭ (v) Kam. ŋɔ-ɛɭ	
5	1	tick	p	ɗ		fett-o	feed l-		fel w-	*-fer/n		a-fen								e-pəl 'louse'		F ba-fet 'body louse'					ka-pede 'louse'	Son. fétte	
5	10	calabash gourd (for liquid)	g	m(b)				*ngum	gamb b-						*bu-gomm ?	pomm(a)		*gaŋ-ɣo(o)m		a-ngòw	gi-ngòm	F e-komboon Kw e-komb 'c. w/ lid'	pə-kumbe				*du-kómbò (LM), *mu-gubu (GNS)		
5	12	kapok	d	n				*leen		*-dɛn	u-ndéeno	ci-dɛn	si-dɛn	si-dɛn	*	bə-riin		*gaŋ-riin	gi-ndil		a-ndín	Karon hi-tɛni, Bayot bu-tɛn	*pə-tɛn						
5	1	braid	t	ɗ				*ted 'weave, braid'	létt	*-ɟiir 'weave'	*bá-ttiir-ttiir 'weaverbird'	-liin	ra-liin		*-ɟeed	seed 'weave, braid'		*-ɟid			-sɛɗ	*-liir	*siir	tud					
5	10	fart	d	?				*lijx		*-dɪt(t)	gú-litt	-dɪl	gu-dɪl	gu-dɪl	*	ric		*-rəcc	-lác	-rəcá	-rəc	E. ma-tɪj	*tɪrɪ	θe					
5	1	egg	n	n					nen b-	*-niin	a-ni(n)	bu-niin	bu-niin	bu-niin	*-nVNä	maa-nine, nin 'lay egg'	nnaña	*er-niin	i-nil		i-lil						*pə-nun		
5	1	crocodile	ɭ	g					jasig j-	*ja-sɛg		ɟereeg	ja-rɛg	ɟareg	*		jaasugu										*u-tnk	ɛ-tɛga	
45	1	pour out	y	p	*yVpp	yupp-	yip	*(y)jif		*	yipp 'plant seed'				*	yipp 'plant a nursery'		*yiif *yippətt		-yif -yɪpət	-yif -yɪpət	*-yɔ					*-jɪt		
45	12	suck	ɓ	ɭ		ɓuuc-o-	ɓuus	*baas										*-ɓuuɭ	i-ɓús	-ɓúɭ	-ɓúɭ						Pepel boot	ɓooɭ	
45	10	peel/flay	k	p	*hutt (< huf-t?)	hutt-	hut	*kof		*-keef-ur, kuuf-ur	-h~keefəh	-cɛful	-keeful	-keeful, -kuuful	*hoof	woof		*-xuf ?	-xóféɭ	-xùf									
45	10	termite	m	y		mooy-u		*maas			jaméjj				*-mayyā	pa-majje	gu-mmajja	*-may' ~yamm ?	æ-məy	o-ɣəm (pl.)	gi-ñám								
45	12	stoke fire bellows	b	p		-wif				*-bɪf *jan-bɪf-	\$jembifa	-bɪf	-bɪf	\$jambif jambife	*-buuf; *gan-buufā	-puuf kan-puufe	ga-mbuufu	*-wVf	-wáf	-wɛf	-wùf	*-bɪf							
45	1	resemble	m	nd?	*nand < nan 'hear'	nand-	nand	*mand	mel	*-mɪnd	-minda	-mɪnd	-mɪr	-mɪr	*mVVR	miir	meel	*-mænd	-wənt	-wəndər	-məndəl								
45	12	pestle	x/h	nd	*gal-'un	'unu-gal	a-'un al-	*kuɗ	kuud g-	*-hɪnd	a-wínd	bu-hɪnd	bu-hɪr	bu-hɪr	*bu-hund	pu-unt		*-xond	xòntə	i-ngònd	e-gònd	*f-unt	*pə-huontɟ	f-θòntí				kudaa	
4	120	put into bag/container	ɭ	ɗ	*sod	sod-	sod	*sod (< ser?)	sol 'wear'	*gu-ɟol 'shirt' (< Port.?)		gu-sol	gu-sol	gu-sol													*tɔr		
4	10	pound in mortar	h	ɗ				*hoɗ	hol	*-hur	Ka. -wud	-hɪnah	-hun	-hun	*wuud	wuud													
3	10	pound in mortar	ø	n	*'un	'un-	'un	*mɪn m-'flour'	gènn g-'mortar'																				
45	1	old, be	d	p				*bitif 'old woman'		*-def	-l~ndef	-def	-def	-def	*raf	raf	laf	*-raf, -ɗaf	-ryəf	-ràf	-ráf						*tɾaf		
45	10	scratch	ŋ	ɗ	*ŋoos	ŋoos	ŋoos			*	gu-ŋúru 'claw/nail'				*	ŋud, ŋədd	ŋənc	*-ŋVɗɗ, *-ŋocc	i-ŋóc~i-ŋwəc	-yàɗ						*ŋər~ŋir, ka-ŋəri 'claw'	ŋar		
4	1	dawn (v)	b	t	*beed	weet-	feed; o-feet 'tomorrow'	*wiɟ	bèt-set						*biɟ	piis	bwir												
4	1	new	h	c/ɭ	*xVs	hes-	xas	*has	hees									*-xəɭ	-xàsók	-xáɣax	-yàjá								
4	1	millet	g	b	*ri-gaab	gaw-ri	kaaf k-, ngaaf n-	*to-ɣo	dugub j-																		E. e-ggub 'maize'	bɔgɔ, pl. yɔgɔ	
4	10	path, road	ɗ~ø	t	*gal-ɗat	ɗat-al	a-fat al-	*waɟ		*bi-(r)aaɟ	baah Ka. bu-war	bu-naal	bi-naal	bi-naal	*faaɟ(e)	faase	faar			u-ryèt 'rat path'							Gb *ɭf-wár		

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4	12	birth, beget	ḃ	c/ʈ	*bas-	bes-n-	basil	*basil (<ser)	wasin	*-boʃ		gu-bos 'fertility ritual'	gu-bos	-bos	*	bas		*-baʃ		-báʃ	-báʃ						
4	10	swim	w	y'	*		wey'	S, P wey' (<ser?)	féey, fóoy	*-way ~wɔy		-wɔy	-way	-wɔy	*way'	waj	waj					*-waj		waa			
4	1	black	ḃ	l	*baal	bal-w-	baal, bal-ig								*ba(y)	ba(y)	bang	*-ban	-væɭ	-ḃ~màṅax	-ḃ~mála	Kw -bani					
4	1	ask	m	k(k)?				*meex-iʃ		*-miix		-mihila	-miix	-miihul	*	məkəndaan, meek				-wəká							
4	12	livestock/money	c	m					cəmm g-<səmm 'herd'	*ba-ccaam	ba-ccáa(m)	ba-caam 'animal'	ba-caam, -saam 'pay'	ba-caam				*-ʃam		u-səw		*-(ba-)caam	u-ncaam 'herd, money'	ngə-ncaam 'livestock'	ʃamad 'pay' Or ʃamaɗe (borr.)		
4	12	die/disappear	n	m						*-niim	-niim	-niim	-niim	-niim	*	niim 'become skinny'		*-neemb	i-nəmb	-nəm	-ləm	*-nim	*niim				
4	1	mouse	y	d											*fa-yaar	fa-yaar	fiiyaal	*-yer		i-njér-o-ʃéñ	go-yer		*u-yaatɥ		ɛ-adik Or ɛ-waɗe		
4	12	leopard	c	m											*		ncam	*-ʃam	i-səw	e-cəw	e-cám	*e-saamay			ɛ-nsam		
36	1	body	ḃ	l	*-baal	ban-ndu/bal-li	fo-baal ol-	*f-aan	yaram	*saN-(a)an	saa(n) Ka. saan				*-bo	mam-bo		*geŋ-ba(a)n	i-mbəlɔ́	e-mən	gi-mál				ku-gbi	*mu-bidi	
35	10	honey/bee	y	m	*-yuum 'honey'	njum-ri	yuum f-	*k-ɥum 'honey, bee'	yamb w- 'bee'	*-yVm 'bee'	joom < *ja-yum	a-yom	a-yum	a-yom								*mu-kum 'honey'			m-me		
35	13	swallow	h	n				*hon	honn						*ɥun	ɥun	ɥun	*-xon	-xòɭ		-hòɭ	*e-kondor 'throat'					
35	10	finger	k	l	*ru-xol	hon-ndu	nqol n-	*kun	baaraam <ba-hVrVm?	*-kunum	á-kkunu(m)	gu-kunumb	gu-xunum	gu-kunum									*pə-kɔŋj			-kóndiŋ	
34	10	burn	d	ḃ	*		raaḃ 'burn field'	*laaḃ (<ser?)		*	-l~ndeb				*	rab											
34	1	older sibling	m	g	*ox-mag	maw-ḃo	o-maag ox-		mag j-						*		may					*-mak 'big'	*tɥə-mak				
34	10	belly	ḃ	d	*	ber-nde 'heart'		*pi-bil 'lower abdomen'	biid b-	*bu-yeḃ		bu-yaḃ	bi-yeḃ	bu-yeḃ								*fu-ar				*-badi 'liver, heart'	
34	12	blind, be	b	m				*mbum (<Wo?)	buum	(<joola)	-f~ppuumə(n) (<manj)	-pɥum	-piim	-pim	*	puum						*-puum ~piim	puman 'close eyes'	fɔm 'close eyes'	a-fɔmɛ 'blind person'	*-pùm (J)	
34	1	love	ɥ	l						*	-ɥan				*ɥay ?	ɥii		*-ɥan	i-ɥəɭ	-ɥàn	-ɥál		*ɥal	naɥ			
34	120	leak, drain, ooze	ʈ	∅	*si'	si'-	si'								*	suu		*-ʃuu		-ʃú	-ʃù		tu				
3	12	year	h	t	*-hiid	hitaa-nde	o-hiid ol-	*ku-hiir (<ser?)	hat m-																ne-kena Oe ni-kina		
3	1	last long	m	ñ	*		miñ	*maan		*-miñ		-miñ	-miñ	-miñ		biñ											
3	12	tear (crying)	g	n	*gol-goon	gon-gol	o-gooniit ol-	*mu-yon (<ser?)										*-yon(n)	u-wán, wə-nkwán	a-ngwən	ge-ngól						
3	1	give	y	ɗ	*	yed-		*y)ed										*-yVɗ(d)	-yəɗ	-yil	(-yéɗ)						
3	1	inherit	d	n	*	ron-			donn													Gus. -tun					
3	120	quit, let	w	ʈ	*waas	waas- 'lack'	waas		wacc														*wət~wut	yis			
3	1	short, be	d	x				*luH(oy)		*-dox	-loh	-ḃoxolin	-dox	-doh				*-rokk/rukk	-lɔkw								
3	10	exchange	ḃ	cc/ʈ					wecci	*-wocc	-becca(n)	-woc	-wooc	-wocc	*bacc	bac	bac			-wɔcɔt (<wo?)							
3	1	move	y	ng					yəngu						*ying	yink	ying 'shake'	*-yVng	-yənɔk	-yíngəná	-yíng	*-yɔŋ					
3	1	choose	t	n					tənn						*	san		*-ʃan	-rəɭ		-sál						
3	1	dark	m	ɗɗ						*-murr	-mudd		mundiin	murul	*məɗɗ	məɗɗ	məɗɗ	*gəŋ-məɗɗ 'night'	u-məɗ	e-məɗ	gə-múɗ						
3	1	sew	t	p						*-ʃuf	-h~ttuf	-luf	-luf	-luf	*-ʃəf	səf	rəf	*-ʃəf	-rɔf	-sáf	-səf						
3	1	run	g	d						*-gɨd	-gil	-jɨr	-jɨr	-gɨr	*	kər	gudd	*-ɣər	(i-gəry)	-ɣər	-ɣúr						
3	1	far, be	ɥ	m						*-ɥom~ɥam	-ɥom	-ɥamitin	-ɥamar	-ɥantiina	*	ɥam		*-ɥam	-yəw	-yāw							
3	1	dry, be	y	d		yoor-	weer			*yɨd(d)	-yidd, Ka. -yil	-yɨr	-yɨr	*yɨd(d)	*yir		yil	*				-yər					
3	10	cow	x	y'						*hay/hajer?	baazé(r)	a-hay		a-hay	*ba-kkayā	pa-kkaje 'bull'		*-xeey		i-kèy	gi-kəy'						
3	1	full/many, be	y	ḃḃ						*	-yebb				*yaḃḃ	yabb	yabb	*-yaḃḃ/yeeḃḃ	-yəḃ								
3	12	sole	t	p						*-ʃVf	gu-háf 'foot'	gu-lef	gu-tep	bu-lefej <joola	*		ga-ntaf					*bu-lefej				*-tambi	
3	1	new	h	m						*-haam	-wáamoo(n)	-haam	-haam		*wVm	wam	woom							háamɛ			
3	1	laugh	ɗ	c											*ɗas	das	das	*-ɗVʃ	i-ɗə̀s	-láʃ	-ɗáʃ				ɗes Or ɗes		
25	10	burn	ɗ	k/x	*		dox		lakk	*-ɗux		-ɗuɥ	-ɗuxun 'hot'	-ɗuhuna	*ɗuh	ɗúu 'grill'	ɗuɥ 'shine'	*-ɗox	-ryáxw	-lòxw	ñu-kúɗò						
25	10	dig	g	c/ʈ	*gas	'as-	gas	*hac	gas	*		-wuc						*-wəcc 'dig up'	-wóc		-wic						



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2	10	breast	d	?	*		feen n-																f-d̥ɪn				
2	10	lip	t	n	*	ton-ndu	o-don ol-'mouth'																	ko-tɔnɔ			
2	12	today	t	y				*wV-te	tey j-																		
2	1	oil (animal or vegetable)	d	w				*ki-lif	diw g-																		
2	1	tooth	ʈ	t				*sjs		*-sɪʃ	á-cceih 'mouth'	gu-rɪl	gu-ril	gu-ri									f-sɪj				
2	10	two	n/l	?				*anax		*-naC	-ná(ŋ)	-naak	-naak	-nakk													
2	1	bring	b	y				*bay							*bay												
2	10	lean	h	y'			gec'	*hay'										*-xaay'	-xày	-xày'	-héy'						
2	10	see	g	tt	*gi~ga	yi'	gi', ga'	*yot	gis																		
2	10	big	y	k				*yak															yak < *yek?				
2	1	be spicy/bitter'	h	y				*ha(a)y															*hay				
2	10	tap palm for wine	k	p				*kop																	kpay (v) ŋə-kpa (n)		
2	1	fish (v)	n	pp					napp	*-naapp	-naapp	d'A houmap 'fisher'															
2	10	water	d	x					ndox m-	*mun-duux ?		mund	baa-ruux	baaru													
2	10	termite	m	x					max m-	*-meh		a-meh	a-meh	a-meh													
2	1	blood	d	t					deret j-	*bi-deʃ	Ka. bi-ler																
2	10	tell	n	x			nax (<wo)		nax 'tell story'	*			-naax														
2	1	wet (tr. v)	x	yʃ			xooʃ (<wo)		xooj 'dunk'									*-xoyʃ'	-xòʃ'	-xòʃ'	-h'óʃ'						
2	1	break stalks	g	b(b)			gub (<wo)		gub 'mow'									*-yuubb	i-gùb	-yǝb	-yúb						
2	1	mouth	t	ñ					tuñ 'lip'																		
2	10	long, be	g	d				*yut	gudd															guθ			
2	1	steal	d	g				*lox		*-dɔgu(y)	-l~ndúgu	-dɔguy	-dɔg	-dɔgi	*rugu	ruu	lug										
2	1	fire	∅	t						*ku-uf	kooh		kuul	kuul	*hu-uf(V)	nu-kus	fuuru										
2	1	name	ʈ	tt						*-set(t)	gu-séh	gu-ret	gu-ret	gu-reet	*		gə-səttə										
2	1	neck	d	p						*-dɔaf	a-ddáaf	bu-dɔof			*ba-rraafä		raafa										
2	1	close	g	d̥d̥						KK *-gidd	-g~ngidd, Ka. -gidd				*jidd̥	cid	jədd̥										
2	1	pour out	h	pp						*-hupp		-hup	-hup	-hupp	*	wupp											
2	1	hunt	c/ʈ	m						*	-s~ccaamaal				*	saam											
2	1	tired, be	n	g						*	-nigg				*		nəg										
2	1	elbow	k	ʈ						*gu-kuus	gú-huuso	gu-xɔur	gu-huur	gu-huur				*-xɔʃ	u-xósós	e-kóʃ	e-kòʃ						
2	1	lie down	n/l	nk						*-nVnk	-nikka			jinenku 'setting of sun'				*-nəkkə	æ-nókə	e-nəká							
2	10	hand/arm	t	k						*ki/ji-ʃak(k)	ji-hákk	ci-lax	si-lax	si-lah				*gaŋ-ʃaxaan		a-táhəŋ							
2	1	monkey	k	d						*-kkɪd	beɪl	fəkar	fa-cɪr	fəkkɪr										go-kəp			
2	1	know	y/y'	tt						*-yitt		-yit 'recognize'	-yit	-yitt 'perceive'			yitt 'be awake, kindle'										
2	1	chin	d	m						*a-ddem	a-ddém							*er-rem		e-dèw							
2	10	hurt	ñ	m						*	-ñam, Ka. -ñem														Gb *ñfm		
2	1	draw water	d	∅						*	-l~ndu																
2	12	sow, plant seeds	ʈ	g				*sox		*-sɔ(u)gg	-s~ccugg	-rɔug	-rɔug	-rɔg									*-ʃuk		sug		
2	10	bone	x/h	l						*gu-huun		gu-huun	gu-huun	gu-huun									*ka-uul		f-hóol		
2	10	river	k	l						*-kan	á-hakka(n) 'sea'		gu-xan										*f-al				
2	10	finish	b	c						*-bəc(c) ?	-b~mbacc		-bəsiin												Or βase		
2	10	sweep	h/y	c						*	sa-yées 'broom'														es, Or wes		
2	1	snake	d	nn											*bu-rənnä	pə-rənnə	bu-lənnə	*-rənn	lən	a-ndəŋ	gu-ndəŋ						
2	1	do/make	d	∅											*rii	rii	lii	*-rii	-lí	-rí	-rì					Gb *dɛ	



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2	1	sharp, be	ŋ	kk											*ŋakk	ŋak	ŋakk	*-ŋakk	-yæk	-yäk	-ŋák						
2	1	breathe	y	nn											*yinn	yin	yinn	*-yVnn	-yən	-yin	-yēn						
2	1	kill	ɗ	m											*ɗam	dam	dam	*-ɗam	-ryæw	-làw	-ɗám						
2	1	two	k/x	∅											*-he ?	maae	bihe	*-xii	-xí	-xí	-hí						
2	1	sow	l	ɗɗ											*yadɗ	yadd	yadd	*nadɗ	i-næɗ	-nɛɗ	-lád						
2	12	meat	t	∅											*ña-ɾe	ñase	ña-re	*ñaɾ (<BP?)	fæ-yæɾ	yàs	ñás						
2	12	knife	c/t	t											*-sVɾ-	pa-caase	ceran	*er-ja(a)ɾ	i-càr	i-càs	i-cás				ni-nsar 'sword, knife'		
2	1	hunt	c/t	ɗ											*saad	saad 'search'	saad	*-jaad	-sáry	-jâl							
2	13	vomit	b	t				*bot	woccu						*bVVɾ	poos	bwuur	*-wVɾ	-wúr	-wís, -wăc							
2	1	animal	d	m											*-ram	ŋan-tam	nramar	*geŋ-ram	i-ntæw	a-ndâw							
2	1	mouth	m	c/t											*ba-mməs(ə)	pə-məs	mməsə	*məʃ	wós		bo-məʃ						
2	1	guard, protect	k/x	ɗ					haar						*had ?	kad	haad	*-xVɗ	-xèry		-háɗè						
2	12	song	n	g											*bu-nugä	pə-nue	bu-nəgə	*nuuy	ləw		lú						
2	1	short, be	d	m											*room	room	loom	*-romm-ax		-rómàx	-rómà						
2	1	stranger	ɗ	g, d											*u-diiɣär	u-dier	u-diiɣal	*aa-diiɣVr		a-liyéɾ	a-diyàɾ						
2	1	fish	g/y	c/t											*yVs-	iisan	yysä	*-yiʃ ?	i-gís								
2	12	climb	k/x	yɣ											*hayɣ	yaj	hajj	*	-xæy								
2	1	scorpion	k/x	ɗ											*-hudä	wa-kəde	hudə	*			e-kwəl						
2	1	plant	d	ɗɗ											*	rəd 'plant a stake'		*-rəɗɗ 'plant crops'	*-rəɗɗ	-rəɗ	-rəɗ						
2	1	tail	c/t	ɓ											*	pa-sabe		*ʃVɓ	səv	ʃéɓ	bo-ʃéɓ						
2	1	knot (v)	m	ɗ											*	məd		*-məC	-wəj	-wəɗɗá	-məɗ						
2	10	antelope sp.	g	w?											*ju-gao ?	cuao		*geŋ-yaaw	i-nkàw	e-ŋəwu	ge-ŋgéw						
2	12	wrap up	p	ɗ											*	fəɗ		*-fəɗ	-fəry	-fəl	-fəɗ						
2	12	flour	p	k/x/h											*	ku-pie		*gəŋ-fiix	u-pix	pix	gə-pih						
2	12	broadcast (sowing seed)	p	n											*	fan		*-fan	-fəɗ	-fàn	-fál						
2	12	leave	c/t	n											* 'remove, make leave'	sann		*-fan	-səɗ	-jàn	-jàl						
2	10	inherit	d	ŋ											*	rəŋ		*-rəŋ(g)	-ləw	-rəŋg							
2	12	be good	n	ŋ											*	niŋ		*-nəŋ(g)	i-nəŋ	-nəŋgà							
2	12	be ashamed	c/t	p											*	səf		*-ʃəfən	-səfəl	-ʃəfənən							
2	12	play instrument	t	mb											*	səmpət		*-rəmb	i-təmp	-səmb							
2	12	tree trunk	d	pp											*	pə-rəp		*er-rəpp	i-dəp	e-dəp							
2	12	name	m	cc											*	ko-mic		*macc	u-wəcə		o-wác						
2	12	demolish, destroy	n	k/x/h											*	ni		*-nix	i-nix		-ləh						
2	12	finger	ñ	tt											*	ko-ñit		*-ñVtt	wə-ñət (pl. only)		e-ñèt						
2	12	okra	w	ɗ											*	ña-udə		*ña-wVɗ	yā-wóry		ñu-wùɗ						
2	12	inhale	c/t	d, ɓ											*	səɾəb		*-ʃəɾəb		-ʃəɾóbá	-ʃəɾəbè						
2	12	remove	d	h											*	riit		*-rəxətt		-rəxət	-rət						
2	12	sprout from ground	ɗ	gg											*	dikk		*-dəgg		-ləg	-dəg						
2	12	shade, shadow	ɓ	ɗ											*-bood	kum-boode, bood-aan (v)		*gaŋ-bood		a-məl	ga-mód						
2	12	tuft of grass	d	ñ											*	pa-taŋ		*gaŋ-raŋ		e-dáy, a-ndáy	ga-ndáŋ						
2	120	face	k/x/h	t											*du-(h)arä	taase--toose		*-xaɾ		dəxás	i-gàs						
2	10	buffalo	y	d											*	wa-yrə		*-yəra	i-jólá								
2	1	carry child on back	d	nd											*	rənt		*		-rəndá							
2	10	take	k/x	l											*		hay	*-xanna		-xaná	-hánà						
2	1	dig	l	cc											*		yaac	*-nacc		-nàc	-lác						
2	1	soft, be	l	mb						*-nVb	-nib		-nəb	-naab	*		yəmb	*		-nám							







