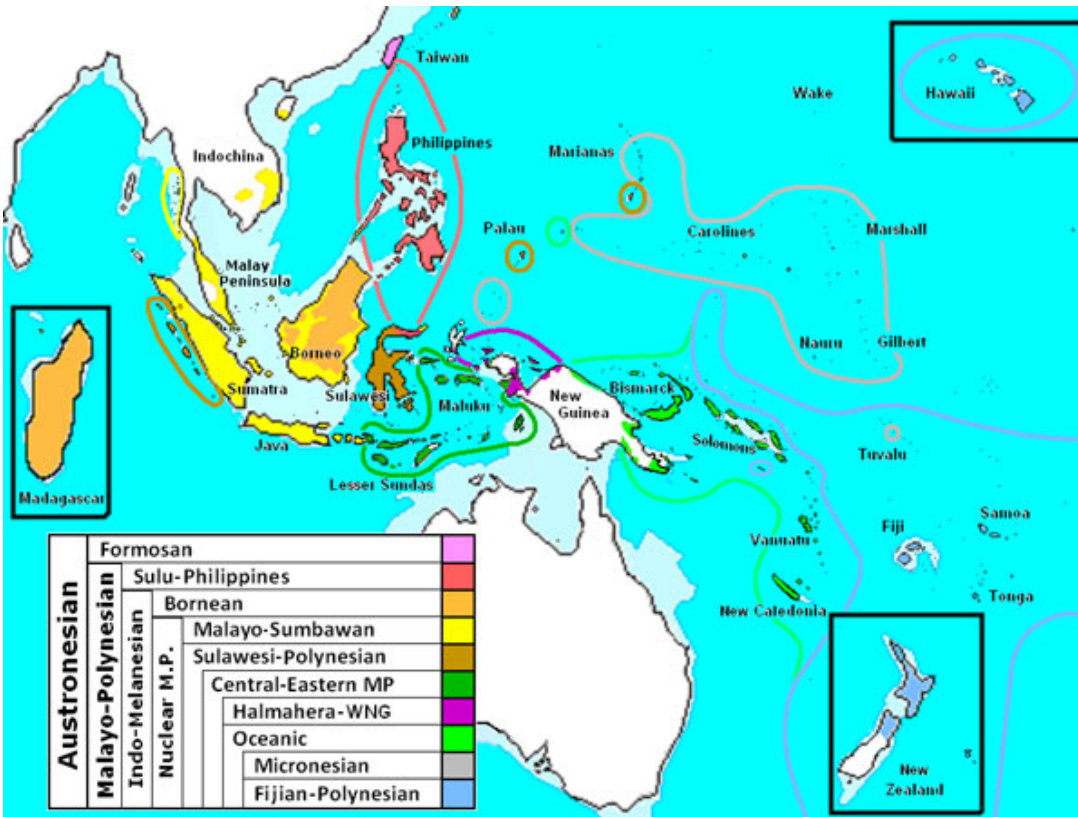


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- Largest geographical span: from Madagascar to Easter Island (Chili).
- Historic heartland in the Malay Archipelago, including Taiwan.
- Official languages of Indonesia (Bahasa Indonesia) and Malaysia (Bahasa Malaysia), the Philippines (Pilipino), Madagascar (Malagasi), and several island states in the Pacific.
- Almost 1,300 different languages.



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