

## 9. CLASSIFICATION OF LANGUAGES - N) THE INDO-PACIFIC PHYLUM

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- Groups the languages of the Southwestern Pacific and Northeastern Indian Ocean area not belonging to the Austronesian family
- More than 1,000 different languages spoken on the island of New Guinea, grouped in 13 possibly unrelated 'stocks'.
- Also in Solomon Islands, Eastern Indonesian provinces, and Indian Andaman and Nicobar Islands.



K: Kusunda / A: Andaman Islands / H: Halmahera / T: Timor-Alor-Pantar / NG: New Guinea /  
 NB: New Britain / NI: New Ireland / SI: Solomon Islands / SC: Santa Cruz Islands /  
 R: Rossel Island / TS: Tasmania

(Source: see: [The tower of Babel](#))

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