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Introduction

The first study of Enggano that has so far been consulted is a Malay-Dutch-Enggano word-list published by Heltich and Pieters in Tijdschrift voor Indische Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde, 34 (1892) pp. 539-624 as "Proeve van een Maleisch-Nederlandsch-Enggaansch Woordenlijst". This contains about 1000 lexical items, arranged alphabetically in Malay as written in the Jawi (Arabic) script. There is also a couple of pages of short sentences and notes on dialectal variation. This source is supplemented by "Aanvullingen en Verbeteringen op de Maleisch-Nederlandsch-Enggaansch Woordenlijst" in Tijdschrift, 35 (1893), pp. 228-33, containing corrections and additions by Heltich. This source also refers to an earlier source, compiled by Walland. This has not yet been investigated, but the book containing this word-list is on request from the National Library.

The most detailed material on Enggano was published by Kähler. He gathered his data between July 1937 and January 1938, and published the result of his investigations as "Grammatisches Skizze des Enggano" in Zeitschrift für Eingeborenen-Sprachen 32 (1939-40), pp. 81-117, 182-210 and 296-320. This is a grammatical sketch of the Enggano, written in German, with a length of about 120 pages. The arrangement of the grammar is rather odd however, and some questions are clearly left unanswered in the description.

However, Kähler has provided us with a very rich supply of textual material which can be used to check on and expand his grammatical sketch. These texts are given accurate translations into German with occasional notes on grammatical construction or particular lexical items. Some of the texts are quite short, others quite long. These texts have been published in various volumes of Afrika und Übersee: 39 (1955) pp. 89-94, 41 (1957) pp. 153-58, 42 (1958) pp. 179-87, 43 (1959) pp. 299-312, 44 (1960) pp. 411-71, 45 (1961) pp. 205-25, 46 (1962) pp. 127-45 and 47 (1963) pp. 46-58. Texts of Enggano have also been published in "Texte von der Insel Enggano (Berichte über eine untergehenre Kultur)" in Veröffentlichungen des Seminars für Indonesische und

The Language and Its Speakers

The present situation concerning Enggano is rather unclear. The Enggano population in 1866 was estimated by Pruis vander Haer in 1866 at 6420, but this was before the explosion of Krakatoa, which decimated the low-lying island with a tidal wave. In 1938, Käbler estimated the population at 200. At that time, he stated that although the whole population was using Enggano, the use of Malay was spreading due to the teaching of missionaries in the schools. In the early 1960's there was an influx of about 1000 transmigrant Javanese to the island, but the majority of those have since shifted to Lampung, leaving behind on Enggano only 300. The native Enggano population however seems to have risen considerably in the last thirty years, and has now reached 600. Although the population of the island has been consistently dropping for the last six years (at least), this may well be due to the departure of the Javanese rather than the loss of native Enggano population. Reports have it that the Enggano are very strong-willed and do not intend to sit by idly as they become extinct. However, the only way to find out the true situation on Enggano is to go there.

The name "Enggano" that is used for the people who speak the language and also their home island, is actually a Malay word for the people, derived from a common expression on the island se kanū 'hey, let's eat'. There is no indication in the sources as to what the Enggano called themselves. (Note that "Enggano" is actually an impossible word in the language in that it contains the velar nasal ŋ and the voiced velar stop g, neither of which are found even on the phonetic level.)

The language was evidently spoken not only on Enggano, but also on Pulau Satu, Pulau Dua, Pulau Bangka and Pulau Merbau. Evidently each island had its own

dialectal variant, and Pulau Enggano, which was where the majority of the population lived, had several dialects. In all probability however, these dialects differed only in a small percentage of lexical items and in a number of aspects of the phonology, particularly with respect to the distribution of labial and apical consonants. Heltreich and Pieters give data from two dialects, and list the villages where each was spoken. The dialect which forms the basis for Kähler's study is probably one of these two, but Kähler suggests that on the main island there were at least three dialects (a southern, a western and another, occupying the remainder of the island) and since there are some minor differences between the dialect described by Kähler and the two Heltreich dialects, it is possible that Kähler was describing a third dialect.

Phonology

The number of phonological distinctions made in Enggano cannot be decided on without first-hand data from the field. Although the data in Kähler is consistent, it is difficult to know to what degree it is overdifferentiated. Certainly we can improve on his analysis by reverting to pindeyung forms with mus to denote surface forms, and there also seems to be no evidence for regarding the palatal fricative which he writes as x as anything but a conditioned variant of h. Also, the Heitrich and Pieters word-list, is, by comparison with Kähler, grossly underdifferentiated (i.e. nasal vowels are not distinguished from oral vowels, nor long distinguished from short or open mid-vowels consistently distinguished from close midvowels).

It would appear that we need to recognize slightly differing consonant inventories for at least three dialects for which we have data. Kähler, it would appear, was describing the northern dialect, the consonant inventory of which is:

	labial	alveolar	palatal	velar	glottal
voiceless stop	p	t	c	k	?
voiced stop	b	d			
nasal	m	n	s		
Fricative /cont.		l	y		h

In this dialect, it would seem that there was free variation in intervocalic position between [d] and [r] as allophones of the voiced stop d. (I have analyzed this phoneme as a voiced stop rather than as r since it patterns with b in certain nasalization rules; see below.) There may have been some degree of environmental conditioning involved in the choice of allophones, but this has not yet been fully investigated. Also, the Fricative h ~~was~~ is realized as [g] when there is either a preceding or following i. When it is followed or preceded by any vowel but i the realization is [h].

In the southern dialect, the consonant inventory is:

	labial	alveolar	palatal	velar	glottal
voiceless stop				k	?
voiced stop	b	d	j		
nasal		n	p		
fricative/cont.	f	t	y		h

This differs from the northern dialect in that:

northern	southern
p	↔ p
c	↔ j
m	↔ b

This system could require reanalysis, since there is only one stop series. The voiced/voiceless features could be assigned by phonetic rules rather than constitute part of the set of underlying oppositions.

The consonant inventory for the western dialect appears to be:

	labial	alveolar	palatal	velar	glottal
voiceless stop	p	t		k	?
voiced stop	b	d	j		
nasal	m	n	p		
fricative/cont.			y		h

This differs from the northern dialect in that:

northern	western
c	↔ j

and also in the realization of t. The northern dialect has only the realization [t] for this phoneme, whereas the western dialect apparently has [t] and [t̪] which appear in free variation.

(The description of the consonant inventory of none of these dialects is likely to remain unchanged when more detailed investigation is done into the sources available.)

The maximal pattern for vowel distinctions in Tigrinya for the northern dialect is:

i t u

e o

a

(whether this pattern also applies for the other dialects cannot be judged) There is also a feature of nasality and vowels can occur doubled. (It is not certain if vocalic doubling is Kähler's way of expressing length.) The close mid-vowels e and o are of rather low functional load, and there is in fact a neutralization at the opposition between those and open mid-vowels when nasalized and when doubled, the open variants being those encountered phonetically, i.e. realizations of the orthophonemes.

Stress in Enggano is apparently penultimate, and when a word is suffixed there is backward shifting of stress to the surface penultimate syllable on the ~~final~~ word. However, Kähler says that when the suffix is one of a small group of particular possessive suffixes, irregular stress patterns are encountered. E.g.

stem: úba 'house'

suffixed forms: éubadia 'his house'

éubadai 'our house'

éubadu 'your pl. house'

éubáka?g 'our house'

With these four irregular suffixes, we find that we have instead antepenultimate stress).

Phonotactically, Enggano is a very simple language. So far initially, we can have any vowel or consonant (however, most words in sentences, being nouns or verbs, begin with the typical nominal prefix e- or the typical verbal prefix u-). No consonant clusters of any kind are allowed in any structural position, and no consonants are allowed word finally. Several vowels can occur in sequence, though word finally a sequence of two vowels is regarded as a single unit for the purposes of stress placement. Thus in eubadia and

ehadai above, the sequences -ia and -ai are treated as belonging to a single syllable for the placement of stress (which in these words is antepenultimate as explained above).

There are various phonological processes in Enggano which apply regardless of word class or particular morphemes and are therefore better considered to be part of the phonological system. These processes are discussed below.

I. NASALIZATION

It was stated above that all of the Enggano dialects have a full set of nasal vowels contrasting with a set of oral vowels. However, this is not to say that all occurrences of nasal vowels can contrast with oral vowels, as the nasality of many occurrences of nasal vowels in Enggano is obligatorily determined by a nasalization rule. The generalization to be stated is: if a word contains any nasal vowel or nasal consonant, all following vowels in that word must be nasalized. There is a second part to the nasalization rule which applies to consonants: if a word contains any nasal vowel or consonant, ~~at~~ following there can be no following voiced stop. Thus, in our underlying forms for Enggano we need only mark the first nasal vowel or consonant. All following segments ~~will~~ will then automatically fulfill the conditions just described.

Let us illustrate these rules with a couple of examples. Take the item which is phonetically [honə] 'write'. This would be, ~~once~~ in its underlying structure, hona, the nasal quality of the [ə] being conditioned by the preceding n. Now take [t̪umās] 'mild dove', ~~which~~ the first syllable contains the nasal vowel ü. Thus, the following m] is a realization of the archiphoneme b/m in a nasal environment, while the nasal vowels [ə] and [ɔ] are predictably nasal also. Thus, our underlying representation could be Tumas or Tibas, depending on how we choose to represent the labial archiphoneme.

This system of "nasal harmony" applying within

an Enggano word to the right of an underlying nasal segment, has important ramifications in the morphology of the language also, as all suffixes must contain at least one vowel. This vowel will of course be subject to the nasal harmony rules. For example, the first person singular possessive suffix is normally -ʔVU, e.g.

e-uba-ʔau 'my house'

e-pue-ʔeu 'my penis'

but if the nasal harmony rule applies, the suffix is of course -ʔV̥U; e.g.

e-honā-ʔāu 'my wife'

e-ʔūmāɔ-ʔsū 'my wild dove'

Also, if a suffix contains a voiced stop in its underlying form, as happens with -dia for example, in e-uba-dia 'his house' and e-pue-dia 'his penis', when this suffix is added to a stem containing a nasal, there is a violation of the stipulation that such a word may not contain a following voiced stop. To avoid this contradiction, the voiced stop automatically becomes the corresponding nasal consonant. E.g.

e-honā-niā 'his wife'

e-ʔūmāɔ-niā 'his wild dove'

This change does not take place with other consonants however. Thus for example in the verbal suffix -puə 'now', the p does not undergo nasalization in kamspua after the conditioning nasal n. The phonetic form for this word is [kamn̩spua] but nasalization still goes through.

Another fact, clearly ~~closely related to~~ part of this phenomenon, is the nasalization of prefixes ~~that it is~~ ~~possible~~ Actually, the generalizations above concerning the nasality of words, are not quite accurate, since we should further specify that a voiced stop cannot occur anywhere in a word which contains a nasal segment. (It was stated above that voiced stops were prohibited only after a nasal, whereas we need to apply the prohibition to positions before a nasal also.) Thus, if

a prefix containing a voiced stop is added to a word containing a nasal, then the stop becomes nasalized. Also, since there is a nasal now occurring word initially, all following vowels must also be nasalized. For example, let us take the verbal stem pua 'run'. If it has the prefix bu-, we get bupua. However, if we take the verbal stem ainangs 'feel', which has the phonetic form [ain̩ŋ̩.ɪ̩], and prefix it with bu- (which prevocalically becomes b-), the phonetic realization is māin̩ŋ̩.ɪ̩, with nasalization applying right throughout the word.

II. ABLAUT

Some prefixes in Enggano which end with the vowel a, but not all such prefixes, when added to a stem with an initial h, bring about ablaut in that if the vowel following this stem initial h is other than a, then a is added between the h and this vowel. Two of the prefixes that bring about this kind of ablaut alternation are ka- 'pl. act.' (on nouns) and aʔa- '(comitative)' (on verbs). These occur in: huda 'woman' → ka'huda and hūa ~~e~~^{ta} 'fruit' → aʔahūa / *bud

III. SUFFIXIAL -C-

It was stated above that Enggano is an entirely -V final language. Most suffixes begin with a consonant, thus allowing words to fall into a general structure of the type CVCV. However, vowel sequences are allowed and some suffixes do begin with vowels also. Thus, the future tense/motional suffix on verbs has the form -a, e.g. jct-hae-a 'will go/wants to go'. However, with some suffixes that begin with a vowel, there are some lexical items which require the insertion of a support consonant, either -h-, -y- or -d-, between the final vowel of the stem and the initial vowel of the suffix. The number of forms so far encountered is rather small, but it is hoped that investigation of the transitive suffixes -aq and -i on verbs will throw some light on the matter. A possible

hypothesis that has not been tested at this stage is that such an intrusive c represents an original stem final consonant that has been lost, except when it is followed by a suffix. The loss of final -c is attested in Enggano (e.g. *qanak 'child' → ada), and the similarities ~~to Fijian~~^{great} extend into between Enggano and Fijian are quite greater on the syntactic level, so it is possible that there are also similarities on the morphophonemic level.

IV. AFFIXIAL V

~~A small number~~ Although all affixes in Enggano must contain an underlying vowel (which in some proverbs is deleted, leaving only a consonant), there are some affixes which do not specify the quality of this vowel. Affixes such as these simply employ the symbol V, which then takes on the quality of the adjacent stem vowel. Thus, for example, the first person singular possessive suffix on nouns can be represented as -?Vu, which appears differently according to the nature of the preceding stem-final vowel. E.g.

e-pae-Tu 'my child'

e-uh-Tu 'my house'

dadu-Tu 'my husband'

e-?umās-?Tu 'my wild dove'

Note that if the -V of the stem and the already specified affixial vowel are identical, as happens with dadu and -?Vu, the symbol V is deleted rather than produce a sequence of uu. Thus, *daduTu is not an attested form.

The Noun Phrase

A noun phrase in Enggano can have one of the structures suggested below:

1. PRONOUN (+ DEMONSTRATIVE)

2. DEMONSTRATIVE

3. (GENERIC NOUN +) NOUN (+) REL. CL) (+ DEP. NOUN) (+ DEM)
(+ NUMBER + CLASSIFIER)

The simplest of the noun phrase structures are the first two.

A noun phrase consisting of a pronoun will contain one of the following independent pronominal forms:

sg. du. pl.

1. ʔug ind. ʔika ʔikəʔə
 excl. ʔai

2. ʔɔʔɔ adiu

3. kia ki

Of these, two have slightly different alternative forms:

ʔɔʔɔ ~ ʔəʔə '2 sg.'

adiu ~ adum '2 pl'

Of the paradigm above, the form ʔikəʔə '1 pl.ind' is seldom used. Usually, ʔika has both dual and plural reference. The third person singular form kia can be used impersonally, e.g.

(1) eʔanāñāzā kia kipakumi ehabadi ukabuzib

Then the preparation of the pig meat was begun

These independent pronominal forms are used in various kinds of environments in which NP's occur, including

(i) as topics in non-verbal sentences, e.g.

(2) kia ekāpū parizau

He is chief Parizau

(ii) as subjects in positive verbal sentences, e.g.

(3) kia l(a)d(l) eʔap uaradlia

He is holding his child's hand

(iii) as objects in both positive and negative verbal sentences, e.g.

(4) ebe eʔana lihan kia

The dog bit him

(5) kebabza ipta kia

she didn't see him

(iv) optionally used post-nominally as a possessor when a noun is marked with a pronominal prefix (but not by a pronominal suffix):

(6) eizi eubala (Iuq)

This is my house

(7) eizi eubala *Iua

This is apparently a rather marked structure however.

A pronoun can optionally be followed by a demonstrative if the reference of the two are compatible. The demonstratives in Enggano are:

eizi, 'that near the speaker'

e2ana 'that near the addressee'

e2ea 'that near neither the speaker nor the addressee'

E.g.

(8) Iuq eizi 'I'

(9) Iuq e2ana 'you'

(10) ki e2ea 'they'

A demonstrative can also function independently in a noun phrase, as in:

(11) e2ana eubala

That is my house

The third NP structure given above is more complicated.

The only obligatory constituent is the noun. Nouns in Enggano are divided into three groups on the basis of the behaviour of their prefrial markers: (i) human, (ii) proper and (iii) other.

These prefrial markers have no semantic function except in the small group referring to human nouns, where there is a difference in the prefix for singular and plural forms. The function of these prefixes is in fact analogous to the function of Fijian na - it simply signals the presence of a noun. The use of the "article" (since it is thus called in Fijian) is obligatory in Enggano. No noun is ever found without its article (except that proper nouns have an article with ø-realization).

see below). The articles that are found on head nouns in Enggano are:

	singular	plural
human I	<u>e-</u>	ka-
II	Ø	kah- (a small group)
proper	Ø	—
other	<u>e-</u>	<u>e-</u> (by far the largest group)

The II group of human nouns is similar to proper nouns in that it does not have the article e- in the singular. Most human nouns behave according to pattern I, but those which follow pattern II are known to include only kinship terms (but not all of those perhaps):

	singular	plural
'grandmother'	züpu	kahzüpu
'father'	ama	kahama
'mother'	nae	kahnae
'husband'	dadu	kahdadu
'wife'	hona	kahshona
'elder brother/sister'	zaŋa	kahzaŋa

Examples of regular nouns are:

	singular	plural
'sweet potato'	ehabu	ehabu
'tree'	ekus	ekus
'person'	ekalca	kakalca
'woman'	ehunda	kahunda
'name'	kiuñ	—
'name'	parzaua	—
'village name'	malatink	—

There are also two known irregular nouns which, while having a regular group I singular have a slight stem variation in the plural:

	singular	plural
'child'	eara	karara
'dirt'	ekäpu	kanapu

A noun will take the article prefix whether or not the noun carries any other affixes. If the noun has other

prefixes, the article always appears at the very beginning of the word. E.g.

- | | |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| (12) e-uba-Zau | 'my house' |
| (13) e-hēku-a | 'seat' (= place of sitting) |
| (14) e-pō-e-dō | 'cry baby' (= one who cries too much) |
| (15) e-pau-kui | 'needle' (= instrument for sewing) |

The examples in (13-15) above show that a noun stem can be derived, as well as simple. The chief methods of nominal derivation, with their functions, that are known at this stage, are:

(i) Reduplication

Nouns other than human nouns and proper nouns can (but rarely are) reduplicated in Enggano. Reduplication is normally full, including the article e-, though some stem changes at a (so far) rather unpredictable nature take place. The semantic effect of reduplication is to express plurality. Reduplication is not necessary for human nouns to express the plural, because the singular-plural distinction is marked on the article. Examples of reduplication are given:

ekerepa 'bird' → ekereepa-ekerepa

ekɔys 'wild pig' → ekɔɔys-ekɔɔys

euba 'house' → eeuuba-euba

ekɔʔɛʔɛ 'devil' → ekɔʔɛɛ-ekɔʔɛʔɛ

(ii) Prefix V-

By prefixing V- to a verb stem, we can create a noun with the meaning of "the incidental instrument for carrying out a particular action". E.g.

pāu 'pound'

pōks '(to) chisel'

pudu 'kill'

htadi 'sweep'

ipu 'fill (a free)'

eāpan 'pestle'

espaks 'chisel'

eupudu 'weapon'

etħħadi 'broom'

eipu 'axe'

Actually, these translations for the derived nouns are slightly misrepresentative; eāpan really means 'something used as a

partle', epi(k) means 'something used as a chisel' etc.

(iii) Prefix pa(V)-

The prefix pa-, sometimes with a following V, added to a verbal base, creates an instrumental noun also, but in this case it means "the instrument habitually used in carrying out a general action". E.g.

kui 'sew'

epaukui 'needle'

didiku 'wrap'

epadi diki 'blanket'

(iv) Prefix p>-/pu-

In contrast to most other derivational affixes, found on nouns, these prefixes (the conditioning factor between p>- and pu- being so far unknown) can be found on both verbal and nominal stems. The semantic effect on both is the same however... They create a noun meaning 'one who does/ is characterized by the referent of the stem, ~~too~~ excess'. E.g.:

ekok 'breast'

epiok 'big-breasted one'

eds 'cry'

epieds 'crying baby'

pepehe 'cough'

epipepehe 'one who coughs'

kihaa 'thirst'

epikihaa 'one who is always thirsty'

(v) Suffix -(C)a-

This suffix can be added to a verbal stem, creating a noun meaning "the place where the action of the verb (either habitually or incidentally) took place". E.g.

luhs 'sleep'

epuluha 'bed/sleeping place'

hēku 'sit'

ephēku 'seat/sitting place'

iya 'stay'

eiyaha 'place of residence'

parudu 'gather'

eparudu 'gathering place'

(vi) Nominalization with e-

We can take any verb stem in Enggano and precede it with e-, the article found on all non-human and non-proper nouns, and create a genind, i.e. a noun referring to the action. This genind then patterns in all syntactic respects in the sentence as an ordinary noun. E.g.

edb 'cry' eedb 'crying'
d-audu-a2a 'be approached' edaudua2a 'being approached'
and in sentences for extra clarity:

- (16) kebab2a ya2u2ua eedb upas e2ans

The child's crying was not nice

Actually, if an intransitive verb forms a genreal, the noun ~~upas~~ refers simply to the name of the action, but if the verb is transitive, the genreal refers to the name of the object of the action. Thus:

- (17) kia edaudua2a upas e2ans

"He was the thing approached of the child"

(There will be more discussion of these various nominalizations, particularly the genreal construction, in the section on syntax.)

A specific noun in Enggane can be preceded by one (sometimes even more) generic nouns to the left, beginning with the most generic term to the left, and increasing in specificity towards the right. Proper nouns can also be treated in this way, with the more generic term being the person's title or position. Examples of this kind of generic to specific gradation are given:

- (17) ek2ep2e e2ak5ma2a 'heron' (= bird heron)

- (18) el2apu par2aua 'par2aua' (= chief P.)

- (19) kapae kamani 'boys' (= children men)

- (20) emsche e2umani 'wild boar to eat' (= food wildboar)

- (21) elika epae ehuda ep2inam 'unmarried girl'

(= person child woman unmarried)

In keeping with this tendency to increase in specificity the further one goes towards the right in the noun phrase, further constituents on the other side of the head noun make greater specification. So, the constituent that immediately follows a noun is the relative clause (if there is one present). Relative clauses will be discussed in more detail in the chapter on syntax if the data is available, but an outline will be presented here. The relative clause is introduced by h̄em2s 'singular head' or h̄om2s 'plural head'

(or by mɔ̄s, which does not specify number at all). E.g.

(22) ekaka e2ana kapae kamani h̄imɔ̄s kaitara

Those people are boys who are playing

(23) kia ekaka mɔ̄s kebabza yahāshs

It is a person who is not worried

(24) ka2u2uadazs euba mɔ̄s 2amnhs e27ie

This house, which is big, is beautiful

In the next paragraph, we will be discussing dependent noun structures. This optional constituent allows for recursion in the noun phrase, and, we can also have a relative clause modifying a dependent noun. E.g.

(25) kobia e2ana e23ahāuam9a ukus h̄emɔ̄s kanut

p̄t̄ka

At that time there was a tree which was called p̄t̄ka.

The constituent following the relative clause in Enggano is the "dependent" noun. If the dependent noun is non-pronominal, it is marked as being dependent by a different set of prefixed articles. These are:

	singular	plural
human I	u-	kə-
II	ɸ-	kahs-
proper	ɸ-	-
other	u-	u-

The two irregular forms discussed above, when in a dependent construction, are:

	singular	plural
'child'	uara	karara
'child'	ukāpu	kanapu

The meaning of a head-dependent construction can be:

(i) Possession, either alienable or inalienable, with the dependent noun expressing the possessor, and the head noun the thing possessed. E.g.

(26) kia kidsɔ̄s e2apɔ̄s uara dia

He is holding his child's hands

(27) e2ana ekaraha ukus

That is the trunk of a tree

(28) ei²i²e euba kic²i²

This is kic²i²'s house

(ii) "concerning", e.g.

(29) ek²ek²ay² ukaka hal²e.

the story about the people a long time ago.

(30) ab²ha zika u²anihaiy²

we have finished (with) the work

(iii) what was originally the subject of a verb, which has been transformed into a genitive. E.g.

(31) ek²u e²ana edih²ekuhui upat

The tree is the thing occupied by the child

(iv) After i²is², which is a marker of "obliqueness" on nouns.

For more details, see the section on syntax; broadly, it marks any noun which is not the object of a transitive verb (except, of course, the subject). E.g.

(32) kia kih²ku i²is² udazibia ukaka e²ana

He is sitting with that person's enemy

Note that i²is² optionally reduces to the prefix 2s- in Enggano. This prefix precedes the dependency marker which is prefixed to the verb, and is the only prefix in the language which ever precedes the article prefix, pronouns, see who Exclusivity for predicate

(33) kamimiha ehahau uk²ez²e e²ana 2su7umais...

The devil became angry with the wild clove.

(v) After a noun marked with the locative prefix i-, which replaces the article e- for nouns other than human nouns and proper nouns (for more details, see the syntax section). The nouns which allow a dependency construction of this type are nouns that refer to a place ("comparative") location (i.e. are not place names). Such nouns include:

2dziya 'place below'

hēza 'top'

kahā 'place behind'

tēbe 'place above'

and they occur in sentences such as (34-35) with a following dependent noun:

(34) kia kai ikūka ukaka e2ans

She came behind that person

(35) ekezepr e2ana kihēku itebe ukus

The bird is sitting on top of the tree

Pronouns can also function in dependency constructions, but we must formulate a set of cliticization rules, which shift those constituents from the independent noun position following the relative clause to the status of clitics to the head noun. These clitics expressing pronominal dependency can be either postclitic or preclitic. The postclitic forms are:

	sg.	pl.	pl.
1.	-2Vu	ind	<u>-ka</u>
		excl.	-dai
2.	-bu		-du
3.	-dia		-da

E.g.

(36) e2is eubazan

This is my house

(37) e2is eubabu

This is your house

(38) me> upua i?is?su

Why are you running away from me?

The lexical items referring to kin in senior position to ego can only take the plural clitic forms, never the singular, even if the reference is singular. This is presumably some kind of honorific device. E.g.

(39) amanai 'my father/our father'

(40) naenai 'his mother/their mother'

Dependent pronouns can also (very rarely) be expressed as preclitics, preceding the article marking the head noun, often causing it to become E, and sometimes causing elision. The table below gives the forms of the preclitic dependent pronouns, together with the form of the article following it:

	sg.	dl.	pl.
1.	2u-e-ʃ	ind. 2ik-e-ʃ	2ika2a-e-ʃ
		ord. 2ai-e-ʃ	
2.	3ɔʔ-e-ʃ		adiu-e-ʃ
3.	ki-e-ʃ		kii-ɸ-ʃ

E.g.

(41) eiʔie zuelba

This is my house

If there is any difference of meaning between preclitic and postclitic pronominal dependency constructions, we cannot gauge it from Kähler's description.

An alternative construction to the dependency construction outlined above for dependent nouns is one in which the noun/^{or pronoun} is left unmarked for its dependent role, but still occurs in post-head position. The dependency is marked by a pronominal copy on the noun as a postclitic.

E.g. (42) eiʔie zuelba ius This is my house

(43) e2iha enitni e2ihs e2ie

what is the name of those maggots

(44) moknaga epocelia kia

His coconut trees are numerous

Note that this construction, although infrequent, is used for both nominal and pronominal dependent nouns.

An optional final constituent, giving the ultimate degree of specificity (or lack of it), is the demonstrative, which occurs in the rightmost position of the noun phrase. There are three nominal demonstratives, the forms of which have already been given above, so will not be repeated here.

Instead of having a relative clause and other constituents, we can have a numeral quantifier in Enggano, which follows the noun. The exact position of this constituent is not yet known, as Kähler does not provide a great deal of data. The forms of the numerals are:

1 kahaiʔi (ka-)

4 2aspa

2 2adua (anɔ-)

5 2adiba

3 2akdu

6 2akiakina

7 Zadibz hii Zaduz (5+?)

8 Zaspz hii Zaspz (4+4)

9 abai kahaiZi (1 is coming)

10 kipāZauzu

11 kipāZauzu hii kahaiZi (10+1)

19 kipāZauzu hii abai kahaiZi (10+1 is coming)

20 kahaiZi ekaka (1 person)

21 kahaiZi ekaka hii kahaiZi (1 person + 1)

40 Zaduz ekaka (2 people)

60 Zatkdu ekaka (3 people)

400 kahaiZi ekudolska (1 body)

These numerals immediately follow the head noun, and then follows the obligatory classifiers, the forms of some of which are given below:

Ø humans, animals, money

abakz fruit

akara long, thin things

a209, a709 bundles of things

abakas pig nets

When kahaiZi 'one' and Zaduz 'two' appear before a non-zero classifier, they appear as prefixes to the classifier:

ka- 'one'

an- 'two'

E.g.

(45) e7its Zatkdu hapēz

three bananas

(46) epz kahapuziyan

a coconut

All classifiers apparently begin with an a, but in a construction of the form NUMBER + CLASSIFIER, there is an obligatory addition of initial h before the a. This h possibly arose out of an earlier ligature, in other languages. The regular reflex of PAN *y in Enggano is h (e.g. *dənyay → dəhyay)

The Verb Phrase

The structure of the verb phrase in Enggano is so far known in much less detail than that of the noun phrase as less work has been done in this area, and Kähler himself was rather less detailed in his comments. The central constituent of the verb phrase is of course the verb. The verb in the verb phrase must normally be marked as such by a prefix which has the canonical form ki-. This is functionally similar to the nominal article e- in that it has no meaning of its own except that it marks the verb as such. It was stated above that the basic form of this verb-marking prefix is ki-; this is the preconsonantal allomorph, before vowels it becomes simply k-. E.g.

stem	verb	
pudu	kipudu	'kill'
pia	kipia	'run'
ai	ka'i	'come'
aizar	kaizar	'die'

However, there are some irregularities optionally encountered with certain kinds of initial segments with ?- stems, instead of ki-, we can also get kv-. Thus:

stem	verb	
zush	kiZusha/kuzush	'sleep'

and with stems in e, i, u and t, we can get either k- or ki-, e.g.:

stem	verb	
enami	k(i)enami	'see'
zabi	k(i)zabi	'heat up'
uhaki	k(i)uhaki	'ruin'
thataiys	k(i)thataiys	'be fascinated'

When i and u come together in such situations, as in xiuhaki 'mirs', the iu sequence can optionally reduce to become tt, thus: ktbaki. There are in addition to the verbs set out above, also two irregular forms:

zamuh	'be large'
hinyki	'be small'

which never take ki-, though syntactically and semantically one would expect them to. In all other respects, these two items behave as regular stative verbs.

This ki- is found on all verbs in Enggano (with the two examples just mentioned) without regard to transitivity:

(1) kia kipudu ekyps e7omq

He killed the wild pig

(2) kia kipua

He is running away

Although verbal ordinarily take the marker ki-, we do find very many cases of verbs that are marked instead by bu-. The allomorphy of this prefix is:

bu- / -c

b- / -v

and it is quite regular. E.g.

stem	verb	
pudu	bupudu	'kill'
edɔ	bedɔ	'cry'
ai	bai	'come'
azapia	ba7apia	'have a garden'

The conditions under which a verb is marked by bu- rather than ki- have not yet been fully established, but it would generally seem to be the case that a bu- verb is "implicated" by either a ki- verb which has already occurred in an utterance, or by a situation known to both the speaker and the hearer.

E.g.

(3) ki kahae ba7apia

They went to get a garden

(4) kia kidhsic eici kara7ibidiada kabudhsic ...

He heard the voices of their enemies and he listened...

There are examples where bu- is found rather than ki- to mark a verb, but where there is no semantic evidence for implication. We must simply state that even verbs such as:

hi 'be/do again'

hos 'be/do already'

m̥hs 'be/do also'

etc

require a following verb to exhibit an implicational relationship to it. E.g.

- (5) ... eku^s ezang h̥m̥s̥ edih̥s bipu amata neeni
... the tree that was already cut down by his father
just then.

(Note that the verb, in its passive form, dih̥s̥, is in (5) in the form of a gerund, but for the purposes of implication is treated as though it were still a verb.) Also:

- (6) kerba^g ip̥hat̥ malnom

He couldn't feel anything

There are also environments in which the verb is marked by bu- rather than ki-, but where no "implicating" verb is to be found. Rather, the conditioning factor is the presence of a small set of items, which includes the perfective particle h̥s̥ (which can also be expressed as a verb, as shown above). The full details of this kind of conditioning are not yet known. E.g.

- (7) zu^a h̥s̥ bupudu kia

I have killed him

A final possibility instead of marking the verb by ki- is to mark it with a preclitic ~~subject~~ pronominal, which marks concord with the subject of the verb, be it either a pronoun or a noun. If the subject is a pronoun, this is then deleted and the person/number marking is then left entirely up to the preclitic element on the verb. These preclitic pronominal items replace ki-, but cooccur with bu-, preceding the latter. Once again, the details concerning the factors which condition the application of this subject concord rule are not yet fully known, but we can say that there is a set of environments which can be stated, which bring about this change. But first of all, the actual forms of the preclitic subject markers are:

REPLACING ki-

	sg.	dl.	pl.
1.	$\text{ʔu}-\sqrt{\quad}$	ind. $\text{kə}-\sqrt{\quad}$	$\text{kə}-\sqrt{\quad}-a\text{ʔa}$
		excl. $\text{ʔu}-\sqrt{\quad}-\text{i}ai$	
2.	$\text{u}-\sqrt{\quad}$		$\text{u}-\sqrt{\quad}-a\text{ʔa}$
3.	$i-\sqrt{\quad}$		$a-\sqrt{\quad}$

We must observe the following allomorphic rules:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CV} &\rightarrow \text{Cf-V} \\ i &\rightarrow y / -V \\ y &\rightarrow \text{pl.-n...} \end{aligned}$$

The latter rule is the only unusual rule, stating that a y for the third person singular form (which is derived from i- in preverbalic position), changes to p- if the stem contains an n. Thus, with the stem aindns 'feel', the derivation would be:

1. i-aindns
2. y-aindns.
3. p-aindns

PRECEDING bu-

	sg.	dl.	pl.
1.	$\text{ʔu}-\sqrt{\quad}$	ind. $\text{kə}-\sqrt{\quad}$	$\text{kə}-\sqrt{\quad}-a\text{ʔa}$
		excl. $\text{ʔu}-\sqrt{\quad}-\text{i}ai$	
2.	$\text{b}-\sqrt{\quad}$		$\text{b}-\sqrt{\quad}-a\text{ʔa}$
3.	$\text{kə}-\sqrt{\quad}$		$\text{ki}/\text{də}-\sqrt{\quad}$

The conditioning factors include:

(i) preceding negative particles, e.g.

(8) kəsbaʔa ipθhai mainsn

He couldn't feel anything

(ii) certain interrogative forms, e.g.

(9) me upua iʔiɔɔʔu

Why are you running away from me?

(iii) after certain conjunctions; e.g.

(10) kans iʔiɛ elktaidia be epθaha kins iŋha epθaha

iʔiɔɔ hongnia

His thoughts were thus, because he saw that the appearance of his wife was as it was

Finally, we find instances of verbs with - marking, as in the imperative. E.g.

(11) h̄ēku

Sit down!

(12) pudu kia

Kill him!

(13) ai

Come here!

Between the prefixes ki- and bu- or the predicative subject concord markers and the verb root, we find in Enggano a series of prefixes that can occur. When these do occur together, they have set orders with respect to one another. Some of these prefixes are derivational, deriving a new verb from a nominal or verbal stem, while other prefixes mark the fact that particular syntactic processes have taken place. We will discuss first of all those prefixes which indicate that the clause has undergone syntactic shift.

(i) di-.

This prefix has the allomorphs:

di- / -c

di- / -v

Some examples of verbs in this form exemplify this allomorphy:

stem	verb	
pudu	kidipudu	'kill'
dido	kididido	'hold'
h̄ēku	kidih̄ēkuhui	'occupy'

The presence of this prefix in the verbal constituent indicates that the sentence has undergone the passive transformation. E.g.

(14) eʔea kididido

A stone was being held

(15) epae eʔana kidedsi

The child was being cried over

(16) ekaka eʔana kidauduaʔa

That person was being approached.

(ii) a-

This prefix is invariably a-, whether the stem has an initial consonant or an initial vowel. E.g.

stem	verb	
puaka	kapuaka	'leave'

The presence of this prefix does not change the meaning of the verb, but it does mark the fact that a certain syntactic change has taken place, since it accompanies the shift whereby a verb, which is normally in second position in the sentence, is fronted to the first position. E.g.

- (17) a_ñuki ekīhii

Pull the rattan

- (18) kapapuaha eIūmias ekahabz eIana

The wild dove carried its nest (= made run)

(iii) pa-

This prefix has the forms:

pa- / -C

p- / -V (optionally also pa-)

as illustrated by:

stem	verb	
tla	kipatla	'live'
ske	kipaske	'bathe'

This prefix is found on various constituents - intransitive and transitive verbs, nouns and quantifiers. In all cases, the function of pa- is to indicate that a causative transformation has taken place. E.g.

- (19) Iua kipazadua eazinaga whūa eIana

I doubted the taking of the fruit

- (20) kia kipaske Iua

He bathed me

- (21) Iua kipazuzua euba eIana

He made the house beautiful

- (22) kia kipahaonahaIa earadia

He married off his child

The syntactic aspects of the rule whose application is signalled by the presence of -pos- is discussed separately in more detail in the syntax section.

Between these syntactic prefixes, and the verb root, we also have the various derivational prefixes. There are some details yet to be worked out on what these mean, from the texts, as Kähler is guilty of vagueness. It is also possible that some of these prefixes have some syntactic importance as well, but the data is at present too sketchy.

(i) ba-

The allomorphy is, predictably:

ba- / -c

b- / -v (optionally also ba-)

as exemplified by:

stem	verb	
ai	kibai	'come'
pym	kibapuh	'be sick'
itara	kib(c)itaro	'play'

This prefix evidently expresses the progressive aspect. E.g.

(23) ?ua kabataw i?is?niu

I am dying for you all

(ii) a-

The syntactic implications of a- were discussed above. There is also a ka- a- in Enggano, which has a purely derivational function and must be regarded as being a different suffix. It is used only with nominal stems, and creates a verb expressing the action or state in some way "typical" of the nominal stem. E.g.

stem	verb	
baka	'face/eye'	kabaka 'face someone'
pau	'back'	kapau 'turn one's back on s/he'
hūa	'fruit'	kahāua 'bear fruit'
ici	'word'	karci 'speak'
pēa	'side'	kapēa 'turn sideways on to/s/it'
pehe	'beginning'	kapēhe 'begin s/it'

Some of these derived verbs are transitive, while others are

intransitive, and there seems to be no way of predicting which stem will create a transitive or intransitive verb. E.g.

(24) *puu kabaka* *kic*.

I am facing him

(25) *kia kapuu adiu*

He turned his back on you all

(26) *kia kaici*

He spoke

(27) *eppo e2ana kahaua*

The coconut tree is bearing fruit

(iii) ka-

A verb or noun can take the prefix ka-, which seems to be invariant in form, to express the "spontaneous" aspect. We would expect this to be preceded by the verbal prefix ki-, but there is no evidence of it. Perhaps we will have to regard these verbs as being irregular in the same way as iamuhu 'be large' and hinukic 'be small', which also never have the ki- prefix. E.g.

(28) *ukus h̄em?i?i* kaniet ep̄ka

at the tree that was called p̄ka

(29) *ka?uduha ekitali kapae e2ana*

The children were frightened

(iv) ax-

Enggano has a prefix of the basic form a-, which differs from the prefix discussed under (ii) in that it is also accompanied by a series of rather ad hoc looking allomorphic changes. The allomorphy of this prefix is:

$\text{aha-} / \begin{cases} \text{nasal} \\ \text{voiced stop} \\ \text{vowel} \end{cases}$ e.g. *minuzui* → *kahaminuzui* 'smell'
ɔdi → *kahasdi* 'buy'

$\text{aha-} / ?$ but $? \rightarrow 2a$ *ɔbu* → *kahazbu* 'build/do'

$\text{ahV-} / ?$ *ɔbu* → *kahɔɔbu* 'build/do'

$a- /$ elsewhere but

X $k \rightarrow d$ orn *kɔdɔ* → *kadadɔ* 'swallow'

$kiki \rightarrow kaniki$ 'rake'

$h \rightarrow han$ *hɔmɛ* → *kahanmɛ* 'thread on'

$p \rightarrow b$ *p̄iu* → *kamau* 'crush'

pudu → *kabudu* 'kill'

Köhler glosses this as an "intensive" prefix, but it is not explained in any depth. This prefix is also rather odd syntactically in that the object of the derived verb is expressed as an oblique form, i.e. with or without izis, followed by a dependent noun. This could indicate that while the translation is transitive, the construction might actually be an intransitive one, with the object being some kind of complement noun phrase. E.g.

(34) 2ua kamau (i)zis u2its

I am crushing bananas

(35) 232 kabudu (i)zis u2kys e2ana

You killed the wild pig

(v) a3i-

This is a poorly attested prefix, and Köhler says it occurs only with stems in n-, a-, t- and k-. This seems to be a very unusual specification, and it seems likely that the gaps are to do with gaps in the data only. This prefix creates a verb which functions syntactically like the verbs in (iv). The meaning is not known. E.g.

(36) 2ua kazita2a u2a1ys

I caught the fish

(37) 2ua kg1icba2a ukabs e2ana

He grabbed the net.

This prefix is often found in the company of a- and ba-. The prefix a- creates a verb out of the noun, while ba- indicates progressive aspect. Together, these prefixes create an intransitive verb meaning "to go out and look for the referent of the stem". E.g.

(38) 2ua kabaa2ikys

I am going out for wild pig.

(vi) a2a-:

This prefix varies allomorphically as indicated below:

a2a- / -V but V→? uba → kazazuba 'house'

a2a- / -? but ?→a 2āns → kazazāns 'friend'

a2a- / - elsewhere pundui → kazapundui 'hair'
hūa → kazahāus 'fruit'

This prefix has very different functions according to whether it is found on a noun stem or a verb stem. If the stem is nominal, it creates an intransitive remitative verb, meaning "to have or be characterized by the referent of the stem". E.g.

(35) e kaka kitera kaʔapunudui

All people have hair

(36) kia kaʔapis

He has a garden

(37) Iua kaʔaqiāns hii kia

I am friend with him

(38) eʔeksa elangs kaʔapim

The road is wide (=has width)

If the stem is verbal however, it indicates, sometimes with reduplication of the initial CV, that the action has been completely carried out, to the point of destruction. E.g.

(39) kaʔapuputuʔa euba

The house fell right down.

(40) aɪakənai ehūa eʔana

Look for all the fruit

That covers the range of prefixes found on Enggano verbs. The language also has a set of suffixes found on verbs, though the number is rather less than the number of prefixes. There are two suffixes that mark on the verb a particular syntactic configuration of the clause. These are:

(i) -CCaʔa

This suffix has the form -ʔa in most instances, though with certain verbs, we find the presence of a supporting consonant, either h, d or g. All -q verbs take the supporting consonant h. The syntax of this suffix is discussed separately; broadly, it is a verbal transitive suffix, requiring as its object a noun phrase in the ^{goat} ~~genitive~~ or instrumental roles. E.g.

(41) kia ki

pu

duaʔa q ebhəe iʔiɔɔ vikayd

He killed the wild pig with a spear

(ii) -CCi

This suffix is usually simply -i, but in some cases there is a supporting consonant, either d or h (but not g). This

exclusion perhaps being phonologically determined). If the supporting consonant is h, then the suffix itself is not the form -i rather than just -i. E.g.

stem	verb	
ek̄s	keds̄i	'cry'
eke	kek̄eč̄i	'bathe'
hāšh̄	kihāšh̄ni	'worry'
hēku	kihēkuhui	'sit'

Verbs carrying the suffix -(-i) are all transitive and must have an object that is in either the locative or source role. E.g.

(42) hēkuhui elus e2ana

Sit in that tree!

The remaining suffixes to verbs occur after these syntactic suffixes. These are discussed below:

(i) -(-a)

The suffix -a, sometimes preceded by the supporting consonant h or y, after the derivational suffixes in Enggano, indicates futurity or volition. When this suffix is added after the instrumental/goal suffix -a7a, the future marker has the form -ua. E.g.

(43) Iua kipuduar kia

I will kill him

(44) Iua h̄s bupudua kia

I will have killed him

(45) kia h̄s bawduazaua ekaka e2ana

He will have approached that person

(ii) -(-ɔ).

Instead of sufficing -a, we can also suffice -ɔ, with the same conditions governing the presence of supporting consonants. The meaning is that of obligation. E.g.

(46) e2ubeče ek̄dahs

Medicine is to be swallowed

(47) ekaeni e2ana eanakiȳs

That cloth must be washed

(48) ek̄ȳ e2ana eabaitaraha7ahs

That tree is for playing with

(iii) -a2a

Verbs which have either -q- marking or which are prefixed with preclitic pronominal concord markers, when plural (in contrast to singular and dual), can take the suffix -a2a. E.g.

(49) pudua²a kia

You all kill him!

(50) kapudua²a lcta

Let's kill him!

When the plural marker -a2a follows the transitive suffix -(C)a2q, the ~~latter former~~ either the form ~~(C)a~~ -ua2a or simply -2a. E.g.

(51) pudua²a²a ebah² i²1² ukoy²

Kill the wild pig with a spear

(52) pudua²a²a ebah² i²1² ukoy²

Kill the wild pig with a spear

(iv) -ma2ha

Attached to a verb, this suffix expresses "also". E.g.

(53) kabia e²ang ea²a hauamaha ukus²

At that time there was also fruit on the tree.

(v) -pua

This suffix expresses the idea of "now". E.g.

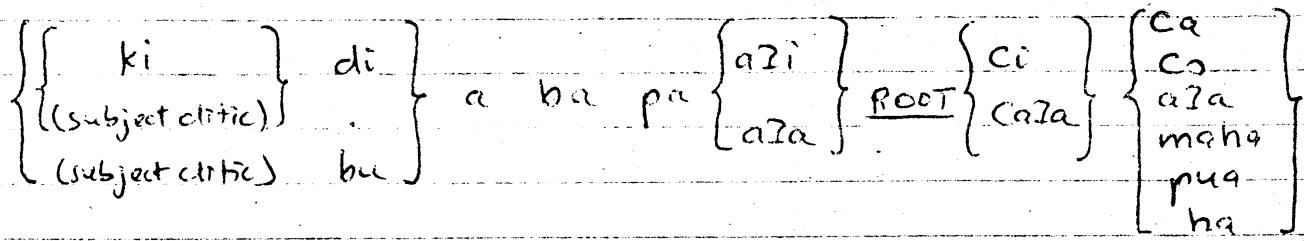
(54) kan²pua

Let's eat now!

(vi) -ha

This is a frequently encountered suffix in the Enggano textual material, and Kähler at one point glosses it as simply an emphatic particle. This may be so, but one could suggest that if it expresses emphasis, one would expect it to occur somewhat less frequently than it does, unless we are to interpret "emphasis" as something less than it ought to be interpreted.

The following diagram is given to summarize the structure of the Enggano verbal constituent:



Some of the affixes presented above are not placed in this diagram as there is so far insufficient data on which we can base their placement. This table will certainly need to be redrawn as new data is examined in more detail.

Modality in Enggano can be expressed verbally. The "modal" verbs that are known from the corpus so far include:

kimhs - indicating that an action is following

kihii - indicating that an action is repeated or takes place at its source

kihs - indicating that an action is completed

kipthai - indicating that the subject has the ability to perform the action.

The main verb follows the modal, and is syntactically treated as though it were in an implicational relationship with the modal. E.g.

(55) kesbara ipthai mainsns

He couldn't feel anything

of these modals, the forms hii and hs are also used as particles, hii being used as the conjunction 'and' and hs as an indicator of perfective aspect. E.g.

(56) kig hs bupudu ki

He has killed them

Verbs in Enggano can be reduplicated. There are two types of reduplication according to the type of verb. Stative verbs are reduplicated in full, to indicate a concentration of the quality. E.g.

nene → nene-nene 'very thin'

On the other hand non-stative verbs are reduplicated only in the first syllable (with the vowel doubled) and the semantic

effect is to express duration. E.g.

hēku → hēhēku 'be sitting'

?ušh̥i → ?u?ušh̥i 'be sleeping'

horahə?a → h̥ih̥rahə?a 'be singing'

paci → papaci 'be causing to speak'

pudu → p̥upudu 'be killing'

p̥t̥a → p̥t̥ip̥t̥a 'be seeing'

Outline Notes on Syntax

There are many problems involved in looking at the syntax of Enggano because of the nature of the source. Insufficient attention is paid by Kähler to giving exact meanings for sentences, especially with regard to sentences that are structurally minimally different. Presumably some of the problems that arise could be solved by referring to the texts that have been published in quantity by Kähler, but this must remain a more long-term aim. For the short term, the present guesses will have to suffice.

The whole presentation of this syntactic outline (and indeed this whole sketch) is quite different from that of Kähler. His presentation is rather individual, one might even say chaotic. It is hoped that these notes are more orderly and intelligible. It is also hoped that by expressing Kähler's grammar in similar terms to those used by Foley, comparison with other Austronesian languages (notably: Fijian, Tongan, Palauan, Tagalog) and also with proto-Austronesian, will be facilitated.

The central part of these notes on syntax is the treatment of the most basic sentence type - simple, affirmative statements. All other sentence types (e.g. subordinated, coordinated, relativized, negative, interrogative etc) are considered for the purposes of description to be "derived".

I. The Basic Sentence

I.i Verbless Sentences

Verbless sentences are characterized by the fact that in their surface forms, there is only a topic NP and a comment NP, in that order, with no verb. E.g.

(1) ehaba eñia

Street potatoes are food

(2) eñana eubazau

That is my house

(3) epakamai eñana eakaki

That knife is a plane

(4) kia earabu

He is your child

This is however; a frequent alternative to this construction (Kähler suggests that this alternative is in fact preferred over the construction just described.). We can reverse the order of the topic and the comment, and optionally mark the now sentence initial comment with the suffix -dazə. E.g.

(5) etusdazə ekitee

A "kitee" is a tree

(6) eñanaza ebabs

Sweet potatoes are food

(7) ehuda kia

She is a woman

Kähler does not state the meaning difference between sentence pairs such as (1) and (6).

Although it was stated above that the surface forms of verbless sentences, exemplified in (1-7), contain no verb, there are instances where such sentences do contain a verb. This verb is a dummy verb however, and is inserted automatically by a regular syntactic rule in certain situations. There are environments in Enggano where we have obligatory concord between the subject of a sentence and the verb, in the form of a pronominal prefix attached to the verb. The environments in which this concord takes place were discussed in the section on verb morphology. When sentences (1-7) fulfill these conditions, we insert the dummy verb yapadi (which also functions lexically, meaning 'become') in the normal verbal position, i.e. between the topic NP and the comment NP. One of the syntactic environments that requires pronominal concord is a negative sentence; in (8-11) negative "verbless" sentences are presented, illustrating the purely functional, non-semantic role of yapadi.

(8) ekitee keabaza yapadi eZeg

A "kitee" is not a stone

(9) keabaza zuapadi ekäpu

I am not a chief

(10) keabaza kapadi kanäpu

We are not chiefs

(11) kapie eⁱana keabaz^a dapadi kahonda

Those children are not girls

Note also from (9) and (10) that where the subject of dapadi is a pronoun rather than a noun, the subject pronoun is deleted and the person and number marking is found only in the form of the concord marker prefixed to the verb.

Kähler gives many examples of sentences of the form NP + NP in which the comment NP is a gerund rather than a full noun. E.g.

(12) ekjys edipudu ukaka eⁱana

The pig was killed by the man (lit: the pig is the killed thing of the man)

Although these kinds of sentences do fall into the class of verbless sentences, they are discussed in more detail in 1.6 below, because as gerunds, the comment NP's also have some distinctly verbal characteristics (even to the extent of taking the full range of verbal prefixes and suffixes other than ki- and bu-).

1.2 Verbal Sentences

In contrast with sentences (1-12), most sentences in Enggano do have surface verbs. As with nouns, which are regularly marked as such by the presence of the prefrial markers e- or ka-, Enggano verbs are regularly marked as such by prefixing either ki- or bu- or the pronominal concord prefixes in environments set out in outline in the previous section.

Enggano has two kinds of verbs, according to the nature of the NP in subject position. These are: stative verbs (with a patient NP as subject) and active verbs (with an actor/experiencer NP as subject).

The basic constituent order in stative sentences seems to be V-S, while in active sentences the normal order seems to be S-V-(O). There does seem to be a generalization which can predict the constituent order according to the clause type and this is: the verb should precede the patient NP if there is one in this role, otherwise the order is S-V-O. (A check needs to be made on the data in the

tests with regard to this ordering generalization; this has not yet been done).

1.2.1 Stative Verbs

Stative verbs express a state and are always one-place predicates with a subject in the patient role, which generally follows the verb. E.g.

(13) kidécliko carab i?

Your child is quick

It was pointed out above that in unmarked syntactic environments, all verbs are marked with the prefix ki-. There is one small group of stative verbs which forms an exception to this generalization, i.e. all stative verbs expressing size or quantity. These have ø- marking rather than ki-. Examples of such irregular verbs are: I&muhs 'be large', hinuki 'be small' and mks 'be numerous'. E.g.

(14) Iamuhu euba eIana

The house is big

Stative clause types are distinguished semantically from active clause types in the 'different nature of their subjects. There are also overt differences between the two types of clauses however. The formal differences lie in the following two facts:

(i) A stative verb can optionally be marked with -da?g, when in sentence initial position. E.g.

(15) kaZuZuadag eubazau

My house is nice

An active verb is never found with -da?g however (at least in the corpus examined to date). In this respect, stative clauses are similar in behaviour to topic-comment clauses, which were described in 1.1. The stative verb therefore acts as a kind of comment. This is hardly surprising, since stative verbs in Enggano correspond to a subclass of nominals in many languages of the world (i.e. adjectives).

(ii) When the third person singular pronominal concord prefix is attached to a stative verb (as must happen in negative constructions, or in other syntactic environments), the prefix is

generalization, i.e. all stative verbs expressing size or quantity. These have ɸ- marking rather than I-. Examples of such irregular verbs are: Zamūhō 'be large', hinūkī 'be small', mīlō 'be numerous'.
E.g.

- (14) Zamūhō ɸ-e-uba eʔana
^{be large} ^{art-noun} ^{not}
The house is large

Stative clause types are distinguished semantically from active clause types ~~and also~~ in the different nature of their subjects. There are also overt differences between the two types of sentences however. The formal differences lie in the following two facts:

(i) A stative verb can optionally be marked with -da2a when in sentence initial position. E.g.

- (15) k-ɸ-a- ʔuzua -da2a ɸ-e-uba ʔəŋu
^{v-for} ^{genitive} ^{comment} ^{art-noun} ^{fsg}
My house is nice

An active verb is never found with -da2a in the corpus investigated to date. In this respect, stative clauses are similar in behaviour to topic-comment clauses, which were described in 1.1. The stative verb therefore acts as a kind of comment. This is hardly surprising, since stative verbs in many languages of the world are expressed as adjectives which can be considered a sub-class of nouns.

(ii) When the third person singular pronominal concord prefix is attached to a stative verb (as must happen in negative constructions, as well as other environments), the prefix is of the form yə- rather than I-, which is the form used with active ~~stative~~ verbs. Thus, (16) contrasts with (17):

- (16) kəgəbaʔa not yə-ʔən̩
He is not weak

- (17) kəgəbaʔa not I-y-ɛdɔ
He does not cry.

Note that the underlying form in yədɔ is i-ɛdɔ; the I-

at the form y- rather than i-, which is the form used with active verbs. Thus, (16) contrasts with (17):

(16) keəkəzəg yəzɪn̩s

He is not weak

(17) keəkəzəg yəd̩s

He does not cry

Note that the underlying form of yəd̩s is i-Eds; the i- is regularly realized as y- with a vowel initial stem.

Active clauses always have a subject, which is in actor role. Active clauses fall into two classes, transitive and intransitive. There is not always a formal marking on the verb of the difference between a transitive verb and an intransitive verb, but there is a very great syntactic difference in that transitive verbs are two-way predicates (with a subject and an object) and intransitive verbs are one-way predicates (with only a subject). Examples of active clause-types are:

- (18) ^{art.} e- ^{bird} kɛ̃pa ^{that} eʔgna ^v ki-hāhāmō
The bird is flying

- (19) ^{3sg} ki ^v k-ai
They are coming

- (20) ^{3sg} kia ^v - pudi ^{art.} e- ^{wildpig} kɛ̃pa ^{that} eʔgna
He killed the wild pig

- (21) ^{art.} e- ^{dog} bɛ̃ ^{met} eʔgna ^v ki-hau ^v iʔua ^{isg}
The dog bit me

An intransitive active verb occurs in sentence (18) and in (19). With only one NP, the actor-subject, this is naturally the NP that is in focus.

The basic type of transitive clause is illustrated by (20) and (21), where the subject is in actor role, ~~and~~ the object is ~~a patient~~ and the verb is marked by -d. However, transitive verbs can be marked with suffixes other than -d, focussing on an NP other than the patient by placing it in object position. There are two such suffixes. The first is -(C)i, which indicates that the object is a focussed NP in the locative or source role. E.g.

- (22) ^{3sg} kia ^v ki-hɛ̃kū-^{loc} hūt̄ ^{ad} e- ^{kus} eʔgna
He is sitting in the tree

- (23) ʔɔʔɔ k-ɛdɔ-i ɛ-pgɛ eʔŋa
_{2sg} source int pchild that
 You were crying because of the child

Transitive verbs can also carry the marking -ccaga. In clauses with a verb marked in this way, the focused object is either in the role of instrument or goal. E.g.

- (24) kia ki-pudu-aʔa e-bɔhɛ
_{3sg} kill 1st person spee
 He killed (something) with a spear

- (25) ʔɔʔɔ k-əgudu-aʔa e-kqka eʔŋa
_{2sg} go 1st person that
 You went to that person

1.2.3 Active Verbs and NP's Not in Focus

Section 1.2.2 above describes the behaviour of NP's in various roles when they are in focus. NP's can also be out of focus of course. The manner of expressing each role is discussed below:

(i) Locative.

An NP in the locative role, when not in focus, is marked by the prefix i- which ~~pre~~ replaces the normal nominal prefix e-. E.g.

- (26) kia ki-hɛkū i-dɔpɔ
_{3sg} sit ground
 He is sitting on the ground

If the locative NP is human, instead of simply pronouncing the NP with i-, we have iʔɔ:, which is followed by a noun marked as dependent by the prefix u-. Thus, it is as though we had a noun ʔɔ: in the locative form, behaving in the same way as locational nouns such as:

ɔdɔya	'place below'
hɛʔɔ	'top'
kahɔɔ	'place behind'
tɛbɛ	'place above'

which occur in sentences such as:

- (27) kia Jr-ai i-kūkū-ʔāū
_{3sg} come loc-bound 1^{sg}
 He came behind me

(28) ^{o.i} e - k^erepa ^{that} e^ana ki-h^ɛkū ⁱ⁻tebe
The bird is sitting up there

with the pronoun in (27) in a dependency (i.e. "possession") construction. The nouns following i715: are also in a dependency construction. E.g.

(29) ^{3sg} kia ^{sit} ki-h^ɛkū ^{i715:} u - da[?]ibia ^{in relation dep sit cranny} u - k^aka ^{dep sit person} e^ana
It is sitting with that person's enemy

(30) ^{3sg} kia ^{sit} ki-h^ɛkū ^{i715:} - nⁱⁱ
It is sitting with him

(ii) Goal

When the goal NP is not in focus, it is expressed in the same way as the locative, in the case of human nouns. E.g.

(31) p^erip^e ^{fruit} e - hⁱⁱ^a ^{this} i715: ^{in relation} u - k^apū ^{dep sit chiot} p^ara^ana
Give this fruit to chiot P^ara^ana

when the goal is non-human however, it is expressed in the same form as the locative but with the preceding goal particle yahae. E.g.

(32) ^{c.i} e - k^aka ^{person} e^ana ki-nⁱⁱ^a e - hⁱⁱ^a yahae ⁱ⁻u^aba - ^{loc house} i715:
That person brought the fruit to my house

(33) ^{c.i} e - k^erepa ^{bird} e^ana ki-p^erepa yahae ⁱ⁻ta^a[?]
The bird flew over there

(iii) Source

When expressing an NP which is in the role of source, if it has place reference, then we take the locative form in i- and place before it the source particle kude. E.g.

(34) ^{c.i} e - hⁱⁱ^a ki-nⁱⁱ^anā kude ^{fall} i - h^ɛ?^a u - p^e: ^{source loc top dep sit place} e^ana
The fruit fell from the top of the coconut tree

(35) ^{3sg} kia ^{sit} ki-p^aq kude ^{source} i - malakⁱⁱnī
It ran from Malakⁱⁱnī

However, if the source is other than a place noun, the NP in this role is expressed in the same way as the locative and

goal roles, i.e. with i?is: followed by a dependent noun. E.g.

- (36) ^{... person} e?ana k-a-?as i?is: u-nānā?āñūñ
^{that} ^{v-foc} ^{case} ^{in relation} ^{depct} ^{small-pur}
That person died from small-pox

(iv) Instrument and Patient

Any NP in either the role of instrument or patient, when it is not in focus, is also expressed by the i?is: + dependent NP construction. E.g.

- (37) ^{3sg} kia ^{v-foc} ki-pudu ^{art-wildpig} e-kɔys i?is: u-bohɛ
He killed the wild pig with a spear

- (38) ^{3sg} kia ^{v-foc} ki-pudu-a?a ^{art} e-bohɛ i?is: u-kɔys e?ana
He killed the wild pig with a spear

Unfortunately, Kähler's grammatical sketch provides no data on the coding of benefactive NP's, whether in focus or not in focus.

1.3 Focus on Action(?)

It was stated above that the basic constituent ordering rules in Enggano are:

- (i) (ACTOR +) VERB + PATIENT
(ii) S + V (+ O)

however, by prefixing the verb stem with a-, we can alter these ordering rules to simply: V + S + O. E.g.

- (39) ^{v-foc} k-a-pukka ^{art-person} e?ana
That person has left

- (40) ^{v-foc} k-a-pūkī ^{art-person} e?ana e-kihī:
That person pulled the rattan

Note that if the subject is pronominal, the verb can still take the prefix a-, but the word order shift is blocked. E.g.

- (41) ^{3sg} kia ^{v-foc} k-a-njicī ^{art-eye} e-bakka-dia
It washed his face (=eyes)

Kähler does not discuss the difference between verbs with a- and standard wordorder and verbs with a- and switched word order. It could be suggested that a-

might focus attention on the action as well as the object NP if there is one. Certainly, by bringing the verb to the beginning of the sentence, it brings it into greater prominence.

1.4 Possibilization

Enggano is able to shift any NP from the object position to subject position by a possibilization rule. In passive sentences, the verb takes the prefix di-. However, in di- clauses we are not able to express an agent NP; the sentences are in the form of intransitive clauses. There is no constraint on the kind of object that can be raised, as shown by:

(42) e - ?eq ^{ad} ^{stone} ki - di - d^{obj}

The stone is being held

(43) e - k⁴³ ^{ad tree} e?ana ^{that} ki - di - h⁵k⁶ - h⁷

Some one is sitting in that tree

(44) e - k⁴⁴ ^{ad person} e?ana ^{that} ki - di - q⁸d⁹ - q¹⁰a

Someone went to that person

1.5 Gerundial Clauses

Plentiful evidence from Kähler that Enggano makes productive use of gerundial constructions. Gerundial clauses have nominal character in that:

- (i) Verbal prefix ki- is replaced by nominal prefix e-, and
- (ii) Verbal construction SUBJECT + VERB becomes GERUNDO + DEP. NOUN
I.e. verbal subject becomes modifying dependent noun, with gerund as head noun. E.g.

(33) e-pae ki-edɔ → e-edɔ u-pae

the child cried the crying of the child

But gerundial constructions also verbal in that all prefixes and suffixes found only on verbs and never on nouns can also occur on gerunds. E.g.

(34) ki-kɔɔd-hɔ e-Pube^{zɛ} → e-Pube^{zɛ} e-kɔɔd-hɔ
swallow must eat medicine eat medicine eat swallow must

must swallow the medicine the medicine must be swallowed

Gerundial clauses can be formed from all kinds of verbs, stative and active, transitive and intransitive, including all kinds of transitive verbs. E.g.

(35) kəabəza ya-puzua e-edɔ u-pae eʔənəŋ
not nice eat child that

That child's crying is not nice

(36) eʔənā-nātā e-a-puzuda u-dɔp^z

Then there was earth falling (from the sky)

(37) nɔɔ̄sni e-a-bə-ʔəŋ u-ʔəbi

The fire died down like that

(38) mɔɔ̄-nātā e-pə-pəz-dia

His gift was large

(39) e-kɔɔs e-ʔənəŋ e-di-hékū-hū u-pae

The tree was occupied by the child

(40) e-kɔys e-ʔənəŋ e-di-pudu u-legal^a eʔənəŋ

That man killed the pig

(41) kia e-d-a-ydu-aʔə u-pae e-ʔənəŋ

He was approached by the child

(42) ki-ʔəgha e-a-puh^z-fia

His being sick is bad

By using gerundial constructions, can bring into focus object NP. But difference from passive discussed in 1.4 in that

passive does not allow expression of the actor NP, whereas in a genitival clause, the actor is expressed as a "possessor" of an action. Thus, contrast (32) and (43):

(32) ekaka e²ana kidaudua²a

(43) ekaka e²ana edaudua²a up²e

In (32), the actor NP par 'child' cannot be specified, whereas in (43) the agent can be expressed as the dependent noun phrase up²e.

1.6 Causation

Causative sentences are essentially changing of subject position from actor/experiencer role to source role. This can be achieved in two ways:

(i) By marking the verb with -caza. This normally marks the object as being in the instrumental or goal function. But sometimes this construction allows an object in the patient or actor function, and a subject in source function. E.g.

() Zua ki-hau kia
 ^{isg} ^{bite} ^{sg}

I bit him

Zua is actor and kia is patient. But in:

() Zua ki-hau-a₂za e-tilahan i2i3-i₁ta
 ^{isg} ^{bite} ^{in contipede} ^{mirrision} ^{isg}

I made the centipede bite him

Zua is the source and kia has become patient with kitahau the actor. Also from:

() Zua k-soli e-hūā e2ana
 ^{isg} ^{v buy} ^{out fruit} ^{mat}

I bought the fruit

we can relate

() Zua k-sdi-a₂za e-hūā e2ana
 ^{isg} ^{v buy} ^{out fruit} ^{mat}

I sold the fruit

The Zua in the first sentence is actor, in the second it is source. hūā 'fruit' ~~changes~~ does not change role.

(ii) By prefixing the verb with p- E.g.

() Zua ki-pa₂-tada e-paE e2ana
 ^{isg} ^{art child} ^{art child} ^{mat}

I brought the child up

() e-paE ki-di-₂pa-tada
 ^{art child} ^{pass} ^{art child}

The child was brought up

() kia ki-pa₂-EKE Zua
 ^{sg} ^{art chus} ^{butch} ^{isg}

He butchered me

() Zua ki-pa₂-iZua e-uhā e2ana
 ^{isg} ^{transitive} ^{art house} ^{mat}

I made the house nice

This kind of causative can be formed from both stative and active clauses. In causative stative clauses, subject patient becomes object as in last example, while in () the actor NP in active clause becomes patient object and subject is in source function.

2. Imperative Clauses

Any active verb can appear in imperative construction. In positive imperative, prefix ki- is deleted and optionally replaced by second person pronominal subject pronouns tu- or u- in singular and plural respectively. Plural always must be marked with -aža. E.g.

() pudu e-koyd ežana
kill art pig that
Kill the pig!

() pudu-aža kia
kill pt sing
Kill it!

() hëkù-hǖ e-kud ežana
sit loc art tree that
Sit in the tree

() hëkù-hǖ-aža e-kud ežana
sit loc pt art tree that
Sit in the tree

Negative imperative expressed by prohibitive particle yaraža followed by verbs in bu- form. E.g.

() yaraža bu-pua
prohib run
Don't run!

() yaraža bu-pudu e-koyd ežana
prohib kill art pig that
Don't kill the pig!

3. Hortative Clauses

Any active verb can appear in hortative construction by replacing prefix ki- with first person dual or plural inclusive pronoun forms. E.g.

() ka-pudu kia
let dual kill sing
Let us kill him

() ka-pudu-aža kia
let dual kill pt sing
Let us kill him

() ka-hëkù-hǖ e-kud ežana
let sit loc art tree that
Let us sit in the tree

4. Optative Clauses

To express optative clauses, we replace prefix ki- with third person pronominal prefixes, as in:



() y-ai e-k9ka - kitera
3rd come art person all

May all the people come!

() nā-mā-hā̄kū ki i-cita
3pl come sit 3pl be there

May they sit there!

5 Question Sentences

Any sentence can be transformed into polar question by change of intonation alone without word order change. Verbless sentences optionally take order comment + topic and mark comment with interrogative -PE. E.g.

() e-iciʔadobu e-keʔepa Are chickens birds?

() e-ʔitd-pe e-hūā eʔana Is that fruit bananas?

Possible answers are:

ʔS: "yes"

kɛs "no"

Content questions can be expressed by interrogative pronouns placed sentence initially. Forms of these interrogative pronouns are:

6. Negation

Affirmative sentences can be made negative by placing appropriate negative particles before predicate. Verb is then marked by subject concord marker. If subject is pronominal, full pronoun is deleted and pronoun marking is entirely marked on verb. Negative particles are:

kez	keabaza	not
kaupe	kaupebaza	not yet
kaca		not want
yara ^z a	kuq	so that ... not
yara ^z a		do not!

E.g.

c) ^{not} keabaza ^{3sg}-^{erg}
I do not cry.

c) ^{art person} ^{not} e^{zana} keabaza ^{3sg}-^{erg}-puclu ^{art} -k^(y) B
That person killed the pig.

When negating a nominal predicate in a topic-comment sentence, we must first of all insert a dummy verb to carry the subject concord prefixes. E.g.

c) ^{art kite} ^{not} keabaza ^{3sg}-^{dummy} e^{zana}
A "kite" is not a stone

When negating a stative verb, the 3sg pronominal prefix i- is of the form ya-. E.g.

c) ^{not} keabaza ^{3sg}-^{weak}
He is not weak

Coordination

Coordinate constituents in Enggano are joined by the particle hi. E.g.

(1) ekiPadibur hii ezaksmala eke?epc

Chickens and herons are birds

(2) parazauq hii kiuu kanapu

P. and K. are chiefs

(3) ke ya?amuhu hii ke yahinulci ehua e?is

These fruits are not big and not small

Dijunction is expressed by umahau a- E.g.

(4) e?itape umahau aepo?pe ehua e?ana

Are these fruits bananas or coconuts?

whilst the adversative construction is expressed by ke E.g.

(5) ekaka e?ana ekudabu ke ke ikuhai I?anonia

That person is rich but he doesn't help his friends

Subordination

"while" = locative or

S + bu-V

"after" = finished + V

or kaungho = and then

or ah?o = after

"before" = not yet

"because" = be

"so that" = itatqua

"if" = ape a-

"if only" = ?o a-

"although" = i?ido u?icha

Relative Clauses

Marked by hem?o? / him?o?

1.6 Syntactic Typology

In Enggano clauses, role structure is fully transparent, marked by suffixes to verbs. Language is therefore strongly role oriented, in similar way to Tagalog, Tongan or Fijian. But Enggano is also equally reference oriented in that it has marking of pragmatic salience within the clause, similar to English, i.e. has NP's which can choose position I or position II. Thus, more reference dominated than Tagalog, which requires only one NP to receive pragmatic salience within the clause. In a role dominated language such as Tagalog, there is no basic focus form, topic can be NP in any role. In language such as Bilean verbal semantics determines what kind of NP appears in unmarked focus form. But in dominantly neutral language such as Enggano there is basic unmarked choice - actor for position I. ~~that actor were marked in this position then by Post mark~~ and patient for position II. That this patient focus is basic is shown by fact of -~~e~~ marking on verbs, whereas non-patient NP in position II must be marked by -CCe or -CCa.

Enggano syntactic patterns very close to those reconstructed for proto-Austronesian, except in that:

- (i) does not have pronominal concord in VP with subject and object (except in some sentence types where subject is mapped concordantly as prefix to verb).
- (ii) does not allow specification of actor in passive forms.

Time Words

Time words morphologically simple(?) Follow the verb. Forms are:

p̄thahadia	day before yesterday
ka7ilcahadia	yesterday
bahactba	today
nāzūmānā	tomorrow
dazikahadia	day after tomorrow
pahūmānā	^{in the} morning
dakigohs	noon
kūnū hūā?ā	noon
dak?aiṣa	night-time,
ikɔ?siṣa hadia	night-time
nē?ēnū	just then
n̄?sñc	now
nāzōnī	soon
nāzāē	soon

Morphologically marked as being separate class in that they told no suffixes or prefixes?