Interview with Dr Wurm

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Dr C & C Voorhove?

At least 3 linguistic groups can be distinguished in the North of the N.T. + Tiwi area as a distinct group (with similarities to, Algoopies, & Esturu, perhaps since Barrier & part of Y.K.)

More fine subdivisions could be made, but some of the groups have almost disappeared.

1. N.E. Group

Millinguiniki
Yirrkala
(No. Groote Eylandt)

This group has no prefixing, suffixing on noun classification. Has Voorhoven similarities also with W desert groups (Pitjupana, Warlak, Pintubi - Aranda is somewhat different).

2. Central Group

Oengelle
Maringilda - (same toke)
Bamylu (formerly Bassdiek)
Banyule would be suitable.

The Gun巴拉ng language is the type here.

The Central group is distinctive, suffering

from clarifying & shortening

and widespread in Central lands

3 Western Group

Also suffering clarification, but

has characteristics which distinguish

it sharply from the Central group.

Port Heath & Dolby Rother would

be good sites. The latter is

recommended by Tyson.

The Western group is said to be distinct

from the Kuiberay languages, with still another

group interposed between them and the Western group.