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Tasaday: Their Current Situation

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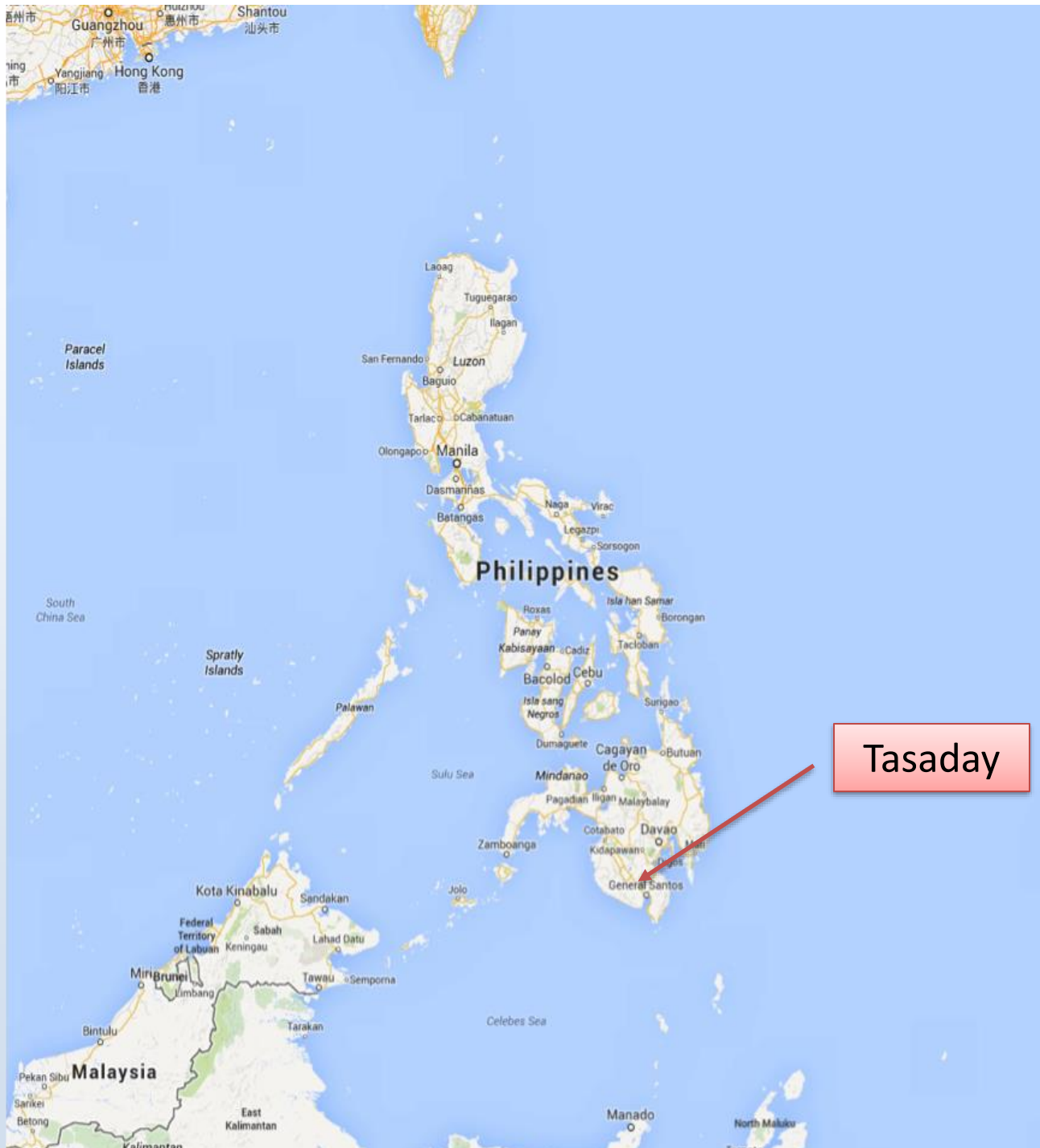




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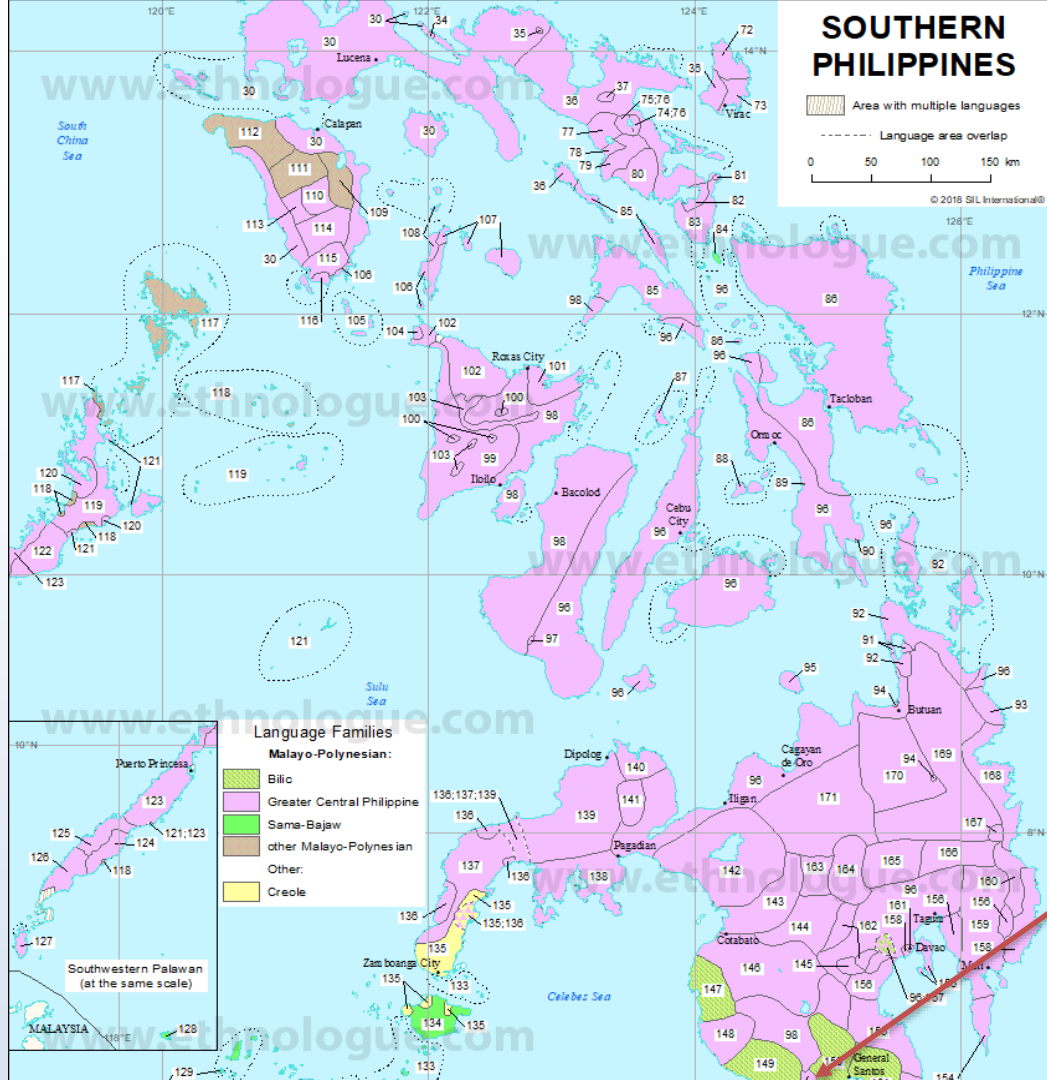
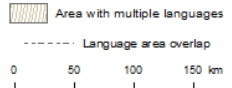




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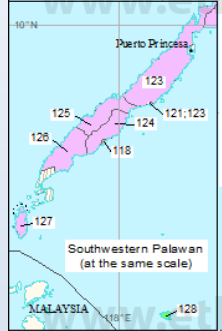


SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES



Language Families

- Malayo-Polynesian:**
- Biloc
 - Greater Central Philippine
 - Sama-Bajaw
 - other Malayo-Polynesian
- Other:**
- Creole



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|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| 29 Tagalog (6) | 79 West Albay Bikol | 100 Sulod (2) | 111 Alangan |
| 34 Alabat Island Agta | 80 Miraya Bikol | 101 Capiznon | 112 Iraya |
| 35 Manide | 81 Sorsogon Ayta | 102 Inakeanon (2) | 113 Western Tawbuid |
| 36 Central Bikol (3) | 82 Northern Sorsoganon | 103 Ati (2) | 114 Buhid |
| 37 Isarog Agta | 83 Southern Sorsoganon | 104 Malaynon | 115 Hamunoo |
| 72 Northern Catanduanes | 84 Inabaknon | 105 Caluyanon | 116 Ratagnon |
| Eb'ol | 85 Masbatenyo (2) | 106 Inonhan (2) | 117 Calamian Tagbanwa (2) |
| 73 Southern Catanduanes | 86 Waray-Waray (3) | 107 Romblomanon | 118 Agutaynen (4) |
| Bikol | 87 Bantayanon | 108 Bantoanon | 119 Cuyayanon (2) |
| 74 Mt. Iraya Agta | 88 Porohanon | 109 Tadyawan | 120 Central Tagbanwa (2) |
| 75 Mt. Iriga Agta | 89 Baybayanon | 110 Eastern Tawbuid | 121 Kagayanan (4) |
| | | | 122 Batak |
| | | | 123 Tagbanwa (3) |
| | | | 124 Brooke's Point Palawano |
| | | | 125 Central Palawano |
| | | | 126 Southwest Palawano |
| | | | 127 Molbog |
| | | | 128 Mapun |
| | | | 129 Pangutaran Sama |
| | | | 130 Southern Sama (3) |
| | | | 131 Central Sama (2) |
| | | | 132 Tausug |
| | | | 133 Balanginhig Sama (3) |
| | | | 134 Yakan |
| | | | 135 Chavacano (5) |
| | | | 136 Kollibugan Subanon (5) |
| | | | 137 Western Subanon (2) |
| | | | 138 Southern Subanen |
| | | | 139 Central Subanen (2) |
| | | | 140 Northern Subanen |
| | | | 141 Eastern Subanen |
| | | | 142 Maranao |
| | | | 143 Iranun |
| | | | 144 Ilianen Manobo |
| | | | 145 Tagabawa |
| | | | 146 Maguindanon |
| | | | 147 Tiruray |
| | | | 148 Cotabato Manobo (2) |
| | | | 149 Tboli |
| | | | 150 Koronadal Blaan |
| | | | 151 Sarangani Blaan |
| | | | 152 Sangil |
| | | | 153 Sangir |
| | | | 154 Sarangani Manobo |
| | | | 155 Tagakaulo |
| | | | 156 Kalagan (4) |
| | | | 157 Glangan |
| | | | 158 Davawenyo (2) |
| | | | 159 Mansaka |
| | | | 160 Mandaya |
| | | | 161 Kagan Kalagan |
| | | | 162 Obo Manobo |
| | | | 163 Western Bukidnon Manobo |
| | | | 164 Matigsalug Manobo |
| | | | 165 Ata Manobo |
| | | | 166 Dibawon Manobo |
| | | | 167 Rajah Kabunswanan Manobo |
| | | | 168 Kamayo |
| | | | 169 Agusan Manobo |
| | | | 170 Higaonon |
| | | | 171 Binukid |

Tasaday



Tasaday caves--1971. (Photo by John Nance).

Tasaday group,
T'boli--1990



Funding, Lobo, Natek, Degu--1990



Okon, Dul, Fasel, Udelen, Klohonon, Maman--1990



Magtu Inilingan 'New Beginning'--1994



Si'us Udelen--1994



Klohonon Udelen--1994





Fakel Udelen, Bula Odo', Klohonon Udelen--1994



Diha' Udelen--1994



Belayem--1994



Belayem, Soleh, Malik--1996



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Dula', Klohonon Udelen –2018. (Photo by B. Griffin)



A dug and Gintuy Kuletow, Dul (wife of Udelen), Soleh (wife of Belayem)--2018.
(Photo by B. Griffin)

Lahonen Udelen (with daughter),
Dul (wife of Udelen)--2018.
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— Maman♂

Lefonok♂ / Unay♀† (Tsfg)

— Ukan♂†
— Kelis♂
— Odo'♂
— Sasa'♂†

Bilengan♂ / Itet♀ (Tsfg)

— Lolo'♂
— Lobo♂
— Natek♂
— Ilib♂

Kuletaw♂ / Sikuy♀ (Tsfg)

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Belayem♂

Tasaday families—2018 (1)

Udelen♂† / Dul♀

- Si'us♂ / Sabi♀ (Blit Mbo)
 - / Mimit♀ (Blit Mbo), **10** children (7♂, 3♀)
- Maman♂ / Ida♀ (Lake Sebu Ubu'), **10** children (2♂, 8♀)
 - Awod♀ / Rex Godwino♂† (Tboli), **2** children
 - Pupet♀ (4 years old)
 - Knugun♀ (newly born)
- Okon♀ / Somenia♂ (Blit Mbo), **10** children (4♂, 5♀)
- Diha'♀ / Tudes♂ (Blit Mbo), **7** children (5♂, 2♀)
- Sungo♂ / Anita♀ (Tboli), **7** children (3♂, 4♀)
- Talihin♂ / Bing♀ (Lake Sebu Ubu'), **4** children (1♂, 3♀)
- Dihut♀ / Barmoli♂ (Dulangan Mbo), **3** children (1♂, 2♀)
- Klohonon♂ / Jocelyn♀ (Dulangan Mbo), **3** children (2♂, 1♀)
- Fakes♂ / Lydiana♀ (Lamfenek, Lake Sebu Ubu') **1** child (1♂)
- Tata'♂ / Le'♀ (Talili, Tubak Mbo) newly married
- Lahonen♀ / Junjun (Tasiman, Lake Sebu Ubu'), **2** children (2♀)
- Sok♂ (born 1998) not yet married

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Belayem♂

Tasaday families—2018 (2)

Lefonok♂† / Unay♀ (Tsfg)†

Ukan♂†

Kelis♀† / Salim♂ (Lake Sebu Ubu'), 7 children (5♂, 2♀)

Odo'♂ / Bening♀ (Blit Mbo), 7 children (5♂, 2♀)

Bula♂

Sasa'♂† died young (albino).

Bilangan♂† / Itet♀

Lolo'♂ / Lufin♀ (Blit Mbo) †, 6 children (2♂, 4♀)

Lobo♂ / Lewin♀ (Lake Sebu Ubu'), 4 children (1♂, 3♀)

/ Funding♀ (Lake Sebu Ubu'), 4 children (2♂, 2♀)

/ Wen♀ (Blit Mbo), 2 children (2♂)

Natek♂ / Kading♀ (Lake Sebu Ubu'), 1 child (1♂)

/ Kulu'♀ (Lake Sebu Ubu'), 7 children

/ Lunti♀ (Lake Sebu Ubu'), 5 children (2♂, 3♀)

Ilib♂ (small child)

Degu♂ / Unknown♀ (Lake Sebu Ubu') 9 children

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Belayem♂

Tasaday families—2018 (3)

Kuletow♂† / Sekoy♀†

Gintuy♂ / Sita♀ (Blit Mbo), 2 children (1♂, 1♀)

Sayu♂

Mia♀ / Unknown♂ (Lake Sebu Ubu'--3rd wife), 4 children (1♂, 3♀)
/ Suwal♀ (Blit Mbo), 3 children (2♂ 1♀)

Mases♂ / Unknown♀, 1 child (1♀)

Ariel♂

/ Unknown♀ (left)

Aduḡ♂ / Gili♀ (Blit Mbo)

/ Ye'li♀ (Lamfogon Ubu'), 1 child (1♂)

/ Unknown♀ (left)

/ Unknown♀ (left)

Mehayag♂† / Dula'♀ (Tsfg) now married to Banas♂ (Lake Sebu Ubu').

Biking♂ / Ning♀† (Blit Mbo), 2 children (1♂, 1♀)

Si'el♀ / Mening♂ (Lake Sebu Ubu')

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Belayem♂

Tasaday families—2018 (4)

Belayem♂† / Sindi'♀† (Blit Mbo)

/ Soleh♀ (Blit Mbo), 5 children (4♂, 1♀)

— Yuf♂

— Med♀ / Joey Baldo (Sarangani Blaan) married 2 years, no children

— Malik♂ (works for CAFGU)

— Bani♂ (Grade 12, Valencia, Bukidnon)

— Babi♂ (Grade 7)



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Legacy of FOTF

- Agriculture
- Health
- Education
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Legacy of FOTF

- Agriculture
 - Formerly water buffalo, agricultural tools, seed
 - Now Blit Farmers Association
- Health
 - Formerly nurse, clinic, free medicine
 - Now Government clinic
- Education
 - Formerly school stipend, fees from elementary school to university
 - Now no assistance
- Certificate of Ancestral Domain





Conclusion

- The Tasaday still maintain their independence as a distinct group of Manobo, with one sitio of Brgy Ned registered as Tasaday.
- Many of the original group have intermarried with outsiders, including Manobos from Blit, as well as members of other groups.
- For those living in the vicinity of Blit, their children go to the elementary school in Blit, and the Tasaday now maintain close ties to Blit.
- The relationship has been formalized with the Blit Farmers Association.
- The group with whom we met, even though they interact with and speak Blit Manobo, seemed completely assured of their own identity as Tasaday.





The End





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